

11. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – LAUREN ALEXANDER

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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 2012/13 Youth Development fund. There is currently \$5,500 remaining in this fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant is Lauren Alexander, a 17 year old student living in St Albans.
3. Lauren has been through a selection and interview process and has been successful in securing a place with Lattitude Global Volunteering from January to August 2013.
4. Lattitude Global Volunteering is an international youth development charity. Their mission is to educate and develop young people worldwide by providing opportunities for them to make a positive difference to the lives of others through a distinctive, challenging, structured and supported international volunteering experience in a culture and community different from their own.
5. The programme aims to give young people the opportunity to realise the world beyond their community. They are encouraged to develop awareness and responsibilities towards themselves and others, equipping them with vital life skills.
6. Lauren has chosen to go to Fiji and is most likely to be placed on the island Levuka where she will be volunteering in a small rural village. Her role is yet to be finalised but will be either working in a primary school, kindergarten or orphanage. In whichever placement she is picked for she will be teaching young children in various areas of learning including English, maths, sports and art.
7. Lauren is a student at Riccarton High School and is involved in a number of community groups outside of school including sports clubs and youth group. She is very interested in sport and art and believes her skill in these areas will help with her placement in Fiji. She also plays the guitar and is hoping to be able to teach the children some Kiwi songs.
8. This application fits with the Board's Youth Development Criteria of 'Personal Development and Growth.
9. Lauren is currently investigating various fundraising opportunities including sausage sizzles and is applying for part time work. Up until recently she has been limited in her time due to the football coaching she does which takes up most days of the week after school and during the weekend. She has also applied to Pub Charity for financial support.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The following table provides a breakdown of the costs involved:

EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Airfares	1,000
Lattitude Application Fee and Contribution Fee	3,250
Teaching Skills Course and In-country orientation	650
Travel Insurance (6 months)	329
Internal travel	200
Equipment and materials	500
Total	\$5,929

11. This is the first time that the applicant has applied to the Board for financial support.

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

12. This application is seeking funding from the Board's 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme which was established as part of the Board's 2012/13 Discretionary Funding.

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

14. Aligns with page 170 LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding.

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

15. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

17. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

18. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board makes a grant of \$400 from their 2012/13 Youth Development fund to Lauren Alexander towards the cost of participating in the Lattitude Global Volunteering programme in Fiji.