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Report to	South West Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	11 April 2012
Title of Report	Funding for Young People in the South West Wiltshire Community Area

Purpose of Report

For Councillors to consider 1 application seeking funding for youth projects from South West Wiltshire Area Board.

Applicant	Brief description of Project	Amount
Wilton Explorer Scouts	Equipment for outdoor scouting recreational activities	£1,000

Background

1.1 South West Wiltshire Area Board had £11,743.64 from the 2011/12 budget for funding youth projects across the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton Community Areas.

1.2 The criteria for applications is set out below:

- Groups of young people up to the age of 21 are eligible to apply.
- A group must be a minimum of 3 young people.
- Groups can apply for up to £1000 to take part in activities, buy equipment or other project costs; grants for more than £1000 will be considered on a case by case basis.
- The project ideas should come from young people themselves and they should be actively involved in the planning.
- The project should have a 'supporter' to help and hold funds for the project (e.g. youth worker, school, parish councillor).
- The project should show benefits for young people in at least one of the following areas:

  ➤ Leading healthier lifestyles / keeping physically healthy.
  ➤ Learning new skills.
  ➤ Enjoying recreation and leisure.
  ➤ Making a positive contribution.
  ➤ Access to transport or other services.
  ➤ Challenging bullying or discrimination.

- Young people should have help to present their ideas to the Area Board.
- Young people should develop ideas for how they will know their project has been successful.
- Young people should be actively involved working out the project costs and benefits.

1.3 Young people, with assistance as required, presented their youth project to the Area Board during the Area Board meeting on 22 March 2012 in the form of a 3 minute presentation. A representative from Wilton Explorer Scouts did not attend on 22 March 2012, therefore an opportunity is being provided at the Area Board meeting on 11 April 2012 for this application to be heard.

1.4 A total of 14 groups were awarded funding at the Area Board meeting on 22 March 2012, with a total amount of **£11,270.50** allocated by the Area Board. **£473.14** of youth project funding for 2011/12 remains unallocated at the time of this report.

1.5 All awards are subject to quotes / estimates being provided as financial evidence; one quote is required for each element of the project.

1.6 All awards will be subject to a suitable 'supporter' being in place to hold funds for the project and confirm that any necessary safeguards are in place. The supporter will ensure that funds are spent as outlined within applications and any unspent funds are returned within 3 months of the project starting. The supporter will confirm the project has run and will provide a simple account summary detailing how funds were used within 3 months of the project starting.

The project application is summarised below:

Wilton Explorer Scouts
- The project is to buy equipment for outdoor scouting recreational activities such as camping, cooking, Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.
- The group consists of 9 young people.
- The amount applied for is £1,000.
- The project aims to enable members of the group to do more to work towards their badge awards.
- The group is a mixed unit of boys and girls, and aims to involve more young people through a wider possibility of activities. At present the group do not have enough equipment to run a camp without borrowing from other groups.

Recommendation:

1) **To consider and approve funding as set out above.**
2) **To delegate responsibility to the Community Area Manager, Stephen Harris, to ensure funds are only released once all financial evidence has been received and a suitable 'supporter' is in place for each project, as agreed by the Chairman.**

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