

Report to	South West Wiltshire
Date of Meeting	07/02/2018
Title of Report	Community Youth Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the South West Wiltshire Area Board.

Application	Grant Amount
Applicant: Seeds 4 Success Project Title: Friday Night Drop-Ins	£5000.00
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£5000.00
Total amount allocated so far	£5872.00

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2017/18 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Cabinet member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2017/2018.

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

Community Youth Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

3. The applications

Applicant: Seeds 4 Success Project Title: Friday evening drop-ins	Amount Requested from Area Board: £5000.00
This application meets grant criteria 2017/18.	
Project Summary: Following the success of our peer led monthly junior youth club there has been an increase in new young people wanting to access our Friday Night Drop-In session as they reached year 7. After consultation with our older members we agreed to pilot a new Friday evening model where some peer leaders were engaged in helping to deliver	

a junior drop in session between 630 and 830pm for those in school years 7-9 and we run a senior drop in session for school years 9 and up from 830-1030pm with transport provided from across SSW.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: A range of young people from across South West Wiltshire will benefit from this project many of whom come from low income households are socially deprived have additional needs or are facing multiple challenges in their lives. During the pilot phase of this project we have seen 439 different attendances at these sessions reaching 79 different young people. We provide transport to the sessions to enable those who are isolated to access the project and we know that for some of these young people this is the only way they would be able to access these opportunities. By providing transport from across South West Wiltshire we go as far out as Wilton on alternate weeks we are enabling young people to form different friendship groups and develop new relationships. Young people learn new skills and develop socially through attending sessions and in our annual user survey 93 of young people said they had made new friends through attendance at sessions and 85 said their confidence and self-esteem had improved. Older members are encouraged to develop their leadership skills through helping out with the junior sessions this also develops them as individuals taking on additional responsibility within other sessions and the support of the charity as a whole. Since September 2017 there have been 11 older members been involved in supporting the delivery of the junior sessions increasing their confidence and developing their leadership skills. These young leaders become excellent role models for the juniors demonstrating the success of youth work and forming appropriate and positive relationships with the younger members as they are encouraged to access other aspects of Seeds4Success programme. These drop in youth work sessions are often the first point of contact for young people with Seeds4Success where they can build trusting relationships with the youth work staff and learn about the other youth work opportunities the charity offers. Through providing a safe and welcoming space young people feel relaxed and develop confidence to speak to staff and their peers about issues affecting their lives.

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