

**8. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON WIGRAM YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – GRACE ELIZABETH PRENDERGAST**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Riccarton/Wigram 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. The applicant, Grace Elizabeth Prendergast, is a 19 year old student who lives in Halswell and is seeking Community Board support to travel to Lithuania to represent New Zealand and compete at the Under 23 Rowing World Championships. The trip will take place from 11 – 15 July 2012.
3. Grace began rowing in 2007 as a member of the Villa Maria College team and instantly loved the sport. It only took Grace three years to gain selection for a New Zealand team and in 2010 she competed at the Junior World Championships in the Women's Four. Grace's team came away as World Junior Champions winning the gold medal
4. From here Grace was selected as a reserve for the Under 23 New Zealand Women's Eight where she trained along side her team as well as the rest of the New Zealand team. Grace's dedication and hard work paid off and she was selected as a member of the Under 23 New Zealand Women's Rowing Four in 2012. Selection in this team has meant relocation to Cambridge in March 2012 where the team is training until the end of June and will then travel to Lithuania and train for a further two weeks prior to the Championships.
5. Grace's short term goal is to win another gold medal at the World Championships and long term goal is to compete at the 2016 Olympic Games.
6. To date Grace has not raised any funding for her trip, but has indicated that the Canterbury Rowing Association will be holding a fundraising dinner to support all Canterbury rowers competing. Rowing New Zealand will be contributing \$2,000 to each New Zealand athlete and Grace's parent will provide the financial support that is outstanding.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

7. The following table provides a breakdown of funding requested:

<b>GRACE ELIZABETH PRENDERGAST</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Relocation / Rent / Karapiro training expenses	\$ 3,300
International Airfares and transfers	\$ 4,027
Accommodation / Meals	\$ 3,630
Travel Insurance	\$ 67
Team Uniform	\$ 915
Vehicle Boat Transport	\$ 165
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 12,104</b>
<b>Support from Rowing New Zealand</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>
<b>Amount Requested from the Community Board</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>

8. This is the first time the applicant has applied to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board for funding. At the time of writing the report there was a balance of \$4,903 remaining in the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme.

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

9. Yes, see page 172, Community Support, Council Activities and Service, Grants.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

10. There are no legal issues to be considered.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

11. Aligns with page 184 in the 2009-19 LTCCP.

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

12. Yes, see page 172, Community Support, Council Activities and Service, Grants.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

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

**Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

14. As above.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

15. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Community Board support the application and allocate \$600 to Grace Elizabeth Prendergast as a contribution towards her trip to Lithuania from the 2011/12 Youth Development Fund.