

**9. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2011/12 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – EMILY ABBEY SHIELDS**

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| <b>General Manager responsible:</b> | General Manager, Community Services, DDI 941-8534 |
| <b>Officer responsible:</b>         | Unit Manager, Recreation and Sports Unit          |
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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. The applicant, Emily Abbey Shields, is an 18 year old Upper Riccarton resident and is seeking Community Board support to travel to Sydney to study the performing arts at the ED5 dance school. This trip will take place from January to December 2012.
3. Emily has been dancing for 14 years and singing and acting for 10 years and is trained in various dance styles and theatrically and classically voice trained. Emily has performed in events and productions such as Starry Nights, Christmas in the Park, Festival of Flowers, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat, Grease, High School Musical, and Fiddler on the Roof. Emily was also heavily involved in music and drama while at Burnside High School for five years and she now wishes to pursue her passion for the performing arts at the highest level possible.
4. Emily auditioned for three dance schools in Australia and was accepted into the Ministry of Dance course at ED5 in Sydney recently. She has also been called back for a second audition in Melbourne for the WAAPA dance school in November.
5. The cost of attending these courses is extremely high with the ED5 two year course costing \$20,000 and if she was to be accepted into the WAAPA course that would cost \$15,000 for three years. Prior to the earthquake Emily was working to earn money for her study, but unfortunately lost her job following the earthquake and since then she has been busking and applying to other funding sources to raise funds.
6. On top of her course costs, Emily will also have living expenses to pay for and although she will continue to fundraise before she leaves; she would appreciate any assistance from the Community Board.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

7. The following outlines budgetary requirements for Emily's trip.

| <b>EMILY ABBEY SHIELDS</b>                   |                      |
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| Course Fees – ED5                            | \$20,000             |
| <b>Total Cost</b>                            | <b>\$20,000</b>      |
| <b>Amount Requested from Community Board</b> | <b>Not indicated</b> |

8. This is the first time the applicant has applied for funding from the Community Board.

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

9. Yes, see page 172, regarding the Board funding.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

10. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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

11. Yes.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

12. Yes.

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

13. Yes, see page 172, regarding the Board funding.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

14. Yes, in alignment with the Strengthening Communities Strategy.

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

15. Yes, application aligns with Council Youth Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

#### **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

16. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Community Board support the application and allocate \$500 to Emily Abbey Shields as a contribution towards her expenses for her trip to Sydney from the 2011/12 Youth Development Fund.