

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD  
16<sup>th</sup> August 2015

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## Youth Grants Area Board funding application

### 1. Purpose of the Report

To make recommendations to the Area Board to consider a request for funding 'engagement project' sessions' during the summer holidays for young people living in the Marlborough Community Area, which will be ran by the Community Youth Officer and to also consider 2 applications seeking 2015/16 Youth Grants funding:

At the previous Area Board Briefing, the Community Youth Officer informed the Area Board Members of a few 'Engagement Youth Project' sessions taking place over the summer for young people living within the Marlborough Community Area.

The intention is to promote the Local Youth Network, among local young people.

It was therefore the recommendation of the Community Youth Officer to apply for £100 in a way of providing refreshments during the project. This recommendation was accepted by the Local Youth Network Management Group via e-mail. (Copy available on request).

However, the Area Board felt that the sum requested was quite high for refreshment but agreed that all receipts be kept for record of expenditure.

The recommendation is therefore for £100 to be awarded to the Community Youth Officer, to be spent on refreshment during the 'Engagement Youth Project', during the summer holidays.

### Applications

**We Love Marlborough-Christmas Light Parade** – A project that will provide local young people aged 13-19 unto 25 if disabled and/or with Special Educational Needs, to create a parade at the Christmas Light Switch on.

We Love Marlborough have requested the sum of £4470.00.

**Devotion – Hangout@The Mead** – This project has being running for 3 months as a pilot and would like to continue providing this provision for young people 11 – 19 year olds based at the former Youth Centre (Youth Development Centre). The project is also recognized by the LYN as open to include vulnerable young people.

The applicant would also be providing young people the opportunity to access support which includes homework help arts and music workshops and sports activities.

The request for funding is to secure medium to long term-term funding for the rent of the venue.

The applicant has requested the sum of £897.23.

The application submitted is available on the following link:

[http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard\\_grants/yp\\_pa\\_grants\\_list.php](http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard_grants/yp_pa_grants_list.php)

## Background

1.1 Area Boards have authority to approve Youth Grants area applications as per the Leaders Guidance for Community Area Grants on positive Activities for Young People, adopted by Marlborough Area Board. Area Boards will allocate their dedicated youth funds in accordance with this guidance issued by the Leader, meeting requirements of the Constitution. These decisions will take place at the public meetings to ensure that consideration on how the Youth Grants funding is deployed is open and transparent.

1.2 Area Boards must comply with the statutory equality and safeguarding duties as well as the council's rules on contracts and procurement and the code of conduct, as well as ensuring the Community Youth Grants criteria is met. Area Boards have been delegated the responsibility to ensure positive activities for young people are secured sufficiently to improve their well-being and to ensure support from Wiltshire

Council Children's Services has been received. This support will fundamentally come from the local areas Community Youth officer so Area Boards need to be sure this resource has been offered and enabled.

1.3 The Community Youth Officer is required to provide recommendations from the Local Youth Network management group through a report submitted to the Area Board. These recommendations will be generated from the Local Youth Network management group through the use of a scoring sheet matrix of each Youth Grant

funding application. Community Area Boards must take into account these recommendations, advice and guidance.

1.4 When considering funding applications, the Area Board must ensure there is evidence that young people have participated in the decision making process. This will have been verified by the Community Youth Officer.

1.5 Area Boards must ensure that safeguarding and quality assurance standards have been met and that and must have the necessary policies and procedures in place to meet legal requirements. The Community Youth Officer will have carried out these checks on the group that has submitted an application for funding.

1.6 Applications of up to and including £5000 can be made for a Community Youth Grant and those that have sought match funding will carry more weighting.

1.7 Applications that involve and benefit groups of vulnerable young people will be given extra weighting when coming to a decision.

1.8 Applications must help meet the identified needs, priorities and outcomes for young people in the area that the Local Youth Network has provided through its community needs analysis.

1.9 Applications must be for positive activities for young people aged 13-19 (up to 25 years of age for young people with special additional needs and or disabilities and must be for new projects and or support community projects, not retrospective applications. The Community Youth Grant funding is for revenue based positive activities for young people and is ring-fenced for this purpose.

1.10 Those applying for funds must be a voluntary or community sector organisation or have a sponsor organisation. Applications may be received from a parish/town council or school or other statutory service, providing conditions of application have been met, as per criteria. Groups of young people may apply providing they have the support of a supporting/sponsor organisation.

1.11 Area Boards will not consider Community Youth Grant applications from town and parish councils or schools/other statutory bodies for purposes that relate to fund their normal services and or activities

1.12 The funding is not to replace other local funding which is used to support services and activities for young people and the Area Board is required to ensure the funding enhances and complements local provision/resources.

1.13 The Area Board will ensure that impact assessment will form a condition of any funding decision to enable monitoring of the effectiveness of positive activities. The Community Youth Officer and the Local Youth Network management group will carry this role out. This will include recipients completing and returning evaluation forms and accounts of expenditure.

1.14 The emphasis of this Community Youth Grants funding is to support the ethos of the community-led model for the provision of positive activities for young people,

which supports young people and their communities to come together to develop a local response to meet local needs. Therefore, applications that embrace and evidence this should be encouraged.

1.15 Area Boards will consider funding applications at every meeting whilst there are still funds available.

1.16 The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/communityyouthactivitiesgrants.htm>

#### Background documents used in the preparation of this report-

- Leaders guidance for Community Area Boards on Positive Activities for Young People
- Marlborough Local Youth Network Management Group notes and actions
- Positive Activities for Young People local Youth Network (LYN) Terms of Reference
- Positive Activities Toolkit for Community Area Boards

## 2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that Youth Grants awarded in the 2015/16 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.

2.2. Councillors will need to decide and be assured that young people and the community will benefit from the funding being awarded and the project/positive activity proceeding.

2.3. Councillors will need to ensure measures have been taken in relation to safeguarding children and young people.

2.4 Councillors will need to ensure that young people have been central to each stage of this Community Youth Grant funding application.

## 3. Implications

### Environmental and community implications

3.1. Area Board grants contribute to the improvement of positive leisure-time activities for young people throughout their local community and the intention will be for the awarding project to add to this. The specific project will determine the scope of this.

### Financial implications

3.2 No specific ones to report.

### Legal Implications

3.3 No specific legal implications to report.

### HR Implications

3.4 No specific implications to report

### Equality and Diversity Implications

3.5 This project is specifically aimed at and therefore open and accessible to all young people aged 13- 19 and up to age 25 for those individuals with special educational needs and or disabilities.

## 4. Recommendations

1. To recommend for the sum of £100 to be spent towards refreshment during an 'Engagement Project' ran by the Community Youth Officer for local Young People on the proviso, all receipts are kept and a report submitted.
2. The LYN Management Group met on the 19<sup>th</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 to considered applications from We Love Marlborough for the sum of £4470.00 and Devotion for the sum of £897.23

Both applications were voted on and come out at a high score – therefore it has been recommended by the Local Youth Network Management Group to award both groups with the sum requested.

The minutes from the Area Board meeting can be found on the Wiltshire Council website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards.htm> )

It was also recognized by the Local Youth Work Members that both applications were from members of the group. However, members were comfortable that the correct process were implemented and followed, by completing the relevant 'conflict of interest' records where necessary.

We love Marlborough also informed the members that following the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015, there was an amendment to their application for the sum for the Artist involved in the project, as VAT was omitted from the previous application. The amended figure now comes in at £2400, instead of the original £2,000.00.

Local Youth Network Management Group Members were informed

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