

Report to Marlborough Area Board
Date of meeting 9 August 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.

To report on LYN initiative from April Area Board

Applicant	Amount requested	LYN Management Group recommendation
Aldbourn Youth Council	£5000.00	Recommended

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
(hyper link) ID 319	Aldbourn Youth Council	Youth Adventure Programme 2016/17	£5000
Project description Activities and trips for young people in Wiltshire throughout 2016/17. These opportunities will enable an enriched program of activity to take place which will be organised and delivered by young people with the support of a coordinator, youth workers, trustees and adult volunteers. Aldbourn Youth Council meet every month. The youth decide what happens and how the charity is managed. All young people who come to the meetings are involved with debate and proposals. In addition interactive displays are within The Junction and they have a new coordinator in post as of 1st June 2016 who talks to and involves young people when they visit the after school youth cafe. Last years summer program was a huge success and this project builds on that to extend throughout the year rather than over a few weeks. The Positive Activities overview for Marlborough Area wanted activities in the holidays, Saturdays evenings and after school. Community Junction activities are promoted throughout the area and all young people are made welcome and all activities made accessible. Aldbourn Youth Council are involved with the Aldbourn Community Plan 2011. Secondary Age children said Aldbourn did not have enough supervised activities. AYC's designated responsibility was to engage with young people as a result of this. The Object of the charity is to advance in life and help young people in Aldbourn Parish and surrounding villages through 1. The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare designed to improve their conditions of life. 2. Providing support and activities that develop their skills capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent mature and responsible individuals Proposed timetable of activities and breakdown of costs. Mid Aug - Splash down cost Entry - £580 Coach £550 Total £1130 Possible income from Y/P £200 End Aug - Alternative Sports day (lots of activities) - Skate Ramp - Cost £1200 Inflatable's			

£500 Total £1700

September - Horse riding £700 Possible income from Y/P £50

October H/T - Thorpe Park entry- £1120 Coach £550 Total cost £1670 Possible income from Y/P £200

February H/T - Grafitti Workshop £250

Additional information provided on request.

How will you identify who will get subsidised places?

Young people themselves can choose whether to volunteer at the centre or help with the youth program to "earn" their place on a trip or pay their £5. We also email the local Dr Surgery and secondary feeder schools to invite them to allocate a place to a young person in need who may benefit eg young carer.

How will you open the activities up to a wider group of young people?

We live in a very rural isolated area with limited bus services. Our summer program will be filtered out to all our neighbouring villages. We promote all activities through a network of contacts eg dr surgery, secondary schools, parish council, Internet social media, local websites, local press and radio. We also encourage users to "bring a friend"

Please detail the outcomes you hope to see as a result of these activities

Offering the young people a summer program will help to prevent any anti social behaviour and crime during the time when school is not open. Offering activities they would not normally be able to do because of affordability or opportunity.

The specific learning points of our summer program will be to encourage and build the following-

Research – discussion, internet searching

Independence- time management, trust building, leadership skills, budgeting, appropriate social behaviour, volunteering

Confidence building – making new friendships, trying new activities, empowering, problem solving, team building, decision making

There is also a need for these activities because they will also build the foundations for the **Developing life and employment skills – intergenerational project** which we are currently running. These activities will introduce young people to this project and the workers running it.

The project outcomes for this are:

To open up the youth club another evening a week for to expand practical, life and vocational skills and to open up passages to employment skills aided by relevant agencies. These sessions will hopefully give everyone a chance to explore lots of different careers, looking in detail at the qualifications you need, how long you need to study, the best further education establishments for each career, the equipment which gets used and much more. To reduce isolation and provide opportunities to gain life skills in the community.

Also on this journey we would like to offer the young people a chance to gain accreditation by completing ASDAN short courses in Volunteering, Healthy Living, & accreditation in Basic Food Hygiene L2 and Emergency First Aid. These sessions will also give the young people basic knowledge and skills to develop social action skills and put on some fundraising events for the

centre.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

The application meets the grant criteria 2015/16

AYC have a proven record in delivering activities for young people. The LYN members have discussed and recommended this for funding.

Positive activities are seen as a diversionary and introductory activity. Often these open days and activities are necessary to engage young people in further participation of other projects as well as build relationships with adult workers, which is necessary to identify further needs for young people.

AYC run a number of activities, including targeted work from The Junction which are detailed in the full application form.

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

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