

9. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2011/12 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – CRESCENDOS CHOIR MIDDLETON GRANGE SCHOOL

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Riccarton/Wigram 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Crescendos Choir is a mixed choir comprising of Tenor, Soprano, Base and Alto. Twenty-seven students from Middleton Grange School make up the choir which has been operating for four years. Five of the students live in the Riccarton/Wigram Ward. Phillipa Chirside the Choir Director is applying for \$200 each, on behalf of the students to attend the Big Sing Competition. The students are as follows:

- Nicholas Orr
- Miriam Van Vorthuizen
- Rachel Phang
- Jung Chang
- Laura Holtslag

3. The Crescendos Choir has been invited as a guest choir to perform at the New Zealand Choral Federation (NZCF) Secondary Schools Choral Competition. The Big Sing 2011 at the Wellington Town Hall from 22 to 24 August 2011.
4. The Big Sing is a popular event among Secondary Schools and only four schools have been invited as guest choirs. The choirs will perform in the Guest Choir Programme which is held concurrently with the Finale. Guest Choirs will perform one ten minute recital in the competition session. They will also each have an hour long workshop with a choral clinician and other guest choirs, in a nearby venue, perform an item at the Gala Concert, receive valuable professional development from the conductor through hearing the top secondary choirs and receive a written report from the clinicians.
5. In 2009 the Crescendos Choir won the Toogood Youtube Choir competition and in 2010 were participants in Praise Be. Attending the Big Sing 2011 will be a great opportunity for the Choir to view exceptional choirs and to aspire to even higher standards. The exposure to choir training will also be of significant benefit to them.
6. The Choir has been involved in several fund raising activities, including chemical toilet packing project (\$3,000), selling programmes at the school production of "Annie" (projected income of \$3,000 - \$4,000) and selling baking paper.
7. The future goal of the Crescendos Choir is to gain Finale status in a Finale Big Sing Competition.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

Crescendos Choir	
EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Airfares	\$180
Accommodation (backpackers)	\$96
Meals	\$50
Social Event	\$12
Transport costs	\$20
Staff costs	\$60
TOTAL (PER STUDENT)	\$418
Total Requested from the Community Board (per student)	\$200

9. This is the first time the applicants have applied for funding from the Board.

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

10. Yes, see page 172, Community Support, Council Activities and Service, Grants.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

11. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

12. Aligns with page 184 in the 2009-19 LTCCP.

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

13. Yes, see page 172, Community Support, Council Activities and Service, Grants.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

15. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board makes a grant of \$500 to Middleton Grange School Crescendos Choir towards expenses for the trip to the Big Sing Competition, from the 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme.

Staff note that this grant is to be distributed equally to the following students Nicholas Orr, Jung Chang, Miriam Van Vorthuizen, Laura Holtslag, and Rachel Phang.