

9. ESTABLISHMENT OF A RICCARTON WIGRAM YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FUND 2012/13

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Board to set aside funding from the Board's 2012/13 Discretionary Response Fund for the purpose of establishing a 2012/13 Riccarton/Wigram Youth Development Scheme Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Youth Development Scheme provides small grants to eligible young individuals and youth not-for-profit groups. The purpose of the scheme is to celebrate and support young people living positively in the local community by providing financial assistance for their development. Applications to the fund will be considered in the following categories:
 - Personal Development and Growth:
Leadership Training
Career Development
Outward Bound / Spirit of Adventure
Educational Opportunities that are not a component of the school curriculum / subject.
 - Representation at Events - Individuals:
Applicants qualify for assistance if they have been selected to represent their school, team or community at a local, national or international event or competition. This includes sporting, cultural and community events.
 - Representation at Events - Teams:
As above, although teams are required to submit one application on behalf of the team members requiring funding assistance that reside in the Riccarton/Wigram ward.
3. Applicants to be eligible will also need to meet the following criteria:
 - Age groups 12 to 25 years
 - Projects must have obvious benefits for the young person and if possible the wider community.
 - Have applications submitted six weeks prior to the event taking place.
4. Applicants will also be required to complete the application form (**Attachment 1**) and provide the additional material noted on this.
5. Applicants will also be asked how long they and their parents/caregivers have lived in Christchurch. This will allow Board members to take into consideration whether the funding requested is commensurate with the historic contribution of the applicant and their family, to rates in this city.
6. It is recommended that individuals only be allowed to apply once per financial year.
7. In making recommendations to the Board staff will make comment on the following matters:
 - the extent of additional funds that the individual/group has sourced from other funders, and the amount of fundraising undertaken.
 - The level at which the group or individual is performing in their chosen field.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. This proposal transfers funds from the Board's Discretionary Response Fund into a separate Youth Development Scheme Fund. This will in turn decrease the funding available for other applicants to the Board's Discretionary Response Fund. The Board has also indicated that it will allocate funding from the Board's Strengthening Communities Fund to the proposed Youth Development Scheme 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 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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. Aligns with the Strengthening Community Strategy goals:
- Increase participation in community recreation and sports programmes and events.
 - Improve basic life skills so that all residents can participate fully in society.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. No external consultation needs to be undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board:

- Establish a Youth Development Scheme Fund for the 2012/13 financial year.
- Approve the transfer of funds, up to \$3,862 from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's 2012/13 Discretionary Response Fund to the Riccarton Wigram Youth Development Scheme Fund.
- Arrange that once the Youth Development funding is spent, that the fund is closed off until the next financial year.