

8. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – MICHAEL PHILLIPS

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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 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme.
2. There is currently \$8,300 in the 2011/12 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 Michael Phillips, a 20 year old Canterbury University student living in Fendalton .
7. Michael is competing in the Auckland World Cup Triathlon in November this year with the aim of gaining selection for International Triathlon Union World Championships Grand Final in 2012, also being held in Auckland. The International Triathlon Union (ITU) hold these World Championship events every year in different locations around the world, which are the pinnacle events for elite and age group athletes.
8. Michael was formerly a competitive swimmer and took up cycling at high school winning several national titles. Three years ago he progressed to triathlon and this year achieved first place in the Under 23 Elite National Triathlon series. Michael is currently ranked in the top eight elite open grade tri-athletes in New Zealand.
9. Michael's short term goals are to gain selection for the ITU World Championships Grand Final with an age group win and a top 20 placing in the Elite Open grade. Long term he is aiming for 2016 Olympic Games. In last two years Michael has qualified for the World Championships in Hungary and China but was unable to attend due the cost.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The total cost to attend the event is \$592 which covers air fares, accommodation and entry fee. Michael has a part time job and is able to make a financial contribution.
11. 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?

12. This application is seeking funding from the Board's 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme which was established as part of the Board's 2011/12 Discretionary Funding.

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

14. 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?

15. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

17. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

18. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board make a grant of \$200 to Michael Phillips towards costs of competing in the Auckland World Cup Triathlon in November this year.