

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD  
24<sup>th</sup> November 2015

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## Youth Grants Area Board funding application

### 1. Purpose of the Report

The LYN Management Group met on the 21<sup>st</sup> October and 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 to consider 5 grant applications from the following applicants to make the following recommendations to the Area Board on the applications below.

### **Applications**

#### **We Love Marlborough**

Project is based around 'Happiness'. The project which will be ran by We Love Marlborough is a professional – led three month-long weekly arts project on the theme of Happiness culminating in an exhibition or performance on the International Day of Happiness 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The young people will have the opportunity to achieve a nationally recognized Arts Award. Please check google for more details.

We Love Marlborough have requested the sum of £4600.00 towards their project.

#### **Marlborough RFC**

The junior section of the rugby club involves over 120 local boys playing rugby on a Sunday morning. The need and the willingness by both players and coaches as arisen to expand this beyond once a week. Therefore Wednesday evening training has been suggested. This would involve floodlights on the astro turf at Marlborough College to allow for around 70 players to train. This increases their access to sporting activity fitness enjoyment and team spirit. It will also allow us to promote girls rugby teams.

Marlborough RFC have requested the sum of £1050.00 towards their project

#### **Marlborough Hockey Club**

The initiative came about when a group of boys were talking to the hockey coaches about how they would like to take part in this trip to Amsterdam for elite hockey coaches which their school was running but which none of them could afford to go on. One of the boys mums suggested the boys write to the hockey club as she know of grants that the club could apply for. Four of the boys wrote a letter to the junior coach which prompted the club to put their grant application in. As the boys own idea that they should repay the club by offering coaching to the junior section which has c300 youth members from across Marlborough area aged 7 – 16 when they get back and also running a workshop for the club committee on their return explaining what they learnt on the trip.

Marlborough Hockey Club has requested the sum of £4750.00 towards sending young people on a coaching training trip.

## **Greatwood Charity**

The delivery of Greatwood Get Going programme which aims to combat the rise in unemployment amongst young people by offering a qualification in basic horse care which will enable them to progress further in the equine industry or alternatively put them onto a path of further learning. This innovative programme develops key workplace skills for NEETs who have potentially have struggled at school have been in trouble with the law. This programme offers a 1<sup>st</sup>4sport Entry Level 2 Award in assisting with Basic Care of Horses QCF.

Greatwood Charity has requested the sum of £4800.00 towards this project.

### **Marlborough Open Award Centre (Duke of Edinburgh Award)**

The Open Award Centre will give young people from the Marlborough Area opportunity to undertake the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The award scheme encourages young people to volunteer within their community undertake physical activity learn new skills and complete an expedition. The centre will be open to any young people wishing to undertake the award including those who cannot or do not want to complete the award through their school. Volunteers will help and guide the young people through the award and will provide training in preparation for the expedition section of the award scheme.

Marlborough Open Award Centre (Duke of Edinburgh Award) as requested the sum of £2500.00 towards the project.

The application submitted is available on the following link:

[http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard\\_grants/yp\\_pa\\_grants\\_list.php](http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard_grants/yp_pa_grants_list.php)

### **Background**

1.1 Area Boards have authority to approve Youth Grants area applications as per the Leaders Guidance for Community Area Grants on positive Activities for Young People, adopted by Marlborough Area Board. Area Boards will allocate their dedicated youth funds in accordance with this guidance issued by the Leader, meeting requirements of the Constitution. These decisions will take place at the public meetings to ensure that consideration on how the Youth Grants funding is deployed is open and transparent.

1.2 Area Boards must comply with the statutory equality and safeguarding duties as well as the council's rules on contracts and procurement and the code of conduct, as well as ensuring the Community Youth Grants criteria is met. Area Boards have been delegated the responsibility to ensure positive activities for young people are secured sufficiently to improve their well-being and to ensure support from Wiltshire

Council Children's Services has been received. This support will fundamentally come from the local areas Community Youth officer so Area Boards need to be sure this resource has been offered and enabled.

1.3 The Community Youth Officer is required to provide recommendations from the Local Youth Network management group through a report submitted to the Area Board. These recommendations will be generated from the Local Youth Network management group through the use of a scoring sheet matrix of each Youth Grant

funding application. Community Area Boards must take into account these recommendations, advice and guidance.

1.4 When considering funding applications, the Area Board must ensure there is evidence that young people have participated in the decision making process. This will have been verified by the Community Youth Officer.

1.5 Area Boards must ensure that safeguarding and quality assurance standards have been met and that and must have the necessary policies and procedures in place to meet legal requirements. The Community Youth Officer will have carried out these checks on the group that has submitted an application for funding.

1.6 Applications of up to and including £5000 can be made for a Community Youth Grant and those that have sought match funding will carry more weighting.

1.7 Applications that involve and benefit groups of vulnerable young people will be given extra weighting when coming to a decision.

1.8 Applications must help meet the identified needs, priorities and outcomes for young people in the area that the Local Youth Network has provided through its community needs analysis.

1.9 Applications must be for positive activities for young people aged 13-19 (up to 25 years of age for young people with special additional needs and or disabilities and must be for new projects and or support community projects, not retrospective applications. The Community Youth Grant funding is for revenue based positive activities for young people and is ring-fenced for this purpose.

1.10 Those applying for funds must be a voluntary or community sector organisation or have a sponsor organisation. Applications may be received from a parish/town council or school or other statutory service, providing conditions of application have been met, as per criteria. Groups of young people may apply providing they have the support of a supporting/sponsor organisation.

1.11 Area Boards will not consider Community Youth Grant applications from town and parish councils or schools/other statutory bodies for purposes that relate to fund their normal services and or activities

1.12 The funding is not to replace other local funding which is used to support services and activities for young people and the Area Board is required to ensure the funding enhances and complements local provision/resources.

1.13 The Area Board will ensure that impact assessment will form a condition of any funding decision to enable monitoring of the effectiveness of positive activities. The Community Youth Officer and the Local Youth Network management group will carry this role out. This will include recipients completing and returning evaluation forms and accounts of expenditure.

1.14 The emphasis of this Community Youth Grants funding is to support the ethos of the community-led model for the provision of positive activities for young people,

which supports young people and their communities to come together to develop a local response to meet local needs. Therefore, applications that embrace and evidence this should be encouraged.

1.15 Area Boards will consider funding applications at every meeting whilst there is still funds available.

1.16 The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/communityyouthactivitiesgrants.htm>

#### Background documents used in the preparation of this report-

- Leaders guidance for Community Area Boards on Positive Activities for Young People
- Marlborough Local Youth Network Management Group notes and actions
- Positive Activities for Young People local Youth Network (LYN) Terms of Reference
- Positive Activities Toolkit for Community Area Boards

## 2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that Youth Grants awarded in the 2015/16 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.

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 Community Youth Grant funding application.

## 3. Implications

### Environmental and community implications

3.1. Area Board grants contribute to the improvement of positive leisure-time activities for young people throughout their local community and the intention will be for the awarding project to add to this. The specific project will determine the scope of this.

### Financial implications

3.2 No specific ones to report.

### Legal Implications

3.3 No specific legal implications to report.

### HR Implications

3.4 No specific implications to report

### Equality and Diversity Implications

3.5 This project is specifically aimed at and therefore open and accessible to all young people aged 13- 19 and up to age 25 for those individuals with special educational needs and or disabilities.

## 4. Recommendations

To part award **we Love Marlborough project**, the sum of **£4600.00** instead of the full amount of £5000.00 that was originally requested. **Score 76/100**

To award in full **Marlborough RFC** the sum of **£1050.00** towards hiring costs. **Score 78/100**

To award in full **Marlborough Hockey Club** the sum of **£4750.00** to send young people on a coaching training trip. **Score 90/100**

To award in full **Greatwood** the sum of **£4800.00** towards their project. **Score 100/100**

To award in full to **Marlborough Open Award Centre (Duke of Edinburgh's Award)** the sum of **£2500.00** towards their project. **Score 87/100**

The minutes from the Area Board meeting can be found on the Wiltshire Council website <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards.htm> )

All 5 applicants met the criteria for providing positive activities for young people. All 5 applicants also went through a scoring process.

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