

Report to	Warminster Area Board
Date of Meeting	8 January 2015
Title of Report	Youth Activities Grants

Purpose of Report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following two applications seeking 2014 /15 Positive Activities for Young People funding.

Applicant	Project	Request
Lighthouse Youth	Lighthouse Youth Activities Project	£995
Relate Mid Wiltshire	Talkzone Counselling in Warminster	£1000

Background

- 1.1 Warminster Area Board has received the Leader's Guidance for Area Boards on Positive Activities for Young People 2014. See appendix for Leader's guidance.
- 1.2 In accordance with this guidance, Area Boards are asked to consider grant requests from community groups to provide youth activities. They are also asked to consider the recommendations of the Local Youth Network. The Local Youth Network met on 10 December and discussed the applications submitted.
- 1.3 A decision was made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.4 All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete and return an evaluation form as soon as the project or activity has been completed and this should be accompanied by receipts and invoices, as well as photographs if possible. Failure to return the evaluation requested will preclude them from being considered for any future funding from the area board. This applies to all grants made by the area board.

2 Main Considerations

- 2.1 Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2014 /15 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2 Warminster Area Board has been allocated £13,494.04 up to 31 March 2015. If both projects are funded, the youth activities fund will have a balance of £11,499.04
- 2.3 Warminster Area Board are asked to consider the recommendations made by the Local Youth Network (LYN) in section 8 below.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Community Area youth Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area for young people aged 13 – 19 years old and up to 25 for disabled young people, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Warminster Area Board.
- 4.2 If the applications are approved by the Area Board, the remaining youth activities grant allocation will be £11,499.04

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Youth Activity Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes for young people aged 13 – 19 or up to 25 with a disability.

8. Grant request detail:

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Lighthouse Youth	Lighthouse Youth Activities Group	£995

Recommendation from Local Youth Network: Approve

- 8.1.1 The Local Youth Network (LYN) has appraised the application which meets the local youth activities grants criteria for 2014 / 15 and recommend that the Area Board approves this grant.
- 8.1.2 Funding is available from the Area Board's youth activities grant allocation.
- 8.1.3 The Lighthouse Youth Group has met with many young people in Warminster who have expressed a desire to have somewhere to meet with peers of their own age where they can receive positive encouragement and support. The funding would allow the Monday club to run until the end of March. Currently they are meeting at the former Youth Development Centre but the group and the young people understand that new premises will need to be found and used when the building is no longer available for hire.
- 8.1.4 In addition, the funding would go towards a Valentine's Party (£175) and Easter festival (£245) where it is hoped up to 100 young people would benefit from each of these events.
- 8.1.5 Many of the young people come from disadvantaged backgrounds and do not have anywhere to go currently.

8.1.6 Match funding is not required as the amount requested is £995. The Lighthouse Youth provides match funding in kind through volunteer support to the young people.

8.1.7 All policies regarding safeguarding and health and safety are in place and actively adhered to, monitored and constantly evaluated.

8.2	Relate Mid Wiltshire	Talkzone Counselling in Warminster	£1000
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Recommendation from Local Youth Network: Approve

8.2.1 The Local Youth Network (LYN) has appraised the application which meets the local youth activities grants criteria for 2014 / 15 and recommend that the Area Board approves this grant.

8.2.2 Funding is available from the Area Board's youth activities grant allocation.

8.2.3 The Local Youth Network has met and understands there is a need for this type of counselling for young people aged 13 – 19 in the Warminster area. Last year, several young people had to travel to Trowbridge to receive counselling. Relate has already had approaches made from young people in Warminster who would like to take up counselling.

8.2.4 The application states "We would like to offer young people in Warminster the opportunity to access professional counselling for temporary emotional troubles impacting on their ability to engage in opportunities and enjoy life. Currently we can only offer them a service in Trowbridge. Our Young People's service is called Talk Zone and held OUTSIDE SCHOOL."

8.2.5 And also "The reason for this grant application is so that we can offer young people our counselling service in the town that they live in - we had 15 young people last year who had to travel from Warminster to Trowbridge to get our help and also 2 who couldn't come at all because of the distance and transport issues. We currently have two 13-19 year olds from Warminster on our waiting list and are aware that we would have more if we had a centre in Warminster. We spoke with young people at the Local Youth Network Fair on 3rd December who were also keen to have this service in Warminster."

8.2.6 The total project cost is £8,026 and relate are match funding £7,026 and asking for a contribution of £1,000 towards the project.

8.2.7 All policies regarding safeguarding and health and safety are in place and actively adhered to, monitored and constantly evaluated..

Documents used in the production of this report	Completed Youth Activity Grant Application forms Youth Activity Grants criteria Leader's Guidance for Community Area Boards on Positive Activities for Young People September 2014
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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