

21. **APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME –  
ASHLEIGH LAVINIA O'NEILL**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager, Community Services, DDI 941-8534
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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, Ashleigh Lavinia O'Neill is a 15 year old student who lives in Halswell and is seeking Board support towards expenses related to her upcoming rhythmic gymnastics season. To qualify for the 2014 Commonwealth Games, Ashleigh will be competing in a World Cup Event overseas (location TBA). At this time Ashleigh will be basing herself in Russia for three months to train and compete in several international competitions.
3. Ashleigh has been competing at an elite level in her sport since 2006 and has continued to excel in rhythmic gymnastics. In 2009 and 2010 Ashleigh was selected for the New Zealand National Talent ID Squad and she became New Zealand National Champion in the International category 2010. In 2011 Ashleigh placed first overall in the Canterbury and South Island Championships and second overall in the New Zealand Championships. She was also the recipient of the trophy for the 'Highest Junior Apparatus Score of Competition' at the National Championships.
4. In 2009 and in 2011 Ashleigh based herself for three months in Kazan, Russia to attend training and development camps. Ashleigh will return there in March 2013 to train. This overseas based training is an essential part of Ashleigh's elite preparation as she receives training and choreography of the highest standard. It is also the most expensive component of her training, but one that is vital if she is to reach her goals of competing at World Cup Events, Commonwealth Games and World Championships.
5. Due to the high costs involved in Ashleigh's sport, she is predominantly supported by her family, but Ashleigh is hoping to raise funds through an upcoming garage sale, an auction and also from her part time job. Ashleigh has also applied to other sources for financial support. She would appreciate any financial assistance from the community board.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

<b>ASHLEIGH LAVINIA O'NEILL</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
World Cup Trials in Chch	\$50
World Cup Event (location TBA) Airmiles, accommodation, entry fee, internal travel, food	\$4,850
Overseas based training in Russia Airmiles, coaching fees, entry fees, internal transport, accommodation,	\$4,100
Equipment and Uniform	\$1,900
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$10,900</b>
<b>Amount Requested from the Community Board</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

7. The applicant received \$500 in 2009/10 and \$300 in 2010/11 and \$500 in 2011/12 from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's Youth Development. All accountability was returned. At present there is \$5,710 unallocated balance in the 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme.

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

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

#### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

9. There are no legal issues to be considered.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

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

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

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

#### **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. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board support the application and allocate \$500 to Ashleigh Lavinia O'Neill as a contribution towards her expenses from the 2012/13 Youth Development Fund.