

Report to	South West Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	13 March 2013
Title of Report	Funding for Young People in the South West Wiltshire Community Area

Purpose of Report

For Councillors to consider 3 applications seeking funding for youth projects from South West Wiltshire Area Board.

Applicant	Brief description of project	Amount
Wilton Youthy	Ramp building project	£1,000
South West Wiltshire Youth Advisory Group	Community Event	£450
Barn Buddies Youth Club and Mere Dazzlers Majorettes	Insulation of barn walls	£740
TOTAL		£2,190

Background

1.1 South West Wiltshire Area Board has **£11,744** from the 2012/13 budget for funding youth projects across the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton Community Areas.

1.2 At the time of writing this report, South West Wiltshire Area Board still has **£3,025** remaining from the youth project funding.

1.3 The criteria for applications is set out below:

- Groups of young people up to the age of 21 are eligible to apply.
- A group must be a minimum of 3 young people.
- Groups can apply for up to £1000 to take part in activities, buy equipment or other project costs; grants for more than £1000 will be considered on a case by case basis.
- The project ideas should come from young people themselves and they should be actively involved in the planning.
- The project should have a 'supporter' to help and hold funds for the project (e.g. youth worker, school, parish councillor).
- The project should show benefits for young people in at least one of the following areas:
 - Leading healthier lifestyles / keeping physically healthy.
 - Learning new skills.
 - Making a positive contribution.
 - Access to transport or other services.
 - Challenging bullying or discrimination.
 - Benefitting the local community.
- Young people should have help to present their ideas to the Area Board.
- Young people should develop ideas for how they will know their project has been successful.
- Young people should be actively involved working out the project costs and benefits.

1.4 All awards will be subject to a suitable 'supporter' being in place to hold funds for the project and confirm that any necessary safeguards are in place. The supporter will ensure that funds are spent as outlined within applications and any unspent funds are returned within 6 months of the project starting. The supporter will confirm the project has run and will provide a simple account summary detailing how funds were used within 6 months of the project starting.

1.5 All awards are subject to quotes / estimates being provided as financial evidence; one quote is required for each element of the project.

1.6 A total of 3 applications are due to be considered, as shown below:

a. Wilton Youthy

- The project is to build a skate ramp during Tuesday evening sessions at Wilton Youth Centre.
- The group consists of 10 young people.
- The amount applied for is £1,000.
- The project aims to teach new skills and encourage young people to work together. The completed ramp will provide opportunity for physical exercise.

b. South West Wiltshire Youth Advisory Group

- The project is to organise and run a community event to provide a networking opportunity for a variety of community groups.
- The group consists of approximately 12-20 young people.
- The amount applied for is £450.
- The project aims to develop better relationships between older and younger members of the community, through providing both information and a chance to socialise.

- c. Barn Buddies Youth Club and Mere Dazzlers Majorettes**
- The project is to pay for timber and boards to line the walls of the barn that is used to host these groups.
 - The two groups consist of approximately 60 young people in total.
 - The amount applied for is £740.
 - The project aims to enable the two groups to continue to offer activities to local young people in a more comfortable environment. Further insulation work to the roof is planned for the future.

Recommendation:

- 1) **To consider and approve funding as set out in the table above, up to a total limit of £3,025.**
- 2) **To delegate responsibility to the Community Area Manager, Stephen Harris, to ensure funds are only released once all financial evidence has been received and a suitable 'supporter' is in place for each project, as agreed by the Chairman.**

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