

Agenda Item 14

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Report

Subject : Community Fund for Young People
Report to : The Cabinet
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Cabinet Member : Leader and Deputy Leader

1. Report Summary:

To present to the Cabinet recommendations for Members to consider for awarding the Community Grant budget.

2. Background:

- A one off community fund of £50,000 was set up by the council to provide better and more accessible activities for young people in deprived and rural areas of the district, offering young people access to activities they would not otherwise have. Proposals were sought which would make a real difference to the lives of young people, by stimulating and involving them, and making a significant impact on deprived areas, rural or urban.
- The Criteria for applying was:
 - Applications should be for a minimum of £5,000 and up to a maximum of £50,000
 - Applications from established groups/organisations working in South Wiltshire demonstrating a track record in project management and having rigorous financial systems in place
 - Projects must be completed by March 2009
- In addition to the above, that applications demonstrating partnership working were encouraged.
- Applications were assessed on ten points:
 1. Applicant demonstrates a track record in project management
 2. Applicant has rigorous financial systems in place
 3. The activity is additional to the applicants current provision
 4. Applicant has demonstrated the need for the activity they are applying for
 5. Applicant has demonstrated that young people would be involved in the process of setting up the activity
 6. The applicant is offering accessible activity for young people in deprived and/or rural areas of the district that they would not otherwise have access to



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8. The applicant demonstrates how the activity would benefit the well being of young people and their opportunities to enjoy life
 9. The activity would make a significant impact on deprived areas of the district
 10. The applicant is in partnership with others
- Organisations were asked to submit bids for a share of the fund by 25 January 2008. A total of sixteen applications were received, only one of which did not meet the criteria. The full applications are available for Members to refer to at Democratic Services, 47 Endless Street
 - A review group made up of four Councillors, the leaders of each political group, met on 19th February 2008 to assess the applications, and make funding recommendations to Cabinet.
- 3. Proposals:**
- Appendix One shows the grant recommendations for Cabinet to consider. The current budget does not meet the total amount requested therefore the table shows the amount recommended and the reasons for approval/refusal.
- 4. Recommendation:** that members approve the recommendations of the Review Panel as set out in Appendix 1
- 5 Background Papers:**
- Application criteria
- 6 Implications:**
- **Financial:** That a total of £50,000 has been allocated in the 2008/09 budget.
 - **Legal:** section 2 of the Local Government act 2000 enable the Council to do anything that will enhance the well being of the local community or any part or parts of it
 - **Human Rights:** article 6 [right to a fair trial] may be engaged. Conscientious consideration of the recommendations should demonstrate compliance
 - **Equalities:** article 14 [prohibition of discrimination] is engaged if article 6 is engaged. Consideration of the recommendations against the criteria should demonstrate compliance
 - **Community Safety:** n/a
 - **Environmental:**
 - **Core Values:** The Community Fund supports the following Core Values of the Council:
 - Fairness and Equality
 - Anti-Poverty and Social Exclusion
 - Communicating with the Public
 - Supporting the Disadvantaged
 - Protecting the Environment
 - **Wards Affected:** All

Appendix A

App no.	Applicant	Amount Requested	Review panel recommendations to Cabinet
1	Circular Arts Lanterns for Salisbury 2008 youth workshops	£8,000	That the applicant be awarded £7,500 towards the project The panel were in full support of the project, as they felt it would involve and be of benefit to a large number of young people across the Salisbury District
2	Figheldean Youth Club To provide activities for the members of the Youth Club	£5833.20	That the applicant be awarded £2,000 towards the project The panel were in favour of supporting the project at a reduced level, as they felt that the youth club would still be able to provide a range of one off activities for the members, providing opportunities which would otherwise not be available to them.
3	Wiltshire Wildlife Trust The enhancement of positive use of greenspaces and family play opportunities	£11,950	That the applicant be awarded £8,500 towards the project The panel agreed that the development and planned use of the Folly at Bemerton Heath would be of great benefit to the area and to those who live there.
4	Durrington Rangers Football Club To convert land into football pitches complete with equipment and kit.	£18,946	That the applicant be awarded £2,500 towards the project. The Panel were in favour of supporting the project, but specified that the money be used on the construction of an entrance at the football ground.
5	Bemerton Heath After School & Summer Holiday Drop in Club To fund a once a week teenage drop in club for 13–16 year olds.	£5,220	That the applicant be awarded £5,000 towards the project The panel were fully supportive of the project and agreed that it was a worthy cause, which would provide the teenagers in the area with much needed activities.
6	Exeter House School Multi Skills programme - To put on 3 x 1hr sessions of specially tailored activity for the children.	£5,000	The application be refused for funding The panel felt that the applicant did not demonstrate a financial shortfall and might be able to provide the planned sessions without funding from this scheme.
7	Community First A four phase activities programme for young people, aimed at engaging those from deprived and rurally isolated areas providing access to activities, otherwise unavailable.	£35,249	The application be refused for funding The panel felt that the applicant did not demonstrate a financial shortfall and might be able to provide the planned sessions without funding from this scheme.

8	SPLASH To fund six music workshops during the school holidays for young people ages 9 – 16	£27,468	The application be refused for funding The panel were in support of the idea but felt that the cost of £4,578 per four day workshop was too high considering only fifteen young people would be able to take part.
9	St Osmunds Pre-School To build an all weather outdoor play and learning area adjacent to the classrooms.	£9,743	That the application be awarded £5,000 towards the project The panel were in favour of supporting the project, but specified that the money be used to lay the tarmac flooring.
10	Avon Valley College 'Do something different' a programme of activities for residents in the Durrington and Amesbury areas to enjoy over the school holiday period.	£7,200	That the applicant be awarded £5,000 towards the project The panel felt that the project would provide a well organised range of activities for the children and their families which would otherwise not be available to them.
11	Art Care 'No worries kids' a colour and inspiration project for children staying at Salisbury District Hospital and local school children to design a new unit at Salisbury District Hospital	£15,500	That the applicant be awarded £10,500 towards the project. The panel felt that the project would benefit many children and young adults in and around the Salisbury area during the creation of the new unit and for many years to come after the project had been completed.
12	Real Speak Theatre Company Integration of rural and urban youth groups in a theatre production.	£7,438	The application be refused for funding The panel felt that the expenditure breakdown provided to carry out the project included costs which were too high. In addition it was unclear how many young people would be involved with the project.
13	Salisbury & South Wilts Museum A youth photography project over five days for disadvantaged and hard to reach children.	£5,135.50	The application be refused for funding The panel were in support of the idea, but felt that the cost to provide the project was too high, considering only 12 young people would be able to take part.
14	Salisbury Art centre Create Connect A project aimed at engaging young people at risk in a range of high quality activities, providing long term opportunities for them to develop their skills and interests.	£50,000	The panel were in support of the application; however the applicant had stated that a minimum grant of £50,000 was needed from this scheme for the project to go forward. Therefore the panel decided that the application be refused on this occasion, but that if an opportunity for funding became available later in the year, they would reconsider the application.
15	Victoria Park Community Tennis Centre A Community Tennis Project aimed at children with disabilities and those from deprived areas.	£6,693	The applicant be awarded £4,000 towards stage one and the taster sessions in stage two of the project. However the panel were not in support of the project offering 40 Free memberships at a cost of £38 each, and suggested that these fees should be waived.