

## 9. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – EILISH FRANCIS CUMMACK

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board's 2011/12 Positive Youth Development Scheme.
2. There is currently \$4,299 in the 2011/12 Positive Youth Development Scheme.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. The purpose of the Positive Youth Development Scheme is to celebrate and support young people living in the Shirley/Papanui 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 Positive 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 12-21 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.
6. The applicant Eilish Francis Cummack is a 13 year old, who lives in Erica Street. Eilish currently attends Papanui High and is in year nine. Eilish is seeking funding support to attend the Queensland Junior Squash Championships from 29 June to 1 July 2012 as part of the Christchurch Football Squash Club development trip.
7. The Queensland Junior Squash Championships attract players from all over the province. Last year the tournament attracted 137 players ranging in age from 9 to 19 years. The Championships will be held at Palm Beach this year. The Championships will give Eilish the opportunity to compete in her first overseas tournament and pit her skills against a wider playing group. Eilish will play two games each day.
8. Eilish started playing squash for the Christchurch Football Squash Club when she was 9 years old. She became interested in playing due to her brother's involvement in the game. Eilish is currently ranked number one for Canterbury Under 15 and in New Zealand she is ranked in the top eight players. Eilish currently competes in women's grade; this is due to her skill level and the number of competitors in her age group. Eilish loves the skill, challenge and the competition of squash. Her goal for this tournament would be to win all their games. Eilish's future goal is to make the Canterbury Under 19 squash team.
9. Eilish has been busy fundraising for this trip and is currently selling raffle tickets. The Club has also planned a Disco and will be doing a 24 hour Squashathon at Queen's Birthday Weekend.

10. Eilish has two older siblings who both live at home. Eilish comes from a very supportive family. Any financial assistance from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board would be greatly appreciated. This is Eilish's first application to the Board.
11. Eilish in the future would like to be able to coach younger players and be a role model to encourage more girls into the sport.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

12. The following table provides a breakdown of the costs per person for this trip.

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Travel Fee Costs	550
Accommodation	300
Registration Fee	50
<b>Total Cost per person</b>	<b>\$900</b>
Fundraising	(to be confirmed)
<b>Amount still owing</b>	<b>\$900</b>

13. The Board currently has a balance of \$4,299 remaining in the Positive Youth Development Scheme for allocation.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

14. There are no legal considerations.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

15. This fund aligns with the 2009-19 LTCCP.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

16. This fund aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board make a grant of \$200 from its 2011/12 Positive Youth Development Scheme to assist Eilish Francis Cummack to attend the Queensland Junior Squash Championships from 29 June to 1 July 2012.

**CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendation be adopted.