

Report to	Southern Wiltshire
Date of Meeting	28/01/2021
Title of Report	Community Youth Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

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

Application	Grant Amount
Applicant: My Salisbury Project Title: Project Spark Working Title View full application	£4975.00
Applicant: Area Board Project Project Title: Rural Youth Outreach Project View full application	£5000.00
Applicant: Area Board Project Project Title: Healthy Schools Initiative	£5000.00

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2020/21 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 2020/2021.

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

<p>Applicant: My Salisbury Project Title: Project Spark Working Title</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £4975.00</p>
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2020/21.</p> <p>Project Summary:A youth community project aimed at 13-19-year-olds offering media production project workshops run during a 2 or 3-hour weekly group session with each project running over a 6 or 7-week half term. There will be 6 different skill workshops being run over the academic year during school term time. All workshop projects will assume no knowledge and teach the skills and knowledge from the ground up so all members of the group are able to perform a number of roles within the production. The workshops aim to increase communication confidence work-related soft skills media literacy and the STEM aspects of media production.</p>	
<p>Applicant: Wiltshire Council Project Title: Rural Youth Outreach Project</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £5000.00</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Area Boards in the Warminster, Amesbury, Pewsey, Tidworth, Southern Wiltshire and South West Wiltshire community areas have identified a need to increase engagement with young people in their areas, particularly in more rural areas. 2. Just over 3000 young people live in the Southern Wiltshire Community Area, and the area board has a unique way in which it offers them positive activities - commissioning a range of activity providers each year, tailored to the views of young people and their youth leaders. Currently, our parent volunteer led youth groups are engaging around 500 young people, with others (not quantified) attending other activities, i.e. scouts, guides, sport or performing arts clubs etc. Also, not quantified, is this community area's offer to young people with additional needs. In 2021, we have an ambition to run a series of Fun Days, in partnership with existing youth clubs and providers. 3. Subject to this project fully complementing and working firmly in partnership with existing youth provision in this CA, this project is needed, in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance support for young people in general, but especially for those with additional support needs • Inject a new range of initiatives and activities in a more targeted way to meet evidenced need • Offer much needed additional support to Wiltshire's existing youth providers 	

- Maximise collaborative opportunities across the different community areas, so that we learn from each other, we combine energies and resources to run bigger one off events, or a series of joint initiatives
4. We are seeking a provider who will work across all of these community areas to develop an enhanced offer of positive activities and other services aimed especially at those who are potentially at risk.
 5. The term of the project is initially for 12 months, but with a view to this being extended for a further 12-24 month period
 6. It is envisaged that the project deliverer will need an initial period of 3 months of consultation and research to ensure that the programme compliments and strengthens what already exists, addresses need, has local ownership and will make a difference.
 7. Following this research phase, the selected provider, working alongside local partners, clubs and organisations would be required to design and deliver a programme of activities in each community area. An initial research period of 3 months means that this activities phase will last 9 months.
 8. Consideration would need to be given to the fact that in a rural county such as Wiltshire, isolation and poor mental health can be hidden amongst certain vulnerable groups of young people. Evidence of local need, addressing gaps and making a tangible difference will be required.
 9. At the end of the 12 month period, a full report on the outcomes from the project will be required before Area Boards consider additional funding to continue the project for a further period of 12 – 24 months.
 10. Desired outcomes from the project are:
 - Improved level of engagement with young people in the community areas, particularly with isolated young people in rural areas
 - Increase in range of positive activities available
 - Reduced isolation of young people in rural areas
 - Identification of young people with issues i.e. mental health, educational attainment and physical health issues
 - Evidenced improvement in the above areas for those individuals identified
 - Evidence that the needs of minority groups have been addressed
 - A sustainable model is developed in collaboration with key local partners and stakeholders

Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Area Board Project	Southern Wiltshire CA - Healthy Schools Initiative	£5000.00
<p>Project Description:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To support schools in the community area start or continue the Healthy Schools Programme which actively promotes learning and healthy lifestyle choices for children, offering schools the capacity to deliver effective and sustainable interventions for all children. 2. All pupils from this community areas 15 schools will potentially benefit. This fund will enable each of the schools to draw down funding to pay for the programme and to release staff to attend the training sessions. 3. Latest data presented to the Area Board by Public Health highlighted that 25% of children in year 5 and 6 are obese and that 6% of 17yrs and over have diabetes. The most efficient and effective way of tackling this issue is through working with the schools directly. 4. Only 2 schools from this community area's 15 schools are accredited with Healthy Schools status, and a further 2 have signed up to start. 5. The Healthy Schools programme actively promotes learning and healthy lifestyle choices for children and supports a school's capacity to deliver effective and sustainable interventions for all children. 6. A secondary benefit from the area board investing in this project, is to help us form stronger and more mutually beneficial working relations with schools in this community area. 		

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