

12. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2010/11 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – ASHLEIGH LAVINIA O'NEILL

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Riccarton/Wigram 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant, Ashleigh Lavinia O'Neill is a 13 year old who lives in Halswell and is seeking Board support to travel to Hamilton to represent Canterbury at the 2010 Gymsport Nationals. The trip will take place from 23 – 28 September 2010.
3. Ashleigh has been competing at an elite level in her sport since 2006 and on several occasions has won and placed at both local and national age group competitions. In 2008 and 2009 Gymsports New Zealand placed Ashleigh in the New Zealand Talent International Development squad as a Junior International.
4. Recently Ashleigh returned home from a nine week training and development camp in Kazan, Russia. This overseas based training is an essential part of Ashleigh's elite preparation as she receives training and choreography of the highest standard. Ashleigh also plans to travel to Russia again in 2011 for further training.
5. Ashleigh was also a member of the New Zealand Team that competed at the Pacific Rim Competition in Melbourne in 2010. This meet provided Ashleigh with necessary experience required to not only compete at this level, but also the standards required to qualify and represent New Zealand.
6. Due to the high costs involved in Ashleigh's sport, she is predominantly supported by her family, but Ashleigh is hoping to raise \$150 through an upcoming sausage sizzle. She would appreciate any financial assistance from the Community Board.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The following table provides a breakdown of funding requested:

ASHLEIGH LAVINIA O'NEILL	
EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Airfares	\$150.00
Entry Fee	\$120.00
Accommodation and Meals	\$435.00
Uniform	\$40.00
Coaches expenses	\$66.00
Incidentals	\$80.00
Total Cost	\$891.00
Amount Requested from the Youth Development Scheme	\$300.00

8. The applicant received \$500 from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's 2009/10 Youth Development fund to compete in the Pacific Rim Competition. All accountability was returned.
9. Currently there is \$4,000 unallocated balance in the Riccarton/Wigram 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

10. Yes, see page 172, Community Support, Council Activities and Service, Grants.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

11. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

12. Aligns with page 184 in the 2009-19 LTCCP.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

13. Yes, see page 172, Community Support, Council Activities and Service, Grants.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

14. Application aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

15. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee support the application and allocate \$300 to Ashleigh Lavinia O'Neill as a contribution towards her expenses from the 2010/11 Youth Development Fund to attend the 2010 Gymsport Nationals in Hamilton.