

8. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD’S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – CHRISTOPHER GEORGE

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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 Christopher George, a 17 year old Middleton Grange student living in Bryndwr.
3. Christopher is requesting funds to participate in a student exchange programme with the EF Foundation from December 2010 to February 2011.
4. The EF Foundation has been working with students worldwide for over 40 years, and has had a presence in New Zealand since 1988. The Foundation connects talented, enthusiastic high school students from New Zealand with caring families throughout the world.
5. Christopher has been selected to participate in an exchange to France where he will live with a host family, attend the local school fulltime, and participate in local cultural and community activities.
6. The student exchange programme has a number of benefits for participants including:
 - Finding out something new about your own culture and point of view by seeing it from a fresh perspective.
 - Gaining a real understanding of another country and its culture and society.
 - Learning a new language.
 - Building lasting friendships with people from other cultures.
 - Feeling more confident and comfortable with people from other cultures.
7. Christopher has been undertaking various fundraising activities including gardening, catering, and stock-taking. He has also applied for a scholarship from the EF Foundation but is yet to hear the outcome. If successful, this scholarship will provide up to \$500 towards his costs.
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 per person for this trip.

EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
EF Exchange Programme Cost (includes travel, host fees, school fees, etc)	6,450
Travel Insurance	500
Living allowance (for additional activities with host family)	1,200
Total Cost	\$8,150

10. This is the first time the applicant has applied to the Board for financial support.
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 Christopher George towards the costs involved in participating in the EF Foundation student exchange programme to France.