

12. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2012/13 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – CASSIE MUAMALE SIATAGA

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Boards 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant, Cassie Muamale Siataga is a 16 year old high school student who lives in Hornby and is seeking Board support to travel to Adelaide to compete for the New Zealand White Sox in the 2012/13 Gillies Shield Softball Tournament. This trip will take place from 22 – 26 November 2012.
3. Cassie has been a softball representative since 2006 where at the age of 10 she was a member of the Canterbury U15s team. Since then Cassie has played for Canterbury through the junior ranks and in 2011 was chosen for the New Zealand development squad, where she travelled to and competed in Sydney, Australia. In 2012 Cassie was chosen for the Junior White Sox team and in 2013 this team will be travelling to Canada to compete on a World Tour. In 2012 Cassie was also identified as a potential New Zealand Rugby 7's representative by New Zealand Rugby Union.
4. This application is for a trip to Adelaide where at the age of 16 Cassie has been chosen to travel away with the New Zealand Women's White Sox team. As a promising New Zealand representative, this trip will give Cassie the opportunity to be exposed to softball at a higher level and develop the necessary skills to grow and develop in this environment.
5. Due to the short time frame Cassie has not raised any funding to date and she will be predominantly supported financially by her family. Due to the costs involved in Cassie's ongoing representative selection and trips away, she would appreciate any financial assistance from the Board.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

CASSIE MUAMALE SIATAGA	
EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Airfares, accommodation and transport	\$775
Food and misc	\$120
Total Cost	\$895
Amount Requested from the Community Board	Not indicated

7. This is the first time the applicant has applied to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme.
8. Currently there is an unallocated balance of \$3,710 in the Riccarton/Wigram 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 Riccarton/Wigram Community Board support the application and allocate \$350 to Cassie Muamale Siataga, as a contribution towards her trip with the New Zealand Women's White Sox Team to Adelaide, from the 2012/13 Youth Development Fund.