

Report to	Amesbury
Date of Meeting	02/03/2017
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	Total cost of project
Applicant: BRIDGING PROJECT Project Title: Bridging Project	£3,290.00	£4,290.00
Applicant: Shrewton Youth Club Project Title: Shrewton Youth Club 2017	£4,480.00	£6,100.00

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2014/15 year 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 by the Cabinet member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2014/2015.

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: Bridging Project	Amount Requested	Total cost £4,290.00
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	from Area Board: £3,290.00	
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This application meets grant criteria

Project Summary: The Bridging Project is targeted youth sessions for young people aged between 13-25 with disabilities. These projects were run by Wiltshire Council and at the end of Wiltshire Councils Youth Service I sought to continue the running of these sessions. We provide a safe and welcoming environment where young people are encouraged to engage in discussions and activities offering them opportunities of ownership to their youth sessions. We promote and build positive relations between young people and adults.

The Bridging Project is a continued project established by Wiltshire Council which I continued in Durrington at the end of the youth service. As we are now delivering a Community Led Model this group works with this model well. We have a range of people who support and are actively involved in this project such as ex Wiltshire council youth workers Durrington Town Council Local Community Church 2 volunteer parents and young people. We work together with different roles to deliver youth sessions. We advertise other events and services that would benefit the young people and people involved with this project. Young people and their parent/carer have been actively involved in these sessions. We engage with young people about what they want and how we can improve via group discussions planning sessions and the evaluation forms. We provide a safe and welcoming environment with session activities such as arts and crafts fortnightly games night cooking quizzes group work activities and much more. Activities provided are based on what young people tell us they want to do. The Bridging project is targeted youth sessions for young people aged 13 - 25 with a range of disabilities. We are a very small group with a regular number of 3 young people in attendance on a weekly basis. Our other members 5 attend irregular sessions and we have said a fond farewell to 4 of our members as they have now moved on. Due to our low numbers we are currently in discussions about lowering the age group to meet the needs for more young people. As I currently manage another youth session for ages 7 - 11 and have some young people attending those sessions which would benefit from attending this group from aged 11. This would be a good continuation of a youth services for young people with disabilities it works well in the other youth sessions I manage. We have recently welcomed a peer mentor into the group from the Thursday generic youth session I manage. This is currently working well and has brought the group closer together building relationships between new and old members. The sessions are just 50p entry to ensure it's affordable to all. A snack bar is provided with an array of snacks but also kept affordable. Thanks to funding grants we can ensure these prices are kept low. All funds raised are put back into the centre with purchasing resources equipment and replenishing stock which is reflected in the amounts outlined below.

Safeguarding; Safeguarding is of high priority within all work with children

and young people. When we open the doors to welcome young people in we have a responsibility to ensure their safe as are we for them. Which is why all members of staff are DBS checked we are registered on the DBS update service with staff paying an annual fee to ensure ongoing safety and made aware of boundaries policies and procedures and how to deal with any concerns. Staff are required to undertake child protection and safeguarding training. I Rebecca Lock am overall responsible for any safeguarding issues with staff and young people and ensuring all policies and procedures are reviewed annually. I have completed a level 3 in safeguarding and maintain refresher courses to ensure I am knowledgeable in delivering this within my roles and responsibilities. We do not have internet access within the building we deliver youth sessions from. Informal discussions are had with young people to make them aware of the risks and how to stay safe when online.

Monitoring; Every session delivered is evaluated meeting the every child matters outcomes. Outlined on each evaluation sheet it evidences what was delivered any changes required and future plans. Attached to each evaluation sheet is a register which tells us who attended their age and some additional stats recorded in figures only such as Contacts participants of ethnic minority disabled young people males and females. This gives us an overview of the needs we are meeting. I also use the RunAclub site as a tool to monitor progression which is a valuable tool for many aspects of the youth sessions I manage on behalf of young people. This information also enables us to see how well or not so well the sessions are developing. Currently are numbers have become low again through natural progression of young people and we are currently in discussions as to how to increase these as outlined above.

Recommendations from LYN:

Amesbury LYN considered this funding on 08/02/2017 and recommends the funding of £3,290.00 with the condition that if the project does not find alternative premises they return any under spend to the area board.

<p>Applicant: Shrewton Youth Club Project Title: Shrewton Youth Club 2017</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £4,480.00</p>	<p>Total cost £6,100.00</p>
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This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

Project Summary: The Club requires a grant to support the professional leader and activities over 2017. The young people have been engaged in the process of building the programme and it includes activities that will enable fundraising by them. The programme includes exciting volunteer led work and local professionals retaining a quality of delivery that will be appreciated and enjoyed.

The project continues the local need for Community Youth Support. The Young People assisted in the building of the programme. The anticipated growth of the club will be to approximately 40 however we will invite other nearby clubs and community partners to join with us on some activities growing the beneficiaries. Club fees are low and with the grant will be able to ensure nobody is excluded because of cost. The Youth Leader is supported by a volunteer group and committee as well as volunteer activities leaders. We have no barriers apart from retaining the membership ages of between 11 and 16.

Safeguarding: We have safeguarding policies in place and all staff and volunteers are DBS checked and briefed. The Management Committee is ultimately responsible working through the Youth Leader.

Monitoring: The project is successful when Feedback from the Young People is positive Membership grows Additional Fundraising is achieved

Recommendations from LYN: Amesbury LYN considered this funding on 08/02/2017 and recommend the funding of £4,480.00

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