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Report to Marlborough Area Board
Date of meeting 15th May 2018
Title of report Youth Grant Funding

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

Applicant	Amount requested	LYN Management Group recommendation
Marlborough Area Development Trust	£2990.00	

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

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 2018/2019 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.

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
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.

9.   Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
(hyper link) Maker Spaces application	Marlborough Area Development Trust	Digital Makers	£2990.00

Project description

The Marlborough area now has a start-up set of facilities that support and encourage Digital Making. Digital Making is part of a rapidly growing worldwide Maker movement that the educational establishment now recognises as supporting STEM learning as well as many other disciplines by providing opportunities for students to design - create - experiment and explore. Exploring and understanding at a real working level a range of digital technologies also prepares students for the rapidly changing work place and generally for a world that is being driven by many new technologies.

A lunch-time club at St John's School established in September 2017 and various workshops/demonstrations and larger scale all day public events - so called Raspberry Jams – were held in Marlborough Town Hall.

Further equipment and support resources are required to scale the activities to an adequate level and to enable them to be run efficiently and sustainably.

The additional equipment and support resources fall into four distinct areas:
1 - upgrading the equipment, shared between the St John's School club and the larger scale public events, to use the integrated screen/power supply assemblies (pi-topCEEDs) that were originally sourced just for the smaller scale ad hoc workshop activities. The original funding was minimised by using St John's existing screens at the lunch-time club, but this has proved exceptionally time consuming since disconnecting the St John's screens, connecting them to the club equipment and then reconnecting them into the St John's network takes 3 times as long as the lunchtime club session itself.
2 - providing some more work area set ups since at times the existing equipment, particularly at the St John's club, is fully used with users having to share equipment.
3 - providing a central management system, that has recently become possible, so that each of the work areas' systems can be updated/upgraded remotely from a central server which will save a considerable amount of time as well as improving the system maintenance quality. The central management system will also provide the capability for individual users to save their work so that it can be continued from session to session.

4 - development of further demonstration projects and communication programmes that will encourage more participation and inspire members of the community/students to start projects of their own.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group
The application meets the grant criteria 2018/19

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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