

Report to Trowbridge Area Board
Date of meeting 25th August 2015
Title of report Youth Grant Funding – Recommendations from the Lyn MG Group

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
LYN MG Group – To support Training for existing and new groups in the Trowbridge Area	£310.00	Full recommendations from the whole group to support this training course delivered by the Community Youth Officer and colleagues in the West Hub. To increase the knowledge of Youth Work and to ensure all volunteers or workers are providing positive activities to young people and ensuring safeguarding procedures. The training will be directed at young people as well who wish to build a career in youth work.
XXX	£££	
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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 Toolkit for Community Area Boards
- To support the Needs Assessment and working with the Community Youth Officer to gain a better understanding of the needs of the young people.

2. Main Considerations

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 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.
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.

3. Report for Funding

A training programme has been designed to support new and existing groups in all the areas of Wiltshire to ensure that the true value of Youth Work is being delivered and understood by the volunteers starting these groups. The course would be delivered by the Community Youth Officers (CYO) in each of the areas, if a need is shown. At the recent networking event held by the Trowbridge CYO there was a definite need and desire to gain further knowledge of interventions with young people. The training course will be delivered in 5 evening sessions of 3 hours. It will include safeguarding protocol, dealing with challenging young people, interventions and sharing good practice and tools that can be used to engage and empower young people.

The course has the potential of being a stepping stone for young people and workers to build a career in youth work and move forward in their educational needs. Listed below are the costs for hiring a room for the training course for the five sessions, refreshments for the entire training and resources needed to deliver the training. The Trowbridge CYO will be working with colleagues and the Youth Work apprentice to build on his knowledge.

Equipment	Costs
Hire of Meeting rooms for the Training course – West Ashton Village Hall – 5 x 3 hour sessions (£8.00 per hour)	120.00
Refreshments – Tea, coffee, pre-packed biscuits, sugar and Milk	40.00
Resources for the Training Course (flip Chart paper, pens, note pads, paper, markers, activities resources)	150.00
Total	310.00

4. Recommendations

The LYN MG Group are asking for the Trowbridge Area Board to approve this funding for this provision to the Trowbridge Community.