

Report to Trowbridge Area Board
Date of meeting 14th July 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
Swindon American Football Team	£955.00	This funding bid has been withdrawn from the process by the applicant as they are now not able to deliver the activities at this moment in time due to their own work commitments. The LYN MG Group did assess the bid in April and felt there were some concerns with the current application which needed to be resolved before this could be put forward to the Trowbridge Area Board. The organisation is aware of these concerns and is planning on re-submitting the planned activities at a later stage with the concerns addressed in a new bid. They hope to re-submit in 2017. A full list of the concerns from the Lyn MG Group is documented in this document.

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
Grant ID: 269	Swindon American Football Team	£1910.00	£955.00
<p>Project description</p> <p>Swindon Storms constituted goals are to develop the sport of American Football in Wiltshire. It's the only NGB accredited club in the county. It is registered with Wiltshire's county sports partnership and Swindon Sports Forum. The club has a dedicated and fast growing youth development programme in Swindon. This Project will allow us to take our successful youth development formula and dramatically expand our reach into Wiltshire by setting up expansion teams in Chippenham, Trowbridge and Royal Wootton Bassett with the aim of developing a North Wiltshire League NWL to feed into the regional league we currently play in.</p> <p>(Please use the hyperlink above in blue to see the full bid and costings)</p>			
<p>Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group</p> <p>This funding bid could not be recommended by the LYN MG Group at this time due to the concerns that were raised listed below:</p>			

- 1) The first concern was the level of understanding with safeguarding and data protection for the consultation surveys submitted to the LYN. On all these forms there was confidential information of all the participants which goes outside the guidelines of basic safeguarding procedures, please explain what happened to this with an understanding of what should have happened and a basis understanding of the safeguarding processes that Swindon American football club adopt.
- 2) The surveys that were created did not suggest when the surveys happened and there is no reference to them being from Trowbridge. Please identify the process you got to apply for funding from Trowbridge LYN and where the consultation survey occurred.
- 3) The level of young people to be involved in these activities seems very limited. Please explain further the potential reach of this project (Example: Inclusion of girls, LGBT and hard to reach young people).
- 4) The application does not refer to the cost of the project to the individuals participating in this project. As there is potentially a lot of equipment needed for this activity is there any concessions or trail systems in place in case someone chooses not to continue. In Trowbridge there are pockets of deprivation is there any funding concessions for families from low income backgrounds to take part?
- 5) How will this activity is funded be promoted? At present it seems to suggest it will be running from one of the schools and could be seen as a “after school activity”, where young people may not see it as a open access provision, how will you ensure that this is not the case.
- 6) How will your club ensure that this project is inclusive of all and is there any other venue that this project / group could go to ensure the venue is not a barrier for young people (excluded young people, students from other schools etc)

Since these comments were made the founder of the organisation has given further information in regards to the above information however due to their day time role (Royal Air Force) they have been deployed away from the local area and are unable to commit to this project as a result they have withdrawn the funding application at this present time. They are planning on re-submitting a bid in the future and will take account of the concerns and issues raised from this initial bid. The earliest they are planning to apply again will be in 2017.

This information has been given as a matter of record as the person taking over the monitoring of the bids is changing from the 28th July 2016 and this gives an account of previous funding bids that have been rejected, deferred or withdrawn.

This document is to show the grant process and reasons for funding not to have been given or voted on by the Trowbridge Area Board.

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

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