

10. **APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – VILLA MARIA COLLEGE CON BRIO CHORALE**

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval for an application for funding from the Board's 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme.
2. There is currently \$8,750 in the 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. Villa Maria College is applying to the Youth Development Scheme on behalf of 15 of its students. These students are members of the college's 52 strong Con Brio Chorale, one of three Canterbury choirs competing in the National Big Sing competition which will take place 16-18 August 2012 in Wellington.
4. The Big Sing is a national group singing competition for secondary school choirs. Regional Festivals are held from which 18 choirs are selected to compete in the National finals. Villa Maria's Con Brio Chorale is one of those 18 choirs. Each competing choir is required to present a ten minute recital. In that recital, three songs must be performed from three set criteria, one of which is of New Zealand/Pasifika composition.
5. The goals of the Big Sing are to enable choirs to perform in a supportive yet professional setting, to foster excellence in performance and repertoire and to encourage enjoyment in singing.
6. The 15 students as listed below all live in the Fendalton/Waimairi ward:
 - Lauren Bunt aged 17 from Burnside
 - Samantha Crews aged 14 from Yaldhurst
 - Sophie Crews aged 17 from Yaldhurst
 - Elise Dalrymple-Keast aged 16 from Burnside
 - Rosemary Dorsey aged 15 from Avonhead
 - Charlotte Frentz aged 16 from Harewood
 - Rebekah Holt aged 16 from Avonhead
 - Sophie Alexandra Holt aged 14 from Avonhead
 - Sarah Hudson aged 17 from Ilam
 - Mica-Paris Lolohea aged 15 from Fendalton
 - Laura Maskill aged 18 from Burnside
 - Lauralee Mather aged 16 from Avonhead
 - Georgina Stokes aged 15 from Strowan
 - Bridgette Thwaites aged 16 from Ilam
 - Julia Frances Thwaites aged 14 from Ilam

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The following outlines budgetary requirements for the trip for each girl.

Con Brio Chorale (per girl)	\$
Return Airfares	240
Accommodation x 3 nights	240
Transport in Wellington	80
Food & Entertainment	200
Total per student	\$760

8. The college are undertaking a variety of fundraising activities such as holding a concert, a quiz night, sausage sizzles and raffles.
9. This is the first time the applicant has applied for funding from the Community Board for this project.

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

10. Yes, see page 172 of LTCCP, regarding Community Board funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

11. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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

12. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

13. Yes.

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

14. Yes, see page 172 of LTCCP, regarding Community Board funding

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

15. This application aligns with the Council's Strengthening Communities Strategy and Youth Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. No external consultation required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board makes a grant of \$750 from its 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme to Villa Maria College as a contribution towards the costs of the students from the Fendalton/Waimairi ward to participate in the National Big Sing competition in August 2012.