

11. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – AMBERLEA STOCKS

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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 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant is Amberlea Stocks, a 15 year old Riccarton High School student living in Yaldhurst.
3. Amberlea is requesting funding towards the cost of attending the Spirit of Adventure programme in August this year. The Spirit of Adventure Trust was established to provide the youth of New Zealand with access to a character development programme conducted in a maritime environment. It is a unique environment for youth development, where the focus of learning for participants is on team-work and developing skills of communication, self-reliance, self-discipline, self-esteem, resilience, confidence and leadership.
4. The ten day Youth Development Voyage takes onboard 40 trainees (15-18 years), with an equal mix of females and males. During their voyage trainees are presented with a number of diverse opportunities and activities that ensure they learn a great deal about themselves and develop as individuals. Activities vary according to location, the group mix and the weather. Usually there will be both land and water-based activities for teams and individuals. The voyage qualifies for Young New Zealanders Challenge (Duke of Edinburgh Award).
5. Amberlea has been selected by the school to attend the programme due to her leadership potential. Amberlea is a competitive swimmer and is currently training to be a swim tutor.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The cost to attend the Spirit of Adventure ten day voyage is \$1,800. Amberlea has been actively fundraising with a sponsored swim and has casual work baby sitting and house cleaning.
7. 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?

8. This application is seeking funding from the Community Board's 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme subject to this scheme being established as part of the Board's 2012/13 Discretionary Response Fund.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. 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?

11. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board make a grant of \$300 to Amberlea Stocks towards the cost of attending the Spirit of Adventure voyage subject to the establishment of the 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme.