

3. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2009/10 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – JACK WHITTAM

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Community Services, DDI 941-8607
Officer responsible:	Unit Manager, Community Support Unit
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from Jack Christopher Whittam who is attending the World Problem Solving Competition in Wisconsin USA.
2. Funding is sought from the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme which at the time of writing this report has an unallocated balance \$950.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. The application is for costs associated with sending Jack Whittam, a 12 Year old resident of Totara Sreet in Riccarton, to an International Problem Solving Competition in Wisconsin, USA. Jack has been invited to this competition by Future Problem Solving New Zealand. He will be representing New Zealand as part of the Cobham Intermediate team, which recently won the 2009 New Zealand national championship.
4. Jack is intending to leave for the USA on 6 June 2010, participate in the competition at La Crosse Wisconsin University, Wisconsin from 9 to 13 June and return to New Zealand on 18 June.
5. Jack has been involved in Future Problem Solving (FPS) throughout his primary school years and was part of the team from Cobham Intermediate that won the 2009 National FPS championship and with it the right to represent New Zealand at the World competition.
6. Jack meets twice each week with the other members of the team to participate in FPS sessions. In addition his recent accomplishment in related fields include:
 - Winning the Rotary Speech Competition in Years 5, 6 and 7.
 - Winning the Year 8 'Speakers Cup' at his school (although he is only Year 7).
 - He is on the Student Council at school.
 - 'Highly Commended' in the 2009 Science Fair.
 - 'Highly Commended' for his involvement in Cantamaths.
 - Received third place in a recent TVNZ website challenge.
 - Awarded the I.T. cup and Citizenship cup at his primary school last year.

Jack is also involved in Scouts, his church, playing the saxophone, playing tennis, website creation and producing movies for DVD.

7. In the medium term Jack is interested in being a lawyer or a journalist. He sees participating in the competition as an opportunity to interact and compete with other nationalities. He also believes that undertaking research over the next six months into the competition topic 'Green Living', will help him develop insight into this important topic. Insight that he believes will assist him in whatever career he eventually ends up in.
8. Staff are recommending that \$450 be approved towards this application from the Riccarton/Wigram Youth Development Scheme 2009/10.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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Item	Total Cost \$	Amount requested
Airfares	3,495	1,000
Accommodation	604	
Travel Insurance	165	
	\$4,264	\$1,000

10. Jack has, and will continue, to raise funds for this event through a raffle, sale of goods, sausage sizzle, paper run, and busking. At the time of writing this report he has raised \$500.
11. Collectively the team of four students plus teachers has also applied for funds from the Southern Trust, Bishopdale/Burnside Rotary and First Sovereign Trust. All applications are pending at the time of writing.
12. While Jack has not applied for funding before, last year the Board approved an application from another attendee from Cobham Intermediate to attend this event. The team he was part of came second.
13. At the time of writing this report, the Board had an unallocated balance of \$950 remaining of the funds set aside for Youth Development Scheme applications from its Discretionary fund.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

14. This application is seeking funding from the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme which was established as part of the Board's 2009/10 Board Discretionary Response Fund.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

15. There are no legal implications in regards to this application.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

16. Aligns with page 172 LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

17. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

18. Application aligns with the Council's Community Development Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

19. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

20. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Committee approve and grant \$450 as a contribution towards the costs associated with Jack Christopher Whittam attending the International Problem Solving Competition in Wisconsin in June 2010 from the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.

4. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2009/10 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – KIRKWOOD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Community Services, DDI 941-8607
Officer responsible:	Unit Manager, Community Support Unit
Author:	Ian Burn – Community Development Adviser

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present an application for funding from Kirkwood Intermediate School on behalf of 10 students seeking to participate in a cultural exchange trip to Korea. The application is submitted to the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The application is for costs associated with sending ten 12 year old students from Kirkwood Intermediate on a cultural exchange with Christchurch's Sister City, Song-pa-Gu in Korea, from 15 to 25 February 2010.

These students are:

Courtney Anderson, Halswell
Rebecca Baddeley, Ilam
Ciarah Chandre-Walsh, Riccarton
Orla Dawson, Riccarton
Sam Jarrett, Templeton
Georgia Philpott, Riccarton
Jessica Shatford, Hornby
Cullen Simpson, Upper Riccarton.

There are an additional five students participating in this exchange, but they do not reside in the Riccarton/Wigram ward. Kirkwood Intermediate is a decile seven school.

3. This exchange is subsequent to a visit from 15 students from Song-pa-Gu to the school in 2009. These exchanges have been organised by the Song-pa-Gu External Affairs team and the Christchurch City Council Sister City Committee through Kirkwood Intermediate.
4. In support of their application Kirkwood Intermediate comments that:
'Through visiting Korea our children (and the leaders) will be fully immersed in an Asian culture. They will live as Koreans do, and participate in a wide range of activities. More importantly they will build on friendships already begun during our Korean partner's visit to Christchurch. In preparation the students will learn a little language, they will learn about the history of Korea, and they will undertake an orientation programme before leaving Christchurch to help them settle into their home stay houses. The development in of cultural understanding seen in the previous visitors is just amazing! ... In the short term this programme allows children, families and sister cities to connect through a direct exchange. Children benefit greatly from this as does our school and our community. In the longer term we are establishing relationships and positive attitudes across cultures that will last a life time.'
5. Staff consider that there are many worthwhile aspects of this application.
 - The exchange clearly contributes to the Sister City relationship with Song-pa Gu.
 - The focus of the exchange is in agreement of the principle of diversity as outlined in the Council's Strengthening Communities Strategy.
 - The exchange will contribute to the personal growth and development of the young people, this being one of the areas that the Youth Development Scheme is focussed on.
6. However, staff are recommending that this application be declined because other applications currently before the committee are seen to be aligned more closely with the criteria for the fund. Specifically other applicants are seen to:
 - Meet the criteria of their activities leading to personal development and growth (as does this application), but also that of being chosen as representatives of their organisations at particular events.

- Have demonstrated a higher level of commitment through training in their particular field of endeavour than is the case for this application.
- Have stated more clearly how they will bring benefit back to the ward following the completion of their activity.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. Costs for this trip pro-rated for the 10 of the 15 children participating from this ward are as below.

Item	Total Cost	Amount requested
Airfares	18,791.20	\$2,000
Departure Tax	249.75	
Travel Insurance	1,108.90	
Extra Accommodation	2,000.00	
Travel	1,000.00	
Jackets	1,000.00	
General Expenses	1,333.00	
Costs for Adult Leaders	6,028.00	
	\$31,510.65	

The total cost of this trip for each of the 10 children is consequently approximately \$3,151.06

8. The school applied to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board for financial support for this same purpose in 2008/09 and was granted \$1,200.
9. The young people have been involved in fundraising \$200 each for this trip through a car boot sale, disco, carwash, raffle and selling sunscreen. This is a total of \$2,000.
10. The school is committed to making a contribution of up to \$3,000 towards the costs of this trip.
11. Any shortfall between the amount raised and the cost of the trip will be met by the families of the children participating.
12. At the time of writing this report, the Board had an unallocated balance of \$950 remaining of the funds set aside for Youth Development Scheme applications from its Discretionary fund.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

13. This application is seeking funding from the Community Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme which was established as part of the Board's 2009/10 Board Discretionary Response Fund.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

14. There are no legal implications in regards to this application.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

15. Aligns with page 172 LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

16. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

17. Application aligns with the Council's Community Development Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

18. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

19. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee decline this application from Kirkwood Intermediate for funding towards the costs of 10 students participating in the Son-ga-Gu Sister City Cultural Exchange in February 2010.