

**Report to** Malmesbury Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 31.5.17  
**Title of report** Youth Grant Funding Report

**Purpose of the Report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below together with the recommendations of the Local Youth Network (LYN) Management Group.

Applicant	Amount requested	LYN Management Group recommendation
Oaksey Youth Club	£2650	Yes
Community Mentoring and Support Service (CMAS)	£4900	Yes

**1. Background**

The recommendation from the LYN Management Group has been made in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Leaders guidance for Community Area Boards on Positive Activities for Young People
- Positive Activities for Young People local Youth Network Terms of Reference
- Positive Activities Toolkit for Community Area Boards

Young people have considered this application and identified it as a priority for Area Board funding.

**2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that Youth Grant Funding awarded in the 2017/2018 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. The application should meet the identified needs, priorities and outcomes for young people in the areas, as identified in the LYN Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan.
- 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 Youth Grant Funding application.

**3. Environmental & Community Implications**

Youth Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1. Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure
- 4.2. For 2017/18 Malmesbury Area Board Youth Funding allocation is not yet confirmed at the time of writing this report.
- 4.3. It has been assured by Steve Milton, Head of Service for the Communities Team, that a budget can be expected that will cover the grant applications in this report.
- 4.4. It is recommended that the following grants if principally supported by the Area Board at the last Area Board meeting, are awarded funds this financial year;
  - Oaksey Youth Club
  - CMAS
- 4.5. All decisions must fall within the Youth Funding allocated to Malmesbury Area Board.

#### **5. LYN Update report**

- 5.1. There are two new young representatives on the LYNMG; Ella Callus, and Oscar James.
- 5.2. The Open Blue Bus application has been deferred for reconsideration. The refurbishment of the new bus means they cannot deliver until the Autumn. The LYNMG recommendation was based on the aim for summer delivery. As such the LYNMG is waiting to re-evaluate the value of this project, within the context of a reduced budget, and the overall priority need.
- 5.3. Overall the Community Led Model currently has a good reach across the Malmesbury Community Area, and has a range of stakeholders and community partners presenting to offer services and activities to young people locally. The LYNMG is keen to increase the reach of support to villages and parishes who have not yet applied for funding. To this end there is current contact with members of Brinkworth and Luckington parish communities, exploring the possibility of weekly youth club provision.
- 5.4. Mental Health and well-being was the top priority area for young people at the Community Matters event, and will feature highly in the Malmesbury Local Youth Network Management Group's consideration in 2017/18.
- 5.5. Demand for the Youth Revenue budget is likely to be greater this year, and applicants are being encouraged to demonstrate partner contributions, and evidence of sustainability.

#### **6. Legal Implications**

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

#### **7. Human Resources Implications**

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

#### **8. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

Ensuring that Community Area Boards and LYNs fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in designing local positive activities for young people is essential to meeting the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

#### **9. Safeguarding Implications**

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children and young people. The Locality Youth Facilitator has assessed this application agreed it meets safeguarding requirements.

## 10. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 411	Miriam Nicholls	Oaksey Youth Club (Seniors)	£2650
<p><b>Project description</b> To provide a venue in Oaksey village, and surrounding area, for young people, some of whom are isolated and vulnerable teenagers, to socialise and take part in club activities provided by an experienced youth worker supported by volunteers.</p>			
<p><b>Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group</b> That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £2650</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 458	Community Mentoring and Advice Service (CMAS)	Weekly after school Drop in café provision at Malmesbury Town Hall	£4900
<p><b>Project description</b> To continue the successful youth drop in in Malmesbury Town Centre one afternoon a week from 3.30-6.00pm which caters for up to x50 young people. This project works with young people of school age mainly 13-18 after school offering a safe welcoming space. Providing refreshments, support, advice, and guidance in an informal and youth-friendly atmosphere.</p>			
<p><b>Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group</b> That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for £4900.</p>			

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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