

9. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – OLA RATKA

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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.
2. There is currently \$3,000 in the 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. The purpose of the Youth Development Scheme is to celebrate and support young people living in the Fendalton/Waimairi ward by providing financial assistance for their development. The Board also seeks to acknowledge young people's effort, achievement and potential excellence in the community.
4. The Youth Development Scheme will consider applications for the following activities:
 - **Personal Development and Growth**
For example leadership training, career development, Outward Bound, Spirit of Adventure, extra curricular educational opportunities.
 - **Representation at Events**
Applicants can apply for assistance if you have been selected to represent your school, team or community at a local, national or international event or competition. This includes sporting, cultural and community events.
5. The following eligibility criteria must be met:
 - Age groups 12-20 years.
 - Projects must have obvious benefits for the young person and if possible the wider community.
 - Only one application per person permitted per year.
 - Applicants should be undertaking other fundraising activities and not relying solely on Community Board support.
 - Successful applicants will be required to attend a Youth Celebration event hosted by the Community Board to report back on their experiences.
6. The applicant is Ola Ratka, a 13 year old Cobham Intermediate student living in Bryndwr .
7. Ola has been selected to represent Canterbury in the New Zealand Junior Table Tennis Championships being held in Auckland in July this year. Ola has been playing table tennis since age 9 and has won numerous age group Canterbury and South Island titles. She has also achieved silver medals in New Zealand and Oceania competitions. Ola is currently a member of the New Zealand Under 15 squad.
8. In April this year Ola represented New Zealand at the ITTF Global Junior and Cadet Tournament in Guam. Following the New Zealand Junior Championships in Auckland, Ola will compete in South Island Open, the Canterbury Open, followed by the New Zealand Open. If selected, Ola will also be competing in the Australian Junior Open in October this year.
9. Ola has been identified as an emerging talent and the president of Table Tennis Canterbury believes she has the mental discipline and commitment to become internationally competitive. However to reach this standard requires substantial international travel to train and compete an elite level. This cost is met by players and their families.
10. Ola's long term goals are to represent New Zealand in the Junior Olympic Games in China in 2014, Commonwealth Games in Scotland in 2014 and the Olympic Games in Brazil in 2016.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. The total cost to attend the Auckland tournament is \$650 which covers air fares, accommodation and entry fee.
12. This is the first time that the applicant has applied to the Board for financial support.

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

13. This application is seeking funding from the Board's 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme which was established as part of the Board's 2010/11 Discretionary Funding.

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 170 LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding.

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

16. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

17. Application aligns with the Council's Youth 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 Board make a grant of \$200 to Ola Ratka towards costs of competing in the New Zealand Junior Table Tennis Championships in Auckland.