

Report to Marlborough Area Board
Date of meeting 24th January 2017
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
Savernake Adventure Scouts	£3457	Recommended for £3457
Savernake Adventure Scouts	£1000	Recommended for £1000
St John's School	£4000	Recommended for £3500
Innov8 Sportz CiC	£4049.98	Recommended for £3449.98

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
Explorer Scouts Equipment	Savernake Explorer Scouts	Camping Equipment	£3457
Project description The recently re-started Savernake Explorer Scout Unit is an expanding group for young people aged 14-17 and is run by a new team of volunteer Scout leaders. Whilst most well established Scout groups have premises, facilities and a large inventory of camping equipment this new group has been started with very limited resources. They hope to be able to provide their young people with outdoor experiences as well as be able to fund additional minibus driver training for the volunteer leaders through this funding. This will also allow them to increase the number of young people able to join the unit as they have a waiting list which is predicted to increase unless provision expands. The quality and frequency of outdoor and adventurous activity provision will be improved and the range of developmental opportunities will similarly increase. Over time they anticipate that subscription fees and fundraising from the young people directly will enable them to renew and replace broken or old equipment but as a new group they request this funding to get their group started. They are asking for a range of equipment from tents and gas cookers to event shelters and Midas minibus training so their leaders can take them out to expeditions with less cost incurred from hiring minibus drivers.			

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount £3457.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Scouts Tanzania trip	Savernake Explorer Scouts	Tanzania Trip	£1000

Project description

In addition to the above funding proposal four Explorer Scouts from Marlborough were selected to take part in an expedition with Hampshire Scouts. Around 120 young people and adults will be going to Tanzania in summer 2017 to undertake community building projects in rural communities. To ensure that the building projects benefit the local communities each participant must raise their travel, food and accommodation costs and a share of the project costs also. The four young people will gain independence, confidence, team-working skills and a host of other important life skills during this month long expedition and will also make a difference to life chances in rural Tanzanian communities. On their return these young people will provide a number of presentations to peers and other community groups aiming to inspire other young people to broaden their horizons and inform the community. The total cost these young people are hoping to raise is £14'000

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

This application to be recommended based on the presentation from the young people about the benefits of their presentations when they arrive back and how they have benefitted from similar presentations.

The LYN recommend this on the condition that the young people present to the Area Board, St John's school and a wide range of their peer groups, including youth groups in the LYN network. The area board would like to see a presentation at the May area board before they go to share how their training weekends have gone and how they have moved forward with their fundraising and include further details of the projects they will be taking part in. Including a plan for the presentations they will be doing on their return

When they return, the area board would like to see a presentation of their trip.

The LYN acknowledge that there are many overseas projects that young people from Marlborough could take part in. The granting of funds for this application does not set a precedent for all overseas projects, and any future applications will be considered on their own merits; the emphasis being on the benefit to the Marlborough Community Area

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Attack Anxiety	St John's School	Attack Anxiety	£4000

Project description

St John's see a high level of anxiety and panic attacks exhibited in their students. There is not the time or resources to address these needs in school currently and the students affected do not meet any thresholds for outside agencies. St John's students have asked for help with mental health in a recent survey of students.

St John's propose to provide a weekly Mindfulness session. Students will be referred by staff but they will also be able to self-refer. These sessions will teach techniques and exercises to calm the mind and bring a level of self awareness so the students can manage their own stress and anxiety. The school will also make available one hour a week with the practitioner for one to one work.

The project will be monitored with the students, looking at their wellbeing. The school will also be measuring their referrals to CAMHS (child and adolescent mental health service- NHS) and support visits to the medical room in the hope they will see a reduction.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

This application meets the grant criteria for 2016/17

The LYN felt that there should be more work done to integrate this work into the school's own budget over time. Including other schools in the academy trust.

It was felt by the area board members that a research and evaluation element, agreed by the locality youth facilitator, should be added into the project plan.

Therefore the LYN recommend funding this project for the remainder of the academic year as a pilot project. This would come to a total of £3500 to include £3000 to deliver three courses, and £500 allocated for evaluation.

Recommended for £3500

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Sports Leaders	Innov8 Sportz CiC	Sports Leaders	£4049.98
<p>Project description</p> <p>Innov8 Sportz recognise that young people often become disengaged with sport when they reach a certain level or find there are not opportunities to progress different life skills and leadership. The sports leaders course and a range of inter school festivals and events were previously organised by St Johns school. These have ceased to run. Innov8 sportz would like to offer a level 1 sports leaders award to 30 young people as a first stage in creating a system to support young coaches emerging from sports. These courses will give the learners the opportunity to learn about the coaching industry and begin to understand the roles and responsibilities of being a coach with a recognised accreditation, it is a multi-sport qualification so any young person in any sport can take part. In order to provide this, Innov8 Sportz need to become an accredited centre by training 4 of their coaches in the course delivery. After the Young leaders have completed and passed the course Innov8 Sportz CiC will continue to support them in their development through offering hands-on coaching experience and supporting the sourcing and undertaking of coaching opportunities within their area. This will be done through a support network of coaches currently working at Innov8 Sportz CiC. These may include one-off sessions in local primary schools or sports clubs supporting school sports festivals or multi-sports days or through the creation of new activities. The emphasis following the initial course delivery will be put on giving young leaders the opportunities to develop as a coach and expand the life-skills that were introduced during the Sports Leaders course. This support element is not included in the funding application and so is a contribution from Innov8 Sportz CiC. Over 2 years they expect to see 90 young people go through the course. Young people have been asking for this course and Innov8 have looked into supporting young people in accessing other courses, this would cost each individual young person £300. This course will</p>			

be offered for free to young people.

Innov8 Sportz CiC have agreed to donate 20 hours of their coaching time off their application to reflect the contribution towards them becoming an accredited centre. They will also finance any costs of hiring space to run the course.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

The LYN recommend this application meets the criteria for funding and recommend to approve it for £3449.98 to reflect the offer from Innov8 to donate 20 hours of delivery.

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