

8. **BURWOOD/PEGASUS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FUND – APPLICATION – SAMUEL PROCTOR**

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Board for consideration, an application for funding assistance from the 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme fund.
2. There is currently a balance of \$2,000 available in the 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. Funding is being sought by Samuel Proctor, a 14 year old from New Brighton to represent Canterbury Under 15 years Softball in Oamaru from 13 to 17 January 2010.
4. The Youth Development Scheme funding criteria requires that applications must be received at least four weeks prior to the event. This application was received late, three weeks prior to the event, due to the fact that Sam was selected only five weeks prior to the event.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The following table details event expenses and funding requested for the applicant:

EXPENSES	Cost (NZ \$)
Petrol and food	150
Tournament Levy	200
Total Cost	\$350
Amount raised	100
Amount requested	\$150

6. This is the first time the applicant has applied for Youth Development Scheme funding.

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

7. Yes, pages 176 and 177 regarding community grants schemes including Board funding, refers.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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

9. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Yes, the application aligns with the LTCCP and Activity Management Plans.

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

11. Yes, paragraph 7 above refers.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

12. Yes, the application aligns with the Youth Strategy and the Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate \$100 from the 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme fund to Samuel Proctor to represent Canterbury Under 15 years Softball in Oamaru from 13 to 17 January 2010.

BACKGROUND OF APPLICANT

Samuel Proctor

14. Samuel has been playing softball for three seasons for the Richmond Keas Club where he plays left out field and recently he has been training for third base with the Canterbury team. He attends Hagley Community College where he also plays softball. Samuel has three sporting trophies at home, two for softball, 'Best Batter' and 'Best Team Member' and one for 'Player of the Day' in soccer.
15. Canterbury Softball recently selected representative players for their Under 15 years squad after a 'club day' when many names were put forward. There are 12 softball clubs in Canterbury. Canterbury Softball's youngest representative team is Under 15 years for both boys and girls. Therefore this is the first opportunity a young person like Sam can represent Canterbury in softball. They select both an A and B team, made up of 13 players in each team. Sam has been selected for the A team to play in the tournament in Oamaru in January. They have explained to players and parents that this season junior representative players have to pay a player levy of \$200 on top of the normal cost of each tournament. This has made the tournament in Oamaru less accessible for many parents.
16. The Canterbury team has organised many fundraising opportunities and they expect the players, parents and clubs to help out where possible. They have organised raffles, a monster garage sale, sausage sizzle, kids activities at other tournaments, and an Exhibition Game on 20 December. So far they have raised enough to reduce costs by over \$100 per player.
17. Samuel says since the selection into the Canterbury team that he is learning how to develop his skills, learn new skills and how to be part of a team such as being on time, participating 100% and being proud to wear his uniform. He is also being trained as a third baseman and has been told his batting has improved greatly.
18. Samuel would like to develop and progress to travel overseas.