

## 8. FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - VALERIE KORNIENKO

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding from Valerie Kornienko to the Board's 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme to attend the International Future Problem Solving Conference.
2. There is currently \$3,000 remaining in the Board's 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, Valerie Kornienko, is a 13 year old student from Cobham Intermediate School.
7. Valerie has been selected as part of the Cobham Intermediate team to represent New Zealand at the prestigious International Future Problem Solving Conference. This conference is to be held at the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, Wisconsin, USA from 8 to 12 June 2011.
8. This conference will be attended by over two thousand of the brightest young minds from America, the Asia/Pacific region, South Africa and other parts of the world so it is a unique experience for young New Zealanders to interact with and compete against such an outstanding group of young people and to experience American college life.
9. The Future Problem Solving Programme arms students with problem solving skills, develops positive views of the future, and teaches them to work in teams to grapple with many complex world issues. Research in Australia has shown that over 80 percent of Future Problem Solving students go on to higher levels of tertiary education such as medicine, law and scientific research.
10. The programme encourages students to carry out in-depth research, to think creatively, to apply ethical thinking skills and to work as part of a team. The topic for this year's International Conference is 'Emergency Planning'.

11. Cobham Intermediate is undertaking various fundraising activities to raise money towards the cost of sending the team over to America. The school has received \$800 from the Mainland Foundation towards the trip and also has an application pending with Pub Charity.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

12. A breakdown of the costs involved is as follows:

<b>Expenditure (per student)</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>
Airfares	2,800
Share in accommodation	390
Share in transport (rental car)	220
Travel insurance	100
Conference registration fee	700
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,210</b>

13. 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?**

14. 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?**

15. 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?**

16. Aligns with page 170 LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

##### **Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

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

#### **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

18. Not applicable.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board makes a grant of \$300 from its 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme to Valerie Kornienko towards the costs involved with participating in the International Future Problem Solving Conference in Wisconsin, USA from 8 to 12 June 2011.