

**9. APPLICATION TO SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME – LAUREN SPYKER**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding of \$250 from Lauren Spyker to the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board from its 2009/10 Youth Achievement Fund.
2. The request is for \$250 towards the cost of Lauren attending the Children's International Summer Villages camp that will be held in Auckland December 2009 to January 2010.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

3. Funding is being sought by the applicant, Lauren Spyker a 13 year old student who lives in the Cashmere area of the Spreydon Heathcote Ward. Funding assistance is requested towards costs to attend the Children's International Summer Villages (CISV) camp in Auckland December 2009 to January 2010.
4. The CISV is a global youth exchange organisation that has operated for over 20 years. International camps attended by youth in age clusters that are held in varying locations emphasise global and intercultural learning through a mix of educational, cultural and sporting activities. Lauren Spyker has been involved with the organisation for five years and has previously attended a camp in the Philippines as an 11 year old delegate. Lauren has been selected this year to attend as a 14 year old delegate.
5. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Community Board for funding support.
6. Lauren Spyker has demonstrated active participation in a range of sporting and cultural activities as well as participation in the CISV programmes. Lauren's sporting interests include tennis, rock climbing, triathlons, skiing and snow boarding. She has also developed skills in speech, drama, and piano. The referees to the application attest strongly to the leadership and coaching Lauren gives to other less confident young people, especially inspiring and motivating others to develop through drama and performance, and recommend that the camp experience will develop her natural leadership skills. Lauren is looking forward to learning about peace, trust, and cultural diversity at the camp, communicating with people who have other languages, and about the effects of war in other countries.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

<b>EXPENSES FOR LAUREN SPYKER</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Camp fee	\$847
Flights	\$266
T-shirts	\$30
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$1,143</b>
<b>Amount Requested from Community Board</b>	<b>\$250</b>

7. As a full time high school student with no regular employment, Lauren has been raising the bulk of the costs for her camp trip by undertaking domestic chores, window cleaning, and saving pocket money.
8. There is a total of \$3,450 remaining in the Spreydon/Heathcote 2009/10 Youth Achievement Award Fund.

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

9. Yes.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

10. There are no legal issues.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

11. Aligns with LTCCP and Activity Management Plans by supporting the individual participating in community life and contributing to removing barriers to participation.

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

12. Yes.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

13. This application meets the following Council Community Grants Funding Outcomes:

- A city of inclusive and diverse communities.

It also helps to meet the following Community Board objectives:

- Improve social well-being in Spreydon Heathcote: interpersonal skills and understanding of other cultures will be developed

**DO THE RECOMMENDATIONS ALIGN WITH COUNCIL**

14. Aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy goal of empowering young people so they can exercise choice and be effective in asserting their views and aspirations.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

15. Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board agree to grant \$250 from its 09/10 Youth Achievement Fund to Lauren Spyker to assist her to attend and contribute to the Children's International Summer Villages camp in Auckland starting December 2009.

**CHAIRPERSONS' RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion.