

Report to Devizes Area Board
Date of meeting 21st November 2016
Title of report Youth Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding and procurement listed below together with the recommendations of the Local Youth Network (LYN) Management Group.

Grant Applications

Applicant	Amount requested	LYN Management Group recommendation
Bromham Youth Club	£4514	Recommended with additional £486-£5000
Devizes Youthy	£4998	Recommended with additional £500-£5498
Lavington School	£6103	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
- Procurement Policies and Guidelines <http://thewire.wiltshire.council/index/service-areas-carolyn-godfrey/business-services-procurement/procurement-policies-and-guidance.htm>

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.

2.5. Councillors will need to be satisfied that procurement policies and guidelines have been adhered to.

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

8.1 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.

8.2 Wiltshire Council has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place; through its' procurement process, to safeguard children and young people. However, the Area Board needs to be satisfied that the providers being procured have everything necessary in place. The Community Youth Officer has assessed this and agreed providers meet safeguarding requirements.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Bromham youth club	Bromham Youth Club	Bromham Youth Club	£4514
<p>Project description A one evening per week youth club for those aged 13-18 from the Bromham community area along with their friends and peers. Also for those up to age 25 with additional needs and disabilities. Will welcome those aged 11-12 from years 7 and 8 too but they will be the minority as we understand funding is in the main for 13-19s. Club will enable young people to socialise take part in new activities that include themed youth sessions educational workshops and trips away. The funding requested is to enable the club to run weekly. It represents wages, hall hire, insurance and safeguarding.</p>			
<p>Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount £4514 with an additional £486 to make the full grant £5000</p>			

During the LYN meeting discussions over equity between 2 groups both asking for money for trips were discussed, in this instance it led to an increase in both grants to reflect this.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Devizes Youthy	Devizes Youthy	Devizes youth club	£4998

Project description

The Club now has an average of twenty young lively people per week. The leadership team consists of one part-time paid leader three voluntary youth workers and three young mentors. We are experimenting with a variety of activities and the members seem to love it. Planning sessions and preparing the team is key to the success of all this and the role the paid leader is crucial. The ongoing use of Southbroom Centre is also important as this provides a stable base for the Club. The forthcoming period of consolidation April 2017 - March 2018 should now help members to grow in maturity and take on more responsibilities

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount £4998 with an additional £500 to make the full grant £5498

During the LYN meeting discussions over equity between 2 groups both asking for money for trips were discussed, in this instance it led to an increase in both grants to reflect this.

In this instance this brings the grant over the regular £5000 maximum. This is in place except for exceptional circumstances. The LYN chairman felt that this case represented an exceptional circumstance in order to be equitable and fair between groups.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Lavington School	Lavington School	3 Peaks challenge	£6103.75

Project description

A project to offer Year 10 students and staff at Lavington School and members of the community the opportunity to train, fundraise and volunteer in the community in preparation to complete the Three Peaks Challenge in May 2017 as a team. It is expected 50 young people and an additional 15 adults will take part in this challenge.

The 3 peaks challenge is to complete the 3 highest peaks in the UK in 24 hours. Young people will be able to use the whole project as part of a D of E award if they wish.

There will be opportunities for young people to earn more money towards their contribution through school volunteering so that no young person is excluded because of cost.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount £6103.75

This grant is above the normal £5000 maximum. It was felt by the LYN group and the Chairman of the LYN that this was an excellent project and that the additional £103.75 was necessary to the project delivery.

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