

**13. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2012/13 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME –
YOLANDA BLAIR**

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Boards 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Yolanda Blair is a seventeen year old student who lives in the Hornby area. Yolanda attends Hornby High School and is in Year 12. Yolanda has been accepted on the Christchurch United Kingdom Sister City Global Leadership Programme.
3. The Global Leadership Programme, initiated by the England Sister City Committee, is founded on the strong relationships the city has developed with Christchurch in the United Kingdom and will further strengthen the European links associated with the United Kingdom. The programme is based on the key concepts of the new education curriculum with "Managing Self" being the main focus. Key development areas include; leadership, communication skills, global knowledge and cultural awareness. The main curriculum links are related to history, languages, art and geography and it is acknowledged that students will gain a global awareness of the importance of international relationships.
4. The Civic and International Relations Team of Council sees this Programme as an important project at this time, giving the youth of Christchurch a chance to travel and experience different lifestyles, environments and cultures. The experience includes European towns twinned with the Sister City Christchurch in Dorset, United Kingdom. The tour will be led by Ian Morrison, Head of Department of Geography and Tourism at Linwood College on behalf of the Christchurch England Sister Cities Committee. This is a twenty three day trip which will comprise of a group of thirty high school students that have been accepted by the Sister City Committee. The trip is scheduled for January 2013. There are twenty seven Christchurch secondary students who have been selected for this trip. Six of these students attend Hornby High School.
5. Yolanda is one of three students that have applied for Youth Development Fund assistance from the Riccarton/Wigram ward. The Riccarton/Wigram Board made a grant of \$500 to the other two students at the 4 September 2012 Board meeting. The Treasurer of the Christchurch England Sister Cities Committee believes that no more students will be applying to the Youth Development Fund for financial assistance towards the trip.
6. Yolanda received NCEA Level 1 endorsed with excellence, the Junior Oratory trophy in 2010 and the bronze and silver badge in Duke of Edinburgh awards. Her future goals are to go to university and study broadcasting and to promote and enhance Christchurch, as she sees the city as her future. Yolanda believes that this trip will give her the opportunity to promote Christchurch overseas as a beautiful city despite the earthquake and also help to develop her leadership skills as she would like to be a leader in her community.
7. Yolanda has a part time job at Countdown and is also fundraising for this trip by selling chocolates, organising sausage sizzles and raffles, working at the races and What Now as a telephone operator. She is requesting \$1,500 from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board towards the cost of the trip. Yolanda has already raised \$1,200. The students need to raise \$3,000 by the 28 November 2012 to cover the accommodation and transport costs that need to be paid eight weeks in advance. She has also applied to the Lions Club for \$1,500.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The following outlines budgetary requirements for Yolanda's trip.

Yolanda Blair	
Total Cost	\$7,000
Funds raised to date	\$1,200
Amount Requested from Community Board	\$1,500

9. The total cost of the trip is \$7,000 which will cover everything in the itinerary including all transport, insurance, accommodation, entrance fees, meals where stipulated and tips.
10. This is the first time the applicants have applied for funding from the Board.
11. Currently there is an unallocated balance of \$3,710 In the Riccarton/Wigram 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme.

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

13. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

14. 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?

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

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

- 17.. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

18. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board support the application and grant \$500 to Yolanda Blair towards expenses for the Christchurch United Kingdom Sister City Global Leadership Programme, from Riccarton/Wigram 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme.