

11. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2010/11 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – CONNOR LEWIS ALDRIDGE

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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, Connor Lewis Aldridge, is a 17 year old Halswell resident and is seeking Board support to travel to Tahiti to compete for New Zealand at the Oceania Karate Championships. This trip will take place from 17-19 September 2010.
3. Connor started participating in karate at the age of six and by the age of nine he had achieved brown belt level and won a national title. Connor had a short break from the sport, but resumed again when he was 13. He is currently a second dan black belt. Connor also plays football, coaches volleyball and is a youth group leader at the Spreydon Baptist Church.
4. In his progression in karate, Connor has won several South Island age group titles and in 2009 at the age of 16 he won in the senior men's grade. In 2009 Connor also placed third at the New Zealand Nationals in the U19s and this year he was placed third at the New Zealand Open in the U16/17s. Connor competed in the Oceania tournament in 2009, where he also placed third. Connor's immediate goal is to make the finals at the upcoming Oceania Championships.
5. Through his involvement at these meets, Connor hopes to encourage other athletes in his club to strive to achieve at the highest level possible, by sharing his experiences and training ethic with them.
6. Connor has raised \$220 for this trip to date through part time work and odd jobs and he has also successfully sought \$140 funding from his school towards his trip. Connor would appreciate any financial assistance from the community board.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

CONNOR LEWIS ALDRIDGE	
EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
International Airfares	\$1,090
Domestic Airfare	\$150
Accommodation	\$875
Insurance	\$58
Total Cost	\$2,173
Amount Requested from the Youth Development Scheme	\$500

8. This is the first time the applicant has applied to the Board for funding.
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 \$350 to Connor Lewis Aldridge a contribution towards his expenses from the 2010/11 Youth Development Fund to attend the Oceania Karate Championships in September 2010.