

Youth Initiatives Fund Funding Assistance for Individuals

Background

Frequent requests have been made to Council from young individuals who are seeking support for funding assistance, due to financial hardship, for costs associated with access to sport, recreation and cultural activities along with training opportunities. In addition requests are received from youth that have done well and been selected to represent New Zealand in different sporting and cultural events. Historically the Youth Council Fund has been for implementation of the Youth Initiatives Plan and generally for services to be provided either by youth or by organisations providing services to youth. The Youth Council has agreed to make some funding available to individuals under set criteria.

Funding Available

\$3000 per annum has been set aside from the Youth Initiative Fund for grants to young individuals who meet set criteria. Grants will be considered up to \$500 per person per annum.

Criteria as follows:

- Applications can be considered once per annum from secondary school age youth only, that is 12 to 18 years.
- Applicants must be Marlborough residents.
- Funding would not be considered for retrospective activities or school related fees.
- Two categories for consideration:
 - Young people who have reached New Zealand Representative status in sport and cultural activity and are experiencing financial hardship to meet the costs involved in participating.
 - Young people who are experiencing genuine financial hardship which prevents them from accessing sport, recreation, cultural activities and training opportunities.

Process to apply

Information must be put in writing to the Council Youth Fund with the following details:

- Information about the individual - name, age, school and involvements.
- Details of what the funding is for and why it is needed.
- Details of costs and include who else has been approached (or intend to) and their own personal contributions.

Process to consider requests

The Youth Funding Committee will consider any requests received on a case by case basis. The Committee is currently made up of the Mayor, the Chair of Community & Financial Planning Committee and three youth representatives from local Colleges participating in the Youth Council.