

Report to	Amesbury
Date of Meeting	17/11/2016
Title of Report	Community Youth Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Amesbury Area Board.

Application	Grant Amount	
Applicant: BRIDGING PROJECT Project Title: Youth Services - continuing provision	£13030.00	
Applicant: Army welfare Service Project Title: Larkspace Senior Youth Club	£3993.00	
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£17023	
Total amount allocated so far	£55409	

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance.

Community Youth Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

Community Youth Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

3. The applications

Applicant: BRIDGING PROJECT Project Title: Youth Services - continuing	Amount Requested	Total cost of project

provision	from Area Board: £13,030.00	£16,030.00
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This application meets grant criteria.

Project Summary: Rebecca Lock Abbie Edwards and 2 volunteers re opened the doors of our communitys old youth centre to provide a safe and welcoming environment for young people for the first time after the closure of Wiltshire councils youth service in October 2014. We have built positive relationships with a range of young people from the surrounding areas Amesbury Larkhill, Tidworth and Bulford. Youth workers provide informal education around relevant issues to young people. We rely on young people to offer suggestions of activities during sessions as it's their youth sessions. We advocate for young people. We are still currently trying to secure premises to continue delivering youth services within our community. Wiltshire Council has given us an extension on our lease for 4 - 6 months which gives us a bit of time. In the event that we cannot secure premises then the remaining funds will be returned.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:

Our sessions benefit a range of young people currently from ages 11 - 17 we are open for ages up to 19 but have not had any attendees aged 18 and 19. We charge a small entrance fee of 50p and provide a tuck bar for the young people to purchase affordable snacks throughout the session. Since January 2016 we have raised just over 1000 in entrance fees and tuck sales. These funds go directly back to the young people and the centre through purchasing resources for activities equipment and replenishment of tuck bar snacks. Recently these funds are paying for a coach to take young people to Freedog in Swindon. We understand that different people have varying financial situations through building relationships with the young people we can identify which ones may struggle to pay an entrance fee or fund a trip which is why these funds we raise could be used to pay for a young person to participate. If a young person wants to take part they would not be excluded on the grounds of finances. We ensure that all young people can participate if they want to. From January 2016 to August 2016 we engaged with over 120 young people through doing street based youth work and youth sessions. During that period we had 97 young people registered with about 30 outstanding registration forms. These figures are published in the local Stonehenge trader October 2016. Through building positive relationships with the young people the youth workers are able to offer support and guidance for many of their issues such as dealing with grief. Eating disorders anxiety attacks self harming drug and alcohol misuse bullying relationship advice smoking and the risks and much more. As a team we offer Information advice and guidance in an informal way through discussions and activities. The Young people attending the sessions participate and engage in planning evaluation and activities. Some young people have been fantastic peer mentors to our younger members which has been very valuable to all concerned others just want to hang out in a

safe environment with their friends knowing we are here to listen and not judge. There are numerous ways in which all our young people are benefiting from the sessions its different for all. We advertise local events so that young people can get involved within their community. We have had young people engage in Splash Drama activity day and many of our young people attend the Bluez Discos. We are meeting the needs of young people in our community area and the local priorities by providing and advertising positive activities that the young people are engaging in. Our local community has also been supporting our youth service The local community church helped pay for the fire extinguishers to be safety checked and refilled in January. The Durrington Vehicle show donated 100 to the young people which will go towards purchasing Xbox games and a controller. I have been in touch with Tesco regarded their fruit initiative so we can provide free fruit to young people but mainly targeting poorer families plus promoting healthy eating. Without the continued support from all funding sources volunteers local town council and the LYN we cannot provide our service to young people we all play a part.

I Rebecca Lock have completed online safeguarding and child protection courses via Wiltshire pathways and educare. I am the named safeguarding officer for the youth sessions. All concerns in relation to child protection safeguarding will be recorded and reported where necessary. All staff are informed of the importance of safeguarding and are provided with information and support to undertake the training online. A flowchart of what to do if you suspect abuse is on display and updated regularly. All members of staff volunteers are DBS checked before working directly with young people. A record is kept on file of their DBS. All computers will be in the main room so that staff can monitor use. Blocks will be activated to prevent certain sites being accessed although this is not yet necessary as the computers are not in use and we do not have internet access in the building. Informal educational discussions around online safety will be carried out. We have numerous policies and procedures in place to ensure the safety and well being of all within the provisions we provide. In addition to the policies and procedures outlined below we also have code of conduct policy information sharing risk assessment and first aid this is not an exhausted list.

This application has been considered by the LYN on 2nd November. They recommend full funding to the area board with the condition that if future premises are not secured beyond the current lease of 6 months all unspent funds are returned.

Applicant: Army Welfare Service Project Title: Larkspace Senior Youth Club	Amount Requested from Area Board: £3,993.00	Total cost of project £7,891.00
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This application meets grant criteria.

Project Summary: The Army Welfare Service AWS have recently appointed a Community Support Development Worker CSDW at Larkhill. As this post has been vacant for 18 months there is no provision currently running. A new offer to children and young people will commence from January 2017 and include groups for Tiddlers 5-7 years and Juniors 8-12 years. This Application is to fund a youth worker to lead on the delivery of a weekly open access youth night an eight-week Young Womens project and contribution to equipment costs.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:

Larkhill does not currently provide any open youth service provision. The places to go and things to do request by the 13-19 year olds in Wiltshire has long been a theme of young peoples expressed need and is reflected in the Area Needs Assessment undertaken by the Amesbury Community Officers for Wiltshire Council early in 2015. Although young people have not been directly involved in the Larkspace developments to date the CSDW will be working to establish a Youth Advisory Group as soon as possible to inform and participate in the future development of youth services for their area. How many young people will benefit. The opening offer to children and young people will be accessible to a total of 76 individuals with an anticipated 30 of them being within the 13-19 age range. How will your project be accessible and affordable. Larkspace will be open for visits and registrations required for 5-12 year Groups and enquiries from 1st December 2016. The project will be launched and advertised with local impact. The CSDW will connect with local primary and secondary schools as well as utilising BFBS radio and community websites. On a physical level the building has full disabled access. The Monday evening Senior Youth Club is currently the only Open Access session planned i.e. is open to all young people living in the local community and not confined to children of Army families. There will be a nominal attendance charge and access to affordable food and drink will be available. The Young Women's project that is also included in this Application will be a targeted 8 week project working in collaboration with the school and health visitors for referrals. This bid includes the direct delivery hours as well as an additional 3 hours each week for administration and follow up on any support issues that may arise. How will you encourage volunteering and community involvement? Larkspace will operate a Community Credits scheme providing opportunities for young people to volunteer their time and receive Credits in return for work undertaken for the benefit of the community. These Credits will be exchangeable for training and life path opportunities. The AWS actively promotes the involvement of adult volunteers in their youth provision providing training and ongoing skills development opportunities. They operate under a comprehensive Equal Opportunity and Volunteer policy and guidelines and will provide additional support to volunteers beyond that given by the CSDW. How will you work with Community Partners. The Community Credits scheme will provide opportunities for young people and Volunteers to practically engage with local partners businesses and

services. The CSDW will be able to signpost young people to existing youth provision in the locality and possibly look to provide transport if that is a barrier to access.

All volunteers the CSDW and JB Youth staff have enhanced DBS clearance and access and support to attend regular Safeguarding Training provided by the AWS. Young people are unlikely to access any online facilities provided the club although if this changes there will be an Internet safety awareness session for all staff and young people attending.

The AWS complete feedback from participants and workers at the end of every session as standard practice. Methods and quantity of areas for questioning will vary from week to week and along with measurable outcomes such as numbers attending Community Credits issued and feedback from community partners. There will be clear and robust monitoring and evaluation on an ongoing basis.

This application has been considered by the LYN on 2nd November. They recommend full funding to the area board with the condition that if the project does not proceed all funds are returned to the area board.

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