

**Report to** Trowbridge Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 14<sup>th</sup> 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
Community First / Youth Active Wiltshire	£5000.00	The Lyn MG Group is extremely supportive of this funding application. They feel this will support the young carers of the Trowbridge community and bring additional support. The applicant supplied lots of additional information to show that young people were involved in a consultation and that is what the young people want. It shows that it meets the needs of young people and support integration. The LYN MG Group feels that this is good value for money. Full recommendation for this project. No queries or questions or concerns to be raised in reference to this funding bid.

**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
<a href="#">ID-239</a>	Community First / Youth Action Wilshire	£16,500.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project description</b></p> <p><u>Young Carer's Programme in Trowbridge</u></p> <p>We have successfully delivered our Wiltshire Young Carer's Service for 12 years. As a charity we continuously fundraise to offer young careers appropriate support because we know how fantastic these young people are and the positive difference provision can make. Last year we provided intensive support to over 250 Wiltshire Young Carer's. 87 percent felt safer in their caring roles 89 percent recorded an increase in confidence and 86 percent in the ability to work well with others following inversion. In 2015 we asked 50 young carer's to clarify the most difficult issues that they face 86 percent said they were not easily able to access after school positive activities or courses. In the financial year 2015-2016 we have a budgeted expenditure for our Wiltshire Young Carer's Service of approximately 140000. Of</p>			

this less than 5 percent of the associated income has been sourced from Wiltshire Council or statutory sources the remainder has been obtained from successful applications to grant giving trusts and foundations and our own fundraising events programme. We are submitting this application to Trowbridge LYN Management Group as we believe it matches the priorities of the Positive Activity Fund we do not have sufficient free reserves to fund the project and without gaining funding we will not be able to deliver the services outlined. We have confirmed match funding from The National Lottery Blagrove Underwood and Sainsbury Trusts of 11500 towards our total project costs. Our project directly responds to local consultation where young carer's have told us that they face issues due to their caring responsibilities with 1.Health wellbeing and safety 2.Meeting new people and having fun 3.Doing well at school 4.Doing well in the future. It is clear that Young Carer's face inequalities and additional challenges due to their caring roles. National studies carried out by The Carer's Trust show 27 percent of young carer's miss school or experience educational difficulties. 68 percent of young carer's report they have been bullied or feel isolated. Young carer's have significantly lower educational attainment at GCSE level -the equivalent to nine grades lower overall than their peers. The Audit Committee found that young carer's are more than twice as likely to become Not In Education Employment Or Training NEET as their peers. Being NEET is associated with negative outcomes later in life including unemployment reduced earnings poor health and depression. The median family income for families including a young carer's was 5000 less than families without a young carer's. Young carer's are over four times more likely to live in a household where no adults are in work. Young carer's are over twice as likely to live in households where at least one adult has a limiting disability. Our project supports Wiltshire Councils 507B statutory duty to secure for young people aged 13-19 years access to sufficient positive leisure-time activities which improve their well-being. For example we will offer respite positive activities volunteering and accredited training sessions. It also supports priorities from the JSA for Trowbridge Community Area for example supporting health and achievement of young people - key issues 3 and 4 we will include physically active respite activities healthy living activities and accreditation. It aids better provision of youth recreation as prioritised in Trowbridge Community Area Plan. We also know that there are young carer's who we wish to support through this project that are living in Studley Green and John Of Gaunt the two highest Lower Super Output Areas of Trowbridge Community Area. We have carried out extensive consultation with local young carer's to ensure our project meets their needs and have piloted all project elements with young carer's and used their recommendations to make changes where required this formative evaluation will be ongoing. There are two areas of support within our project 1. Individual Support including carer's assessment action planning mentoring and advocacy. These are required to keep young carer's safe to support young carer's to overcome the barriers that they currently face and to enable full engagement in positive activities 2. Positive activities which will be delivered at weekends and during school or college holidays including varied respite activities volunteering sessions and non -formal education. All aimed to improve confidence self-esteem and Key Skills. Each young carer's will build an action plan and select the individual support they need and positive activities that they wish to engage with. Choice for young carer's will be central to our project for example we will work with the group to design the exact content of respite sessions within an agreed budget and programme framework. We currently hold 28 active young carer's cases for young people aged 13-18 years who live in Trowbridge Community Area. We expect a minimum of 25 young carer's within this age group to engage in our project. We launched our Wiltshire Young Carer's Service twelve years ago and receive referrals from a wide range of statutory and voluntary sector organisations for example schools Social Services and Housing Associations. Young Carer's and their families can also self- refer. Our projects Young Carer's Support Worker will contact all young carer's who meet the project criteria and support them to engage. Our project will be free to access initial caring assessments action planning and reviews will take place through outreach. Transport will be provided for all mentoring respite training and volunteering sessions to aid equality of opportunity. We will hold all respite volunteering and training sessions at

weekends or during school and college holiday periods because this is when young carer's have told us they can attend. We will provide a healthy meal at all day sessions along with all required equipment and clothing. Through initial assessments action plans consent and medical forms we aim to fully understand the needs of each young carer's and we will pro-actively ensure we meet these. For example venues and activities used for respite sessions will be fully accessible for all including those with physical disabilities or Special Educational Needs or Disabilities SEND. Our accredited training courses will cater for all VARK learning styles visual aural reading and Kinesthetic. We will in partnership with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust offer a practical volunteering programme this will be based around the theme of Our Environment Our Future. Young carer's will have the opportunity to take part in taster environmental sessions for example -Biodiversity programme using practical skills to create bug or bat boxes -Moods of nature using natural resources to create community art work - Recycle with The Repair Academy. Young Carer's will then select a range of community partners to work with as they design and complete a youth led environmental social action project. Linked accreditation and training courses will be offered from a menu including our bespoke ASDAN accredited Young Carer's Safety Leadership and Environmental Awards. These are multi- level recognising individual progress and will be provided through exciting varied activities. Young carer's will learn through doing and natural evidence to achieve awards will be generated through practical respite activities and volunteering sessions for example raft building cooking music art and environmental work rather than through formal classroom learning and exams. Each young carer's who takes part in volunteering will be supported to create a VInspired account and generate evidence towards V Awards. We will also offer bite sized work relevant accredited courses linked to the young carer's chosen social action project such as HsE First Aid. Our charitable support work with young people includes all areas of Wiltshire so we are not members of any specific LYN however we are active members of Wiltshire Council led group such as the Learning and Work Partnership and Education Skills and Employment Board. We have worked closely with Wiltshire Council for many years on successful initiatives such as Wiltshire Skills 4 Success. The quality of our work with young people has been nationally recognized we have won the Health For Kids Award have been national finalists in the Children and Young Peoples Now Awards and in 2013 and in 2014 our alternative education provision received Outstanding inspection report grading following the Ofsted framework from Weston College. We are a customised ASDAN centre. A VInspired Awards approved provider. Sports Leaders UK centre and a Pearson's Approved Edexcel centre. If successful in our application we intend to use our learning from delivery and impact results to support future application to grant giving trusts and foundations.

Costs

Programme respite activities	£ 8000.00
Transport and mileage costs for people carriers and mini-buses	£ 1600.00
Consumables and healthy meals, printing and accreditations	£ 400.00
Young Carer's support workers	£ 5000.00
Management HR, admin, office costs, insurance	£ 1500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 16,500.00</b>

Community First / Youth Action Wiltshire have received £11,500.00 from the National lottery to support this project.

**Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group**

- 1) The LYN MG Group would like to make a recommendation to support this project in full. NO restrictions on the funding as all information needed for the provision have already to leave,

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

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