

12. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON WIGRAM 2011/12 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – ASHLEIGH LAVINIA O’NEILL

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

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Community Board’s 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant, Ashleigh Lavinia O’Neill is a 14 year old student who lives in Halswell and is seeking Community Board support towards expenses related to her upcoming rhythmic gymnastics season. Ashleigh is travelling to Auckland in December for the NZ team trials, she is travelling to Washington DC in March 2012 to compete in the Pacific Rim International event and is also basing herself in Russia for three months from April – June 2012 to train and compete in several international competitions.
3. Ashleigh has been competing at an elite level in her sport since 2006 and has continued to excel in rhythmic gymnastics. In 2009 and 2010 Ashleigh was selected for the NZ National Talent ID Squad and she became NZ National Champion in the International category 2010. More recently Ashleigh placed 1st overall in the Canterbury and South Island Championships and 2nd overall in the NZ Championships. She was also the recipient of the trophy for the 'Highest Junior Apparatus Score of Competition' at the National Championships.
4. In 2009 Ashleigh based herself for three months in Kazan, Russia to attend training and development camps. Ashleigh has recently returned there again in August 2011 and will return again in April 2012. This overseas based training is an essential part of Ashleigh’s elite preparation as she receives training and choreography of the highest standard. It is also the most expensive component of her training, but one that is vital if she is to reach her goals of competing at World Cup Events, Commonwealth Games and World Championships.
5. Due to the high costs involved in Ashleigh’s sport, she is predominantly supported by her family, but Ashleigh is hoping to raise funds through an upcoming garage sale and also from her part time work at Olympia gym. She would appreciate any financial assistance from the community board.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

ASHLEIGH LAVINIA O’NEILL	
EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
NZ team trials in Auckland Airfares, rental car, accommodation, entry fee	\$490
Pacific Rim Competition in Washington DC Airfares, accommodation, entry fee, internal travel	\$4100
Overseas based training in Kazan, Russia Airfares, coaching fees, entry fees, internal transport, accommodation, equipment and uniforms	\$7,320
Total Cost	\$11,910
Amount Requested from the Community Board	\$1000.00

7. The applicant received \$500 in 2009/10 and \$300 in 2010/11 from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's Youth Development. All accountability was returned.
8. At the time of writing this report there was an unallocated balance of \$11,788 in the Riccarton/Wigram 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme.

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

10. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. 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?

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

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Board support the application and allocate \$750 to Ashleigh Lavinia O'Neill as a contribution towards her expenses related to her upcoming rhythmic gymnastics season from the 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme.