

Report to	Marlborough Area Board
Date of Meeting	16/062020
Title of Report	Community Youth Grants

## Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Marlborough Area Board.

Application	Grant Amount Requested
<b>Applicant:</b> St John's Academy, Marlborough <b>Project Title:</b> Technology for low-income families	£3,000.008

\* These awards were made via Delegated Authority in April 2020 when area boards were unable to meet.

<b>Total grant amount requested at this meeting</b>	£3,000.00
<b>Total Youth funding allocated to Marlborough Area Board 2019/20</b>	£14,842.00
<b>Total amount awarded so far, 2019/20</b>	£7,065.00
<b>Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report</b>	£8,478 (inc. £501.34 carried forward from 2018/19)

## 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 2019/2020 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**

Financial provision has been made to cover this expenditure.

**5. Legal Implications**

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

**6. Human Resources Implication**

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

**7. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

Community Area Boards and Local Youth Networks must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in designing local positive activities for young people in order to meet the Council’s Public Sector Equality Duty.

Youth Grants and Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council’s equal opportunity to receive funding towards community-based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

**8. Safeguarding Implications**

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

**9. Applications for consideration**

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3761	St John’s Academy, Marlborough	Technology for low-income families	£3,000.00
<p><b>Project Description:</b>            Under the current Covid-19 circumstances, schools closed in mid-March for all students and the schools geared up to provide learning remotely, via a number of online resources, such as Zoom or Show My Homework. Whilst schools have been supporting students to do this remote learning, they are aware that some families do not have access to the right technology to allow this. Schools have been issuing their own devices to some families but this has not gone far enough. Marlborough Area Board has chosen to support St John’s Academy to purchase more laptops that will be issued to their Pupil Premium families to get students</p>			

online, both to be able to access remote learning and also socialise with friends via social media, etc.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

During Lockdown, young people cannot leave the house to meet with friends etc, making access to social media the only way they can still socialise with friends. Schools are closed and all learning is remote, via online systems. Without access to the right form of device to do this, young people will be severely limited in what they can achieve.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board notes the payment to St John's Academy for £3,000.00 has been made via delegated authority.

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

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