

Report to Bradford on Avon Area Board
Date of meeting 9th March 2016
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
Holt Youth Club	£5,500	Full
Bobcats – Bradford on Avon Girls Rugby Club	£5,000	Part £4,500
Bradford on Avon Air Cadets	£4,909.84	Part £4,500
Holt Skatepark Project	£3,000	Part £2,823
1 st BoA Scouts HQ	£4,500	Part £4,000

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 241 (hyper link)	Holt Youth Club	Full	£5,500
<p>Project description Broughton Gifford and Holt Youth Group is run on a weekly basis. The session runs each Wednesday evening from 7-830. The Youth Group is an open access group available to all young people aged 11-19 in the local area. The Youth group strives to provide a safe place for young people to participate in meaningful activities and informal education such as cooking sports learning about sexual health and relationships. The Youth group has been running for nearly 20 years and is greatly supported by the community in Holt. We work in partnership with Youth Action Wiltshire. Youth Action Wiltshire provides training opportunities for staff and volunteers and hold regular organised trips for the young people to learn new skills and develop socially.</p>			
<p>Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £, subject to the following conditions: All policies are up to date and seen by the Community Youth Officer Emma Coombs.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 244 (hyper link)	Bobcats – Bradford on Avon Girls Rugby Club	Part - £4,500	£5,000

Project description

In the 2014/15 season Bradford on Avon Rugby Football Club supported one of the girls fathers Chris Eke to establish a girls rugby team because his daughter would have been excluded from playing rugby at her local club after turning 13 years old by RFU regulation 15. The next nearest club in Wiltshire which has a team for a 13 year old girl is at least 30 minutes drive from Bradford on Avon. Since Chris started the Bobcats on an informal basis in 2014 the team has grown in numbers by word of mouth. Note. Please see attached quotes from the 14 year-old Bobcats about what the team means to them and what the team needs. The club would now like to find funding to stabilise and grow the Bobcats in line with a national strategy to get more women into playing rugby particularly given the national teams success in the Womens Rugby World Cup in 2014. This project would provide a legacy of equipment training and support for the girls rugby team.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £, subject to the following conditions:

All policies are up to date and seen by the Community Youth Officer Emma Coombs.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 242 (hyper link)	Bradford on Avon Air Cadets	Part - £4,500	£4,909.84

Project description

BOA ATC is a thriving youth organisation in the town open to everyone between the ages of 13 and 19. The squadron is an active member of the community engaging with residents and other volunteer organisations such as Lions and the town council. Structured activities include The Duke of Edinburgh Award and BTEC qualifications in Avionics both requiring up-to-date computers with internet access and Microsoft Office. Existing equipment is extremely dated and now prevents the squadron accessing these crucial activities. We propose the installation of a new IT suite to facilitate participation in these activities for around 30 young people.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £, subject to the following conditions:

All policies are up to date and seen by the Community Youth Officer Emma Coombs.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 210 (hyper link)	1 st BoA Scouts HQ	Part - £4,000	£4,500

Project description

To take steps to re-establish the Explorer Section which ceased due to lack of leaders and secure additional funding to assist in replacing the existing inadequate 25 year heating system in the main hall and install for the first time a heating system in the toilets entrance hall and small meeting room. The entrance hall kitchen and toilet facilities has recently undergone a major refurbishment and now needs heating to be installed as a further improvement project. Appropriate facilities will greatly assist in securing leaders to enable the group to increase its number of sections but more importantly to re-introduce an Explorer section for children aged 12-17 years. The priority of works is determined by the leaders and young children.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £, subject to the following conditions:

All polices are up to date and seen by the Community Youth Officer Emma Coombs.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 246 (hyper link)	Holt Skatepark Project	Part- £2,823	£3,000
Project description This project involves youths in planning fundraising building and using their own skatepark. Having the youth club at the heart of this project will help us to involve the youths from the beginning. The youth club is committed to equality and safeguarding. The skatepark will encourage young people and children to have fun doing a healthy outside activity. This project is all inclusive for anyone who has a skateboard scooter or rollerblades boys and girls. By mixing age groups we hope to encourage teenagers to behave positively by sharing skills with the next generation. If this project is successful it will show the need for a more permanent Skatepark.			
Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £, subject to the following conditions: All polices are up to date and seen by the Community Youth Officer Emma Coombs.			



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

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