

9. APPLICATION TO THE RICcarton/WIGRAM 2010/11 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – JUSTIN LEE WILLIAM CLARK

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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, Justin Lee William Clark, is a 20 year old who is living in Riccarton and is seeking Board support to compete in two Australian Football League competitions in the upcoming months. The New Zealand Men's U20 squad are playing in Christchurch from 23 – 25 October 2010 and the New Zealand Men's Senior Hawks Squad are competing in the AFL Oceania Cup from 11 – 18 November 2010. Justin is also required to attend three training camps in Auckland.
3. Justin grew up in Blenheim, where his family still lives today. Justin moved to Christchurch in 2003 where he attended St Andrews College for five years. Since 2009 Justin has resided in Riccarton, while he has been studying at the University of Canterbury. Justin plays for the University Cougars Australian Football League team in the local competition and has represented Canterbury in both Australian Football League and touch football. Justin has recently been selected into both the New Zealand Men's U20 and New Zealand Men's Senior Australian Football League squads.
4. Justin has excelled in the game of Australian Football League, a relatively minor sport in New Zealand, to a level where he has been noticed by Australian Australian Football League scouts at a recent National Player's Cup competition. He was awarded the Australian Football League scouts best player for the tournament. Since then he has continued to develop, with his fitness tests putting him in the top 2% of the country.
5. Justin's selection in both the New Zealand Men's U20 squad and New Zealand Men's Senior squad is leading to a very busy competition calendar for Justin, where he will be involved in various training camps in Auckland, a game against the Victorian State U18 team in October and the Oceania Cup in Auckland in November. Both of these tournaments will be used to select the 2011 New Zealand Squad to compete in the International Cup in Melbourne in September 2011.
6. Justin works various part time jobs and tutors years 11/12 students to raise money for his sport and he would appreciate any financial assistance from the Community Board.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

Justin Lee William Clark	
EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Senior Squad Expenses	\$ 712.50
Under 20 Expenses	\$ 590.00
The above expenses includes all tournament costs - Airfares, accommodation, uniforms, transport.	
Food	\$ 150.00
Camp Expenses	\$ 240.00
Total Cost	\$ 1692.50
Amount Requested from the Youth Development Scheme	\$ 802.50

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 from the 2010/11 Riccarton/Wigram Youth Development Fund to Justin Lee William Clark as a contribution towards his expenses to compete in two upcoming Australian Football League competitions.