

Report to Trowbridge Area Board
Date of meeting 14th 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
ID-254	£11415.00	The Lyn MG Group liked this project, and liked the idea of integration between the different cultures, They did feel the costs for hiring of the Longfield centre was expensive and wanted to check whether they were getting the correct rate, and whether there were any reductions they could apply to receive. The LYN MG Group were in full support of this bid, the only element they felt was not inclusive as a positive activity for all was the Arabic Lessons which came to £4875.00, with the costs of teaching materials they felt this was more around exclusion than integration and have reduced the budget accordingly. They were surprised at the prices for the table tennis and pool tables as to whether these were brand new or hired. Depending on the feedback from the Moroccan Association the budget will be reduced by £5,675.00 , leaving an awarded budget of £5,740.00 . If the costs for the pool table and table tennis are not correct the additional costs can be included in this bid to support the new group.

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-254	The Moroccan Association	£11,415.00	£11,415.00

Project description

Trowbridge is home to the largest Moroccan community in the UK outside of London with many arriving in the 1960s in response to a call for workers in factories such as Air sprung and Bowyers. Trowbridge is also the first town in the UK to be twinned with a Muslim Arab town that of Oujda in Morocco. The initiative for the project comes from the young people of the Moroccan Community who previously had a youth club at Court Mills which unfortunately had to stop due to cuts in funding. The young people largely come from low-income families and generally have fewer opportunities to express themselves positively in the community. Their project aims to build cultural bridges between the different ethnic communities of the town by having a youth group focused on exploring and sharing culture through arts crafts media sports and education. This will empower the young people to break down cultural barriers for themselves. This is particularly pertinent at this time as many in the town identify as young Muslims and face increasing feelings of vulnerability and marginalization daily. This has been largely fueled by the media and has led to an increase in bullying inside and outside of schools. Thirty to forty young people have been involved so far by putting forward their ideas for the project at the Longfield Community Centre. Their vision is to use the space on Sunday afternoons during school term time 39 weeks per year to socialize and share culture. They would like to use the main hall as their main socialising area and are keen for this space to include table tennis equipment and a pool table as they had at the Court Mills club. This will be their space to relax and socialize in safety under the supervision of DBS checked volunteers. If possible they would also like to use this space once a month to take part in more focused sports skills and activities by working with groups such as Active Trowbridge. They would like to explore skills in football netball boxing and archery. The smaller meeting room lends itself to the quieter activities such as arts and crafts board games embroidery and Arabic language lessons run by a qualified DBS checked Arabic teacher. This is where the group will explore their different cultural heritages and work on projects together through arts and media this presents an opportunity to take part in the Art Award. They have expressed a keen interest in a film project and or presenting their work to the wider community by hosting talks or taking part in larger events. The young people also expressed they would like to get involved in some form of volunteering possibly with the older generations. This kind of outreach work increases the number of beneficiaries to the project and not just restricted to those forty participants who attend the club each week. The club will be free to attend which will make it accessible to those from low-income families the club will be supervised making it safe to vulnerable and the Longfield Community Centre caters for those with disabilities. The club will be open and inclusive of all members of the community and will be advertised as a multi-cultural youth club. There are opportunities to work with other community partners such as the multi-faith group Trowbridge Song Project and the Festival of Food which can be explored by the participants

Costs

Longfield Community Centre Costs	£ 3900.00
Arabic Teacher	£ 4875.00
Teaching Materials	£ 800.00
Art and Film activities	£ 800.00
10 sessions with Active Trowbridge	£ 540.00
Insurance	£ 50.00
Table Tennis	£ 200.00
Pool Table	£ 150.00
Total	£11415.00

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

- 1) For the costs of the Arabic Teacher and teaching materials to be removed from the budget as it was felt it does not suggest integration in the Longfield community. Amount to be removed from bid is £4875.00
- 2) To check the teaching materials are for the Arabic tuition, if not then this figure can be included in the bid. (£800.00)
- 3) To check on the costs detailed in the bid for table tennis and pool table, if amount not correct and there is storage that the bid amount can be increased to the correct value. Itemized costs to be verified to the CYO.
- 4) To show records on run-a-club on attendance to the club and to show integration within the community.
- 5) Proposed amount to be funded is £5,740.00

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

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