

# Area Board Projects and Councillor Led Initiatives Application Form 2019/2020

**To be completed by the Wiltshire Councillor leading on the project**

Please ensure that you have read the Funding Criteria before completing this form

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS TO ENSURE THAT YOUR APPLICATION CAN BE CONSIDERED

## 1. Contact Details

Area Board Name	Melksham		
Your Name	Councillor Nick Holder		
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## 2. The project

Project Title/Name	Support to Young Carers in Melksham		
<p><b>Please tell us about the project /activity you want to organise/deliver and why?</b></p> <p><i>Important: This section is limited to 900 characters only (inclusive of spaces).</i></p>	<p>In brief, I want the money for fund an “event” for the young carers across the Melksham Area. This could be either a late Christmas party or an end of lockdown party for them. These young people have a pretty tough time in normal circumstances, but lockdown has been even worse for them as they have not been able to have much/any contact with people of their own age.</p> <p>Young Melksham has agreed to give the Canberra Centre for free and will also provide catering and some youth worker support. This may help to build new relationships between some of the young carers and the team at YM, which would be a positive outcome.</p> <p>I propose we use the funds to pay for Agency staff to cover the time duration of the event, so that the young person can relax for few hours in the knowledge that the person they care for is in good hands. I would estimate the bulk, if not all, of the £3k would be used on the Agency cover needed to allow the young carers the respite to attend the “party”. The current rate for an Agency worker comes out at about £20 per hour, so the £3k will fund 150 hours of respite care, that equates to just over 3 hours per carer. That should just about provide cover for the party idea, assuming all eligible young carers attend. Free transport to the event will be provided.</p> <p>If there is anything left over from the £3k, I would want that to be used to purchase a small gift for each of the young carers. I have also thought about reaching businesses to see if any of them are prepared to provide money for gifts.</p> <p>We will need to work with Youth Action Wiltshire to ensure we capture all of the young carers in our patch. YAW, who are contracted to Wiltshire Council to deliver services to Young Carers, report they have 48 open young carer cases in Melksham, of which 13 of these have engaged with YAW in the last 12 months and 8 are newly referred young carers who are in the process of completing action plans.</p>		
Where is this project taking place?	In the Melksham community area		
When will the project take place?	After the COVID emergency ends		
What evidence is there that this project/activity needs to take place/be funded by the area board?	40% of young carers and 59% of young adult carers say their mental health is worse since Coronavirus. 11% of young carers and 19.7% of young adult carers report an increase of 30 hours or more in the amount of time they spend caring per week. (Carers Trust, 2020)		

<b>How will the local community benefit?</b>	These young people have a pretty tough time in normal circumstances, but lockdown has been even worse for them as they have not been able to have much/any contact with people of their own age. This event will ensure that the young person can relax for few hours in the knowledge that the person they care for is in good hands.		
<b>Does this project link to a current Community Issue?</b> (if so, please give reference number as well as a brief description)	N/A		
<b>Does this project link to the Community Plan or local priorities?</b> (if so, please provide details)	It supports the COVID recovery plan for improved health and wellbeing		
<b>Is this project supported by the Local Youth Network or Community Area Transport Group?</b> (if it relates to young people or highways and transport)	N/A		
<b>What is the desired outcome/s of this project?</b> Improved mental wellbeing of young carers			
<b>Who will be responsible for managing this project?</b> Young Melksham and Youth Action Wiltshire			
<b>3. Funding</b>			
<b>What will be the total cost of the project?</b>	£ 3,000		
<b>How much funding are you applying for?</b>	£ 3,000		
<b>If you are expecting to receive any other funding for your project, please give details</b>	<b>Source of Funding</b>	<b>Amount Applied For</b>	<b>Amount Received</b>
<b>Please give the name of the organisation and bank account name (but not the number) your grant will be paid in to.</b> (N.B. We cannot pay money into an individual's bank account)	Young Melksham or Youth Action Wiltshire		
<b>4. Declaration – I confirm that...</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> The information on this form is correct and that any grant received will be spent on the activities specified  <input type="checkbox"/> Any form of licence, insurance or other approval for this project will be in place before the start of the project outlined in this application			
<b>Name:</b> Nick Holder <b>Position in organisation:</b> Wiltshire Councillor/ Melksham Without Parish Councillor		<b>Date:</b> 21 January 2021	
<b>Please return your completed application to the appropriate Area Board Locality Team (see section 3)</b>			

