

Report to Melksham Area Board
Date of meeting 12th November 2015
Title of report Youth Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below together with the recommendations of the Local Youth Network (LYN) Management Group.

Applicant	Amount requested	LYN Management Group recommendation
109 – Genshin Kia School of Martial arts	£1930.00	£1930.00
137 – Wiltshire Youth Canoe Club	£3850.00	£3000.00
163 – Bowerhill Scout Group	£4857.40	£1594.00
194 – Young Melksham	£12350.00	£10850.00

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 2015/2016 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 had been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

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

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Ensuring that Community Area Boards and LYNs fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in designing local positive activities for young people is essential to meeting the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children and young people. The Community Youth Officer has assessed this application agreed it meets safeguarding requirements.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 109	Genshin Kia School of Martial arts	£1930.00	£1930.00
<p>Project description</p> <p>We are looking to set up a weekly self-defence aimed at 13-19 which will focus on anti-bullying, building self-esteem and helping participants to build social awareness. The aim will be to develop young leaders to facilitate the classes. The club is entirely run by volunteers and we aim to cater for a range of abilities and needs. Lots of our users would fall into the category of at risk of offending and low income</p>			
<p>Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group</p> <p>That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £1930.00, subject to the following conditions:</p> <p>The money is deployed in accordance with the grant information supplied.</p> <p>http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard_grants/yp_pa_grant_detail.php?gid=109</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
137	Wiltshire Youth Canoe Club	£7820.00	£3850.00
<p>Project description Working with local schools, Charities, Wiltshire Council and any organisations involved with young people. To target disengaged and disabled youths to become involved in kayaking at Wiltshire Youth Canoe Club</p>			
<p>Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £3000.00, subject to the following conditions:</p> <p>The funding is deployed for use on building works in order that the WYCC complies with its legal obligation under the disabilities and equalities Act's. As no hard data was supplied in relation to young people who attend the club directly from the Melksham Community Area. It was felt that if this information was supplied in future applications, then it would strengthen the clubs possibility for future funding.</p> <p>http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard_grants/yp_pa_grant_detail.php?gid=137</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 163	1 st Bowerhill Scouts	£4857.40	£4857.40
<p>Project description Bowerhill Scouts want to challenge the Young people further and open Scouting to more people. Since our first grant in 2013 numbers have grown from 50 to over 70 across the sections. To help support those with lower incomes we intend to create a Ring-Fenced bursary from which financial support can be requested from the Exec by leaders in order to provide scouting for all. We also seek funds for permit qualifications to offer new experiences and for kit for the Explorers River Avon expedition. Finally we are asking for funding to purchase a stock of branded items for fundraising</p>			
<p>Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group That some elements of the application meet the grant criteria and therefore it is approved for the amount of £1594.00, subject to the following conditions:</p>			

The figure recommended covers all the training costs applied for;

£1000.00 of the bursary request - this will be given on sight of the clubs bursary policy. Once the club can supply data on how the bursary was used the LYN MG felt that this would strengthen the clubs position for future bursary grants.

The LYN MG felt that the financial request for Kayaks and associated equipment needed further exploration Primarily:

Are there other organisations in the community groups that this equipment could be borrowed from or could an agreement be reached with WYCC on the use of their Kayaks?

Mr Whiffing will be invited to a LYN MG to discuss these questions.

http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard_grants/yp_pa_grant_detail.php?gid=163

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 194	Young Melksham	£12350.00	£12350.00
Project description Young Melksham has secured a two year lease on Canberra. Our aim is to deliver a youth work provision from the centre 2 evenings per week. Also, one evening a week in a satellite club located at Bowerhill. We will also use the centre as a base for outreach work within the parishes of Melksham Community Area. The centre also gives us the opportunity to provide holiday activities for young people due to its size and scope, as well as drop-in sessions we'll also be providing qualified counselling and delivery of separate advice sessions where young people can get target advice on employment - CV writing mock interview skills drug/alcohol and sexual health.			
Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £10850.00 , subject to the following conditions: The money is deployed in accordance with the grant information supplied. The LYN MG removed £1500.00 counselling funding, until the need and impact could be measured at the new premises. http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard_grants/yp_pa_grant_detail.php?gid=194			

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

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