

6. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2009/10 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – JONATHON WARD

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding of \$500 to the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme for Jonathon Ward. Jonathon is a 15 year old student at St Thomas of Canterbury College. The funding is requested for costs associated with a trip he wishes to take as a member of the school's Edmund Rice Group, to Brisbane, where he will be involved in providing assistance and support to the homeless in that city, and to refugee, migrants and special needs children in low income schools.
2. At the time of writing this report there is an unallocated balance of \$2,250 remaining in the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. Jonathon is intending to participate in a week long trip starting 29 November 2009, as part of the St Thomas of Canterbury College's Edmund Rice Group, to Brisbane. The Edmund Rice Group is part of the Edmund Rice Network, an international network of groups, schools, communities, institutions and trusts inspired by the life and work of Edmund Rice. The New Zealand Network is focused on serving youth, peoples at the margins and participating members by:
 - witnessing Gospel values in community through personal commitment and contributing to local, regional, national and/or international Edmund Rice initiatives and ministries.
 - formation for service by offering leadership development and volunteer outreach opportunities, local and international immersion experiences, conference and reflective processes that invigorate hope, inform just action and serve marginalised peoples.
 - developing a strong, accountable and sustainable national network that fosters connections with Edmund Rice groups locally and internationally, is grounded in current research, responsive to emerging needs, strategic in its approach, and well resourced.The Edmund Rice Network is associated with the Catholic Religious order the Christian Brothers.
4. In Brisbane Jonathon will be staying at St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace, a brother school to St Thomas'. This is part of an ongoing exchange programme between the two schools. Over the week he will be working in an Edmund Rice Breakfast programme feeding the homeless, and during the day he will be working in schools for children with special needs, or schools with high concentrations of people from low income, refugee and migrant backgrounds. The programme, while he is there, will also involve visits from inspirational speakers.
5. Jonathon has been involved with the Edmund Rice Group for two years, and has been involved in:
 - raising awareness in the school and associated institutions concerning fair trade and social justice issues in regard to coffee and sports equipment;
 - in the school's breakfast programme;
 - and in raising funds for children in Africa.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. A breakdown of the costs involved is as follows:

Expenditure	Amount	Amount requested of Council	Amount Recommended
Flight costs and travel insurance	\$500		\$400
Accommodation	\$350		
Transport	\$200		
Clothing	\$50		
Miscellaneous costs	\$100		
Total	\$1,200	\$500	\$400

- 7. Jonathon has been involved in fundraising undertaking sausage sizzles and raffles with other boys. He has currently raised \$210. He intends to contribute other funds raised through his employment and doing extra jobs.
- 8. Staff do not consider it appropriate for the Council to be funding the clothing and miscellaneous costs requested.
- 9. At the time of writing this report there is an unallocated balance of \$2,250 remaining in the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.

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

- 10. Yes. See page 172 of LTCCP regarding Strengthening Communities.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

- 11. There are no legal implications for this application.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- 12. Aligns with LTCCP and Activity Management Plans.

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

- 13. Yes. See page 172 of LTCCP regarding Strengthening Communities.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

- 14. This application aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

- 15. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee approve the funding application and allocate \$400 to Jonathon Ward as a contribution towards costs associated with participating in his trip to Brisbane as part of the Edmund Rice Group of St Thomas of Canterbury College from its 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.