

9. APPLICATION TO THE SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD'S 2011/12 POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – SHANNALEE RACHEL HENRY

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board's 2011/12 Positive Youth Development Scheme.
2. There is currently \$9,450 in the 2011/12 Positive Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. The purpose of the Positive Youth Development Scheme is to celebrate and support young people living in the Shirley/Papanui ward by providing financial assistance for their development. The Community Board also seeks to acknowledge young people's effort, achievement and potential excellence in the community.
4. The Positive 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 12-25 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.
6. The applicant is Shannalee Henry a 17 year old, who lives in Harbour Road, Brooklands. Shannalee is seeking funds to assist with costs of an eight week German exchange trip.
7. Shannalee attends Avonside Girls' High School and is an active member of the Avonside Z-Club (a subsection of Zonta) as well as the local Gay-Straight Alliance. She also volunteered with the Pippins group in Belfast until a lack of numbers meant that her services were no longer needed.
8. This exchange is organised by the Education Department of North Rhine-Westphalia (Germany) and runs from 2 December 2011 until 26 January 2012.
9. Shannalee anticipates that this exchange will be of great benefit to her by enabling her to further her German studies and help her become an independent member of her community. Whilst in Germany Shannalee will be staying at a small village outside the city of Höxter as well as spending a week in Berlin with other students on the exchange. She will be able to experience Christmas in Germany as well as attend a number of cultural activities and events.
10. Shannalee has undertaken a variety of fundraising activities to help pay for this trip including organising a Community Gala Day in Brooklands. Shannalee is rightly proud of the Gala Day as it had the dual purpose of helping to earn funds and to raise the community morale of a suburb that is undergoing the stress and uncertainty of the earthquakes. As well as the Gala Day, other fundraising activities that Shannalee has undertaken include: income from working at a bar and café, a job at Henry Transport Services Ltd., two cleaning jobs, a stall at Riccarton market (selling candles), selling fudge, raffles and two sausage sizzles. Shannalee has so far managed to raise approximately \$2,700 towards this trip, leaving a balance of \$1,945. It is

worth noting that Shannalee has not included the costs of winter apparel nor personal spending in her budget.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. The total cost of the exchange is \$4,645, made up of travel costs of \$3,750, insurance of \$195 and accommodation in Berlin of \$700.
12. The Shirley/Papanui Community Board currently has a balance of \$9,450 in the 2011/12 Positive Youth Development Scheme.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

13. There are no legal considerations.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

14. This fund aligns with the 2009-19 LTCCP.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

15. This fund aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board make a grant of \$500 from its 2011/12 Positive Youth Development Fund to Shannalee Rachel Henry for costs of German exchange trip from 2 December 2011 to 26 January 2012.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.