

Report to	Amesbury
Date of Meeting	18/01/2018
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
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£2,500	£40,000.00

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2017/18 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.

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: God Unlimited Project Title: Gul Young Peoples Bursaries 2018	Amount Requested from Area Board: £2,500.00	Total cost of project £40,000.00
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This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

Project Summary: In 2017 Gul provided over 20,000 hours of output at its riverside centre. In the Academic year 2017/18, the charity has seen demand for its services rise further still. Several young people who attend Gul would be able to do so more regularly and derive greater benefit if they were able to access funding to allow them to attend more often. A lack of statutory funding precludes this and Gul's limited ability to provide free places has long been oversubscribed. To overcome this Gul is seeking to provide bursary funds for young people to attend Gul's services.

The projects at Gul aim is to engage young people with the outdoors. In doing so the charity aims to increase the confidence self-awareness and abilities of all beneficiaries who attend and enable individuals to better engage their local community through the provision of physical and emotional therapies work experience and volunteering. Gul is open to people of all ages and abilities including all forms of disability and disadvantage we advertise widely using a variety of methods and host several open events each year to encourage wider inclusion. In 2017 Gul has received the support of Wiltshire community foundation to increase participation from young volunteers. Gul is aware of the needs of our beneficiaries through regular consultation with them and relevant agencies and designs its output to meet their needs taking into account these conversations while using its professional judgement to ensure the charity is meeting statutory responsibilities. Since its foundation Gul has always sought to keep the cost of its activities to a minimum the charity in 2017 provided over 1600 hours of free service provision at face value this would be worth 40000 the charity however is unable to provide more free spaces and there is still significant demand for funded provision. Gul is seeking to provide a bursary allowing individuals to access activities free of charge. It is expected that the 2500 requested in this application will enable 100 free sessions to be provided the average length of attendance at Gul is 1 term to one academic year by using the bursary to match fund statutory funding Gul can enable 16 individuals to attend for one complete term. To ensure the charity is embedded in its local community and beyond Gul currently employs 14 local individuals all of whom volunteer their time in the local community the charity also has approximately 30 regular volunteers and are actively seeking more. As an organisation Gul engages regularly with over 25 local schools colleges and universities including both local secondary schools. Members of staff at Gul participate with the local youth network and community engagement managers to ensure we are meeting the needs

of the area as well as attending many of the participation events across county such as the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council Shrewton Shine and LYN meetings. In the last 24 months Gul has worked hard to build partnerships locally and regionally and now works regularly with partners in business Tesco's Downes Transport Ltd Mace construction Education such as Southampton university as well as statutory partners such as Wiltshire Hampshire Dorset and Oxford councils and local health services.

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

Gul currently records how many of its hours are provided free of charge we will know the project has been a success when we are able to have distributed all of the bursary funds and seen an increase in free provision. Over the year this will mean an additional 100 hours of provision.

Recommendations from LYN 10/01/2018

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