

11. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 2011/12 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING APPLICATION – MATTHEW O'SHAUGHNESSY

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Board an application for funding assistance from the Spreydon/Heathcote 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by Matthew O'Shaughnessy, 15 year old from Somerfield, to represent his club in Trampoline at the South and North Island Championships and National Championships from April to July 2012.
3. The following table details event expenses and funding requested by the applicant.

EXPENSES	Cost (NZ \$)
Airfares for North Island	200
Entry Fee for North Island	60
Accommodation, food, transport – NI and Nationals	150
GymSports Qualifying competition entry fees	120
GymSports Affiliation	71
Total Cost	601
Other funding	0
Amount requested	500

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The applicant has never received funding from the Spreydon/Heathcote Youth Achievement Scheme.
5. There is currently a balance of \$5,900 available in the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund.

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

6. Yes see page 184, regarding Board funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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

8. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

9. Yes.

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

10. Yes, Community Grants (pg 176), Strengthening Communities (pg 172), and Recreation and Sports Services (pg.108).

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. Application aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy, Youth Strategy and the Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.
12. Application also aligns with the following Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board Objectives:
'Increased participation of Spreydon/Heathcote residents in local and city-wide recreation events/programmes.'

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate Matthew O'Shaughnessy \$250 from the Spreydon/Heathcote 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to represent his club in Trampoline at the South and North Island Championships and National Championships from April to July 2012.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For Discussion.

BACKGROUND

14. Matthew has been involved in Trampoline sports for over 12 months and trains with the Olympia Gymnastic Sports club. He belongs to the 15 to 16 year old men's individual and double Trampoline Squad and trains six hours every week.
15. Matthew was introduced to Olympia during a visit to the facility with the YMCA Education Centre as part of a specialist youth programme. Matthew took an interest in trampoline and enquired on how he could learn a double back somersault. He was encouraged to join the club initially for 1.5 hours each week. Over the last year he has become more involved with the club to exercise, train, spend time with friends, and to get involved in other club activities such as fundraising.
16. In 2011 Matthew won the Canterbury inter-club 15 to 16 year old men's individual trophy and came second in the South Island Championships. For 2012, Matthew has been selected by Olympia to represent the club at both the North and South Island Championships and the National Championships in Dunedin (provided he meets the qualifying standard). He will be required to attend two sanctioned National qualifying events which will be held in Christchurch.
17. Matthew's club training fees and Canterbury inter-club competition costs have placed extra costs on the family. Matthew's mother and Olympia are aware of how important it is for him to continue participating and competing in the sport. Funding is sought to assist with costs associated with competing at a higher level.