

Report to Amesbury Area Board
Date of meeting 26th May 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
Plain Help (Corinne Clifford)	£4,999.00	Refuse
Amesbury Youth Café (Wessex Community Action)	£13,104.00	Approve in part for £5,000.00
God Unlimited	£5,000.00	Approve
Amesbury Girls Brigade	£3,520.00	Approve

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 2016/2017 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 297	Corinne Clifford	Plain Help	£4,999.00
<p>Project description Plain Help is an Independent and approachable business where Young People can come to us for advice to help them find their potential skills for the employment we will improve their strengths and support their weaknesses and help them to engage with themselves for a better transition into adult life.</p>			
<p>Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group:</p> <p>That the application is refused for the following reasons</p> <p>The LYN Management Group does not feel the project offers the sufficient criteria of offering a positive leisure activity. The LYN group recommend that once the business is running that the applicant is welcome to submit another application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 305	Wessex Community Action	Amesbury Youth Cafe	£13,104.00
<p>Project description This is a centrally based youth drop-in cafe catering for the needs of a wide cross section of 13-19 year olds on Tuesday and Friday evenings. It takes place in the fully equipped premises at The Redworth Centre. We are building on the initial 15 months of this growing facility for young people.</p>			

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the reduced amount of £5,000 due to the limitations in the amount the LYN are able to offer and subject to the following conditions:

- 1) That Wessex Community Action provide a full evaluation of the project since the last grant was issued
- 2) Evidence of self-funding before the applicant considers a further grant
- 3) The LYN recommend that any further grants include more information such as a detailed account of finances required and what they are being spent on
- 4) The LYN recommend that WCA include information on the development aspect of the youth provision

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 249	God Unlimited	Bursary fees	£5,000.00

Project description

Gul is seeking funding to extend the amount of free places offered on the charities therapy programs and supported volunteering schemes. These places will be targeted towards young people at an economic disadvantage including those where one parent is in receipt of job seekers allowance single parent families military families where one parent is actively serving away from home and those families supporting a young person with a mental or physical disability.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £5,000, subject to the following conditions:

- That any evaluation and feedback is shared with the LYN and area board when the project is concluded.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 291	Amesbury Girls Brigade		£3520.00

Project description

1st Amesbury Girls Brigade has successfully run weekly in Amesbury for over 60 years and directly supports 75 young people aged between 5 and 18. It is one of the biggest groups in the UK and with such high attendance we are continually fundraising for new equipment insurance cover and membership fees. This year insurance cover and national membership fees were over 2000 alone. The leaders are all volunteers that have been trained by The Girls Brigade and are all DBS checked. They also stay qualified as First Aiders and attend regular Child Protection update training all in their own time. There are 4 age groups Explorers 5-8 Juniors 7-11 Seniors 10-13 and Brigaders 13. Each area of the Girls Brigade programme is designed to teach the girls independence and life skills with the girls using what they learn to achieve badges and with many of the Seniors and Brigaders working towards their Brigader Badge Duke Of Edinburgh Awards and Queens Award.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £3520.00, subject to the following conditions:

- That any evaluation and feedback is shared with the LYN and area board when the project is concluded.

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

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