

8. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2010/11 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – LAURA ANN MACDONALD

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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 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant, Laura Ann Macdonald, is a 14 year old who lives in Halswell is seeking Community Board support to travel to Hamilton to represent Canterbury at the 2010 Gymsport Nationals. This trip will take place from 23 to 29 September 2010.
3. Laura began participating in recreational gymnastics at the age of six and started competing only two years later at eight and she currently trains a minimum of 16.5 hours a week at Olympia Gymnastics Sports. In 2009 Laura qualified to represent Canterbury at the New Zealand Nationals and her most recent success was a third placing on both the vault and bar at the Canterbury Championships. She also came eighth in the all round competition.
4. Laura's goal for the upcoming New Zealand Nationals is to be placed in the top 32, so she can qualify for the all round competition on the second day. It is here where Laura will be tested across all disciplines of her sport against the best in the country. To reach this level, Laura has had to be very committed and self disciplined in all aspects of her sporting pursuits and also her education. Several teachers at Lincoln High School have indicated that Laura is not only a talented sports woman, but also displays all round leadership skills at school and is a positive role model for her peers.
5. Due to the high costs involved in Laura's sport, she is predominantly supported by her family, but Laura is hoping to raise funding through upcoming sausage sizzles and food raffles. She would appreciate any financial assistance from the Community Board.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

LAURA ANN MACDONALD	
EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Airfares	128
Entry Fee	105
Accommodation and Meals	460
Ground transport	90
Coaches expenses	100
Incidentals	20
Total Cost	\$903
Amount Requested from the Community Board	300

7. This is the first time the applicant has applied to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's Youth Development Scheme.
8. As at 22 September 2010 there was an unallocated balance of \$4,200 in the Riccarton/Wigram 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme.

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

10. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. 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?

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

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Board support the application and allocate \$300 to Laura Ann Macdonald as a contribution towards her expenses for her trip to Hamilton from the Riccarton/Wigram 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme.