

Report to	Amesbury
Date of Meeting	18/03/2021
Title of Report	Amesbury Community Youth Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

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

Application	Grant Amount	
Applicant: Durrington Youth Services Project Title: Durrington Youth Services	£6456.25	
Applicant: Army Welfare Service - Community Support Project Title: Easter Holiday Craft Packs	£2440.00	
Applicant: Army Welfare Service - Community Support Project Title: Larkhill Summer Holiday Activity Provision	£4500.00	
Project Title: Amesbury Rural Youth project Amesbury Area Board initiative	£5,000	
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£18,396.25	

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. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2020/21.

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.

If the awards are made as requested, there will be no more money left in the Youth Activities budget for the 20/21 year with the new funding year for 21/22 set to begin on 1 April 2021.

3. The applications

<p>Applicant: Durrington Youth Services Project Title: Durrington Youth Services</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £6456.25</p>	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2020/21</p> <p>Project Summary: Durrington Youth Services provide 3 youth sessions per week for 48 weeks of the year to children and young people in the age range of 7 - 19. We provide a safe and welcoming environment for children and young people to engage in a range of activities projects and opportunities where they can develop new skills and build confidence. We build positive relationships with children and young people to provide information advice guidance and support. All sessions are designed based on children and young peoples needs and interests. We are advocates for children and young people who attend managing this service for them.</p> <p>CEM input: Durrington Youth Service has continued to provide outreach work and virtual support during the Covid-19 pandemic. The are hoping to open up to youngsters as soon as it is safe to do so. It is a much needed and well used service within the area.</p>		
<p>Applicant: Army Welfare Service - Community Support Project Title: Easter Holiday Craft Packs</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £2440.00</p>	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2020/21</p> <p>Project Summary: As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic the Army Welfare Service Community Support Team are currently unable to deliver services face-to-face. This project will help support armed forces families over the Easter period by providing activity packs to families living in and around the Larkhill amp Bulford areas. The packs aim to help keep families entertained during the Easter holiday period and are aimed at families with children and young people aged 5-17.</p> <p>CEM input: This beneficiaries of this project will also include civilian families. The application meets the grants criteria. Match funding is available. The grant from the Area Board will target the 13 – 17 age range.</p>		

<p>Applicant: Army Welfare Service - Community Support Project Title: Larkhill Summer Holiday Activity Provision</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £4500.00</p>	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2020/21 Project Summary: AWS Community Support seeks to provide a range of diverse inclusive and aspirational summer activities across the school summer holidays for military and civilian young people residing in Larkhill and the surrounding areas. These activities will primarily include outdoor opportunities and seek to positively impact young peoples mental health in areas such as confidence resilience positive relationships and well-being ready for a full return to education in September and in response to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. CEM input: This beneficiaries of this project will also include civilian families. This will be an intensive 6 week activity programme open to all and well publicised across Larkhill, Durrington and Shrewton. The application meets the grants criteria. Match funding is available. The grant from the Area Board will target the 13 – 17 age range.</p>		
<p>What is the project name?</p>	<p>Rural Youth Project</p>	
<p>What is the project?</p>	<p>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. We are seeking a provider who will work across several community areas to develop a stronger offer of positive activities and other services aimed especially at those who are potentially at risk.</p> <p>The term of the project is initially for 12 months but may be extended later</p> <p>It is envisaged that the project deliverer will need an initial period of 4 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.</p> <p>Following this research phase, the selected provider, working alongside local partners, clubs and organisations would be required to design and</p>	

	<p>deliver a programme of activities in each community area. An initial research period of 4 months means that this activities phase will last 8 months.</p> <p>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. Some evidence of local need, addressing gaps and making a difference would be required.</p> <p>At the end of the first year 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 months.</p> <p>Desired outcomes from the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved level of engagement with young people in the community areas, particularly with isolated young people in rural areas • Increase in positive activities available • Reduced isolation of young people in rural areas • Identification of young people with issues around 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 <p>A sustainable model has been developed in collaboration with key local partners and stakeholders</p>
<p>Who will benefit?</p>	<p>All young people within the community area and particularly those who are not already accessing positive activities</p>
<p>When will it take place?</p>	<p>We hope that the project will start within weeks and run for a year initially</p>
<p>What are the financial considerations?</p>	<p>6 community areas are jointly funding this project. Some including Amesbury set aside some remaining youth funding from 2019/20 to use for this project. However mainly due to the pandemic, we have not been able to start.</p>

	Normally no funding that is accrued can be carried over to the following financial year which in this case starts in April 2021. Due to the circumstances we have requested special dispensation, but this is not guaranteed. If agreed, this funding will return to the budget for 2021/22.
Recommendation	That the Amesbury Area Board makes a decision regarding putting aside £5k for the Rural Youth Project.

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