

**9. APPLICATION TO THE SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD'S YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME – REBECCA HOWIE**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager, Community Services, DDI 941-8986
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Unit Manager, Recreation and Sports
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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Board an application for funding assistance from the Spreydon/Heathcote 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. Funding is being sought by Rebecca Howie, 16 years old from Spreydon, to represent the New Zealand Secondary Students Choir (NZSSC) at the Ihlombe South African Choral Festival from 1–17 July 2012.
3. The following table details event expenses and funding requested by the applicant.

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Rehearsals in Auckland (travel & meals)	260
International Flights	3,039
Travel Insurance	74
Ihlombe Festival tour (accommodation, ground transport, concert management, excursions)	2,271
Additional meals (not organised by tour)	214
Tour extension (meals & accommodation)	220
Sightseeing activities	137
Staffing	371
<b>Total cost</b>	<b>\$6, 586</b>
<b>NZSSC Subsidy</b>	<b>1,586</b>
<b>Total raised</b>	<b>2,962</b>
<b>Total Requested</b>	<b>\$400</b>

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4. The applicant has never received funding from the Spreydon/Heathcote Youth Achievement scheme.
5. There is currently a balance of \$4,050 available in the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund.

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

6. Yes see page 184, regarding Board funding.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

7. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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

8. Not applicable.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

9. Yes.

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

10. Yes, Community Grants (pg 176), Strengthening Communities (pg 172), and Recreation and Sports Services (pg.108).

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

**Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

11. Application aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy, Youth Strategy and the Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.
12. Application also aligns with the following Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board Objectives:  
'Increased participation of Spreydon/Heathcote residents in local and city-wide recreation events/programmes.'

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

13. Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board allocate Rebecca Howie \$400 from the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to represent the New Zealand Secondary Students Choir at the Ihlombe South African Choral Festival from 1–17 July 2012.

**CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion.

## **BACKGROUND**

14. Rebecca attends Cashmere High school where she sings with the school choir and is studying Music at NCEA Level three. She has been singing in school choirs since primary school and in her last two years before starting high school she was selected as a member of the 'Special Choir' for the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival. Rebecca has performed solo in various choirs, concerts and also at the Big Sing regional schools competition. She has also sung solo at the ANZAC Day Service in Halswell for the last two years.
15. Rebecca auditioned for the New Zealand Secondary Students Choir in early 2011 along with 250 other students. Only 61 students were selected to sing with the choir for an 18 month contract. Every choir goes on an international tour in the last 6 months of the contract. This year the choir will tour South Africa to perform at a music festival with other national choirs. The tour includes Johannesburg, Capetown and Pretoria where the students will perform at concerts, attend workshops and learn about other cultures.
16. Rebecca has raised money from many sources to fund the trip including two part-time jobs, busking, and singing at community events. Rebecca plans to study classical singing and composition towards a Bachelor of Music at the New Zealand School of Music in Wellington.