

9. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD’S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – EZRA CHRISTENSEN

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Board’s 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme. There is currently \$4,000 remaining in this fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant is Ezra Christensen, a 16 year old Burnside High School student living in Burnside.
3. Ezra is seeking funding to attend the Children’s International Summer Village (CISV) Camp, in Guatemala from 27 December 2010 - 23 January 2011. Ezra has been selected to attend the camp as a Junior Councillor.
4. CISV is a charitable, independent, non-political, volunteer organisation promoting peace education and cross-cultural friendship. CISV provides a range of unique, educational group activities, which develop cross-cultural understanding in children, youth and adults from around the world. By encouraging respect for cultural differences and the development of self-awareness, CISV empowers each participant to incorporate these values into their lives.
5. Ezra will be providing leadership in this programme where 40 children aged 11 years old from 10 different countries around the world come together for a month to participate in activities that encourage teamwork, leadership, and personal growth.
6. Ezra has been committed to CISV and its values for the past three years. He is part of the leadership team of the local Junior Branch and recently represented that chapter in the Australian/New Zealand Junior Branch workshop to learn more about how to make their Junior Branch more active.
7. Ezra has been saving money from his part-time job and has also been undertaking various fundraising activities including raffles, quiz night, and a newspaper round.
8. This application fits with the Board’s Youth Development Criteria of ‘Personal Development and Growth’.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The following table provides a breakdown of the costs for this trip.

EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Flights and Insurance	3,704
Camp Fee	590
Total Cost	\$4,294

10. This is the second time the applicant has applied to the Board for financial support. Ezra was granted \$450 by the Board in November 2008 to participate in a summer camp in Guatemala.
11. There is currently \$4,000 remaining in this fund.

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

12. This application is seeking funding from the Community Board’s 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme which was established as part of the Board’s 2010/11 Board Discretionary Response Fund.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

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

14. Yes. See LTCCP pages 176 and 177 regarding community grants schemes including Board funding.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

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

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. Not required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board make a grant of \$300 to Ezra Christensen towards the costs involved in attending the Children's International Summer Village Camp in Guatemala as a Junior Councillor.