

9. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2012/13 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - GEORGIA LEE WILLETTS

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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 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Georgia Willetts is a sixteen year old student who lives in the Hornby area. Georgia attends Hornby High School and is in Year 12. Georgia has been accepted on the Christchurch United Kingdom Sister City Global Leadership Programme for students from a range of Christchurch secondary schools.
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 the Council see 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 23 day trip which will comprise of a group of 30 high school students that have been accepted by the Sister City Committee. The trip is scheduled for January 2013. Six of the students selected for the trip attend Hornby High School.
5. Georgia is one of two students applying for Youth Development Fund assistance from the Riccarton/Wigram ward. Applications have been made to other wards. Recommendations for funding other applicants are \$300 in the Fendalton/Waimairi and Shirley/Papanui wards and \$400 in the Burwood Pegasus ward. The trip's organiser does not expect there to be any further applications from other students.
6. Georgia believes that this trip will benefit her school subjects because of the educational element, and that she will gain a greater knowledge of history and art as well as learning more about global cultures. Her future goal is to study psychology at university and to travel. She has already achieved NCEA Level 1, and 126 credits with merit endorsement.
7. Georgia has a part time job at the Warehouse and is also fundraising for this trip by selling chocolates, and organising sausage sizzles and raffles. She is requesting \$1,000 from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board towards the cost of the trip. The students need to raise \$3,000 by 28 November 2012 to cover the accommodation and transport costs that need to be paid eight weeks in advance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The total cost of the trip is \$6,800 which will cover everything in the itinerary including all transport, insurance, accommodation, entrance fees, meals where stipulated and tips.

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EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Travel, accommodation, transfers, and entrance fees	6,800
Total Cost	6,800
Amount Requested from the Community Board	\$ 1,000

9. This is the first time the applicant has applied for funding from the Community Board.

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

11. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

12. 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?

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

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

15. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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