

12. APPLICATION TO THE RICcarton/WIGRAM 2010/11 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – JESSICA FITZGERALD

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Community Board's 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme. There is currently a balance of \$600 remaining in the Board's Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant Jessica Fitzgerald is 15 years and lives in Avonhead. Jessica is seeking a grant towards costs associated with travelling to Auckland as part of team that was selected to attend the New Zealand Future Problem Solving Nationals.
3. Jessica has been involved with Future Problem Solving Programme since 2005. While the length of time spent preparing for such an event varies, during school, those students who are participating in the programme, generally spend half an hour meeting together, per week. Prior to qualifying for a competition, this extends into several half hour meetings, as well as hours of school prepping which involves research and memorising categories.
4. The mission of the Future Problem Solving Programme International is to develop the ability of young people globally to design and promote positive futures using critical, creative thinking. Over 2000,000 students from around the world are involved and New Zealand teams have been highly successful at a number of international finals they have attended.
5. This year in New Zealand there are over 300 teams from schools around the country involved in the programme. Jessica's Future Problem Solving group won the practice competition this year and was selected to attend the Nationals in which they are amongst the top 10 of over 100 school teams. The group that Jessica is a part of was also placed sixth in the Nationals Competition in 2007.
6. Jessica believes that the Future Problem Solving Programme has taught her to think logically, as well as the importance of time management and organisation, and she considers that the Nationals would further enhance these skills. In particular, Jessica would like to put the skills she has developed back into the community through her coaching role with junior hockey teams.
7. Jessica was given extremely short notice regarding this event and was unable to undertake any fund raising at the time of her application to the Community Board on the 13th October. The event was held on the 29th October till the 31st October 2010.
8. The application was received prior to the event taking place which means it is eligible but at a time when the Board was not active due to the elections. It was held over until the new Board could consider it.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

JESSICA FITZGERALD	
EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Airfares	348.00
Accommodation (Backpackers)	215.05
Shuttle Bus to accommodation and back, per person	38.00

Total	601.05
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10. This is the first time that the applicant has applied to the Community Board's Youth Development Scheme.

11. Jessica has applied for \$400 towards costs associated with the trip.

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

12. Yes, see page 172, Youth Development Scheme and Discretionary Fund

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

13. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

14. Aligns with page 170 LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding.

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

15. Yes, see page 172, Youth Development Scheme and Discretionary Fund.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

17. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

18. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board grant Jessica Fitzgerald \$200 from the 2010/11 Riccarton/Wigram Youth Development Scheme as a contribution towards her attendance at the 2010 New Zealand Future Problem Solving Nationals in Henderson.