

8. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – MOLLY LYONS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Board's 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme. There is currently \$7,300 remaining in this fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant is Molly Lyons, a 17 year old Villa Maria student living in Merivale.
3. Molly is requesting funds to participate in the Edmund Rice Immersion Programme to India from December 2011 to January 2012.
4. The trip is being organised through St Thomas of Canterbury College and includes students from Villa Maria College. There are 27 students in total attending from three schools – St Kevin's in Oamaru, St Thomas's, and Villa Maria College.
5. The purpose of the trip is to expose students to a different culture and to guide the students in the cultural process of living in a different culture. It also provide students with an opportunity to work with those at the margins of society. For two weeks they work in one of the Mother Teresa homes in Calcutta for the homeless, physically impaired, and orphanages.
6. The Edmund Rice Network is an association of Edmund Rice Groups. The vision of the Association is as follows: "We are people who, inspired by Edmund Rice, are redirecting our energies and resources towards the empowerment of those at the margins of society, in particular youth". There are five schools associated with Edmund Rice in New Zealand, one of these being St Thomas of Canterbury College.
7. Molly has been undertaking various fundraising activities including coaching athletics at Christ's College and Papanui TOC H, raffles, band night, fashion night, and car washing. She also works part-time at the Addington Events Centre. She also has funding applications pending with the Keith Laugesen Charitable Trust and the Papanui Rotary Club.
8. This application fits with the Board's Youth Development Criteria of 'Personal Development and Growth'.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The total cost of the trip per student is \$4,700. Molly is seeking Board support towards her airfares for the trip which are \$2,439.
10. This is the first time the applicant has applied to the Board for financial support.
11. There is currently \$7,300 remaining in this fund.

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

12. This application is seeking funding from the Community Board's 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme which was established as part of the Board's 2011/12 Board Discretionary Response Fund.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

13. There are no legal implications in regards to this application.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

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

14. Yes. See LTCCP pages 176 and 177 regarding community grants schemes including Board funding.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

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

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. Not required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board make a grant of \$400 to Molly Lyons towards the costs involved in participating in the Edmund Rice Immersion Programme to India.