

10. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – BENJAMIN MUSSON

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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 \$6,200 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 Benjamin Musson, a 17 year old Papanui High School student living in Bishopdale.
7. Benjamin has been selected to represent New Zealand at the World Secondary School Cross Country Championships being held in Malta in April this year. Selection for the team was based on performances at the Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships held in Ashburton in July last year. The squad consists of six athletes selected from around the country plus the team management.
8. Benjamin has been competing in athletics for the past six years and holds numerous national and regional age group titles. His is the current 1,500 metre national age group champion and was placed second in the National Club Road Championships last year. His coaches advises that Benjamin is one of the top rated age group athletes in the Athletics New Zealand inter club competition.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The total cost to attend the World Championship is \$6,000 per person for the two week trip. This covers air fares, accommodation, uniforms and entry fee.
10. 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?

11. 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?

12. There are no legal implications in regards to this application.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

13. 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?

14. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

16. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

17. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board make a grant of \$400 to Benjamin Musson towards the cost of competing at World Secondary School Cross Country Championships in Malta.