

Report to	Tidworth Area Board
Date of Meeting	15th November 2010
Title of Report	Funding for Young People

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 3 applications seeking 2010/11 Funding for Young People

1. The Collingbourne Youth Club - seeking a grant of £1,500 to fund the cost of the first year of Collingbourne Youth Club.
Officer recommendation – Approval.
2. Tidworth & Ludgershall Youth Development Centres – seeking a grant of £430 for the cost of purchasing and fitting bike racks outside the Tidworth & Ludgershall Development Centres for Young People.
Officer recommendation – Approval.
3. Tidworth Community Area Partnership – seeking a grant of £1,040 towards the cost of providing a Schools Christmas Show in Tidworth Garrison Theatre, including transport to take young people in the Community Area to the event.
Officer Recommendation - Approval

1. Background

- 1.1. Wiltshire Council has set aside a budget for Youth Initiatives for 2010/2011, to be distributed between the 18 Area Boards in accordance with the formula established for the Community Area Grant Scheme..
- 1.2. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.3. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting for the financial year 2010/2011.
- 1.4. The 2010/2011 Youth Funding Proposal forms are available in electronic format or paper version the Community Area Manager.

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Tidworth Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £5,024 for funding projects for Young People. The sum of £500 was approved at the Area Board meeting on 19 July 2010 towards Summer Holiday Activities at Tidworth and Ludgershall Youth Development Centres. This leaves a total budget of £4,524 for the remainder of 2010/2011.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.3. There will be 5 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The third is contained in this report the remaining will take place on:-
 - Monday 17th January 2011
 - Monday 21st March 2011

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and access to these for young people in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Youth Funding budget allocated to the Tidworth Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Tidworth Area Board will have a balance of £1,554.

5. Legal Implications

5.1. There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

7.1. All youth Groups in the Tidworth Community Area will have an equal opportunity to receive funding towards youth based projects and schemes, including access to planned activities.

7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1 TID: Y02/10	The Collingbourne Youth Group	To run the first year of Collingbourne Youth Club.	£1,500

8.1.1. Officers recommend that The Collingbourne Youth Club is awarded £1,500 towards costs of running the Club for its first year only, subject to the standard conditions of the scheme. Evaluation should include numbers of young people attending youth club sessions at the end of the pilot phase and numbers at the end of the first year of operation.

8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 criteria set for the youth funding budget.

8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003-2013 under the Culture and Leisure section in that it promotes and supports a new youth group and encourages volunteers. The club will improve the participation by young people in community life, giving them opportunities to work together.

8.1.4. The children come from the Collingbournes, Everleigh and the surrounding area. A six week trial project was run to assess the demand and likely success of such a group if it was to be continued on a long term basis. The trial was a great success and an evaluation report has been supplied to the Community Area Manager, detailing the activities carried out from cooking to card making, various outdoor games and a BBQ.

8.1.5. The Club are getting together 4 or 5 parent volunteers to run the sessions plus someone to run the club and plan the sessions. They are working with Wiltshire

Council's Youth Development Officer for the community area.

8.1.6. The catchment area of the Club is very rural with young people having to travel into Tidworth or Ludgershall to access the existing Youth Development Service provision. The club would provide them with meaningful and interesting activities.

8.1.7. The Club will be charging subscriptions of 50 pence per child per session during year 1, increasing to £1 from year 2. Further funding will be sought as necessary. The grant requested includes setting up costs, the cost of a trained youth worker and CRB checks for volunteers. Provided the attendance remains at about 30 children per session, the project should be self supporting from year 2 onwards.

8.1.8. Evaluations from the young people will be collected to show the success of the project.

8.1.9. If the grant was not awarded, the project cannot proceed.

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8.2. TID: Y03/10	Tidworth and Ludgershall Youth Development Centres	Provision of bike racks and locks at Tidworth and Ludgershall Youth Development Centres	£430

8.2.1. Officers recommend that Tidworth and Ludgershall Youth Development Centres are awarded £430 for their project to provide bike racks at Tidworth and Ludgershall Youth Development Centres, subject to the standard conditions of the scheme. Evaluation should include the number of young people travelling by bike to youth centre sessions now and numbers at the end of 6 months.

8.2.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria set for the youth funding budget.

8.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the several of the themes in the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003-2013, including Culture and Leisure, Health and Social Care and Countryside and Land-based, in that it supports an existing youth group; promotes healthy lifestyles for the young people and contributes to energy conservation as the young people will not have to travel by car to the centres.

8.2.4. The project will contribute to healthy lifestyles for the young people and ensure that they are able to feel free to use their bikes as there will be somewhere safe and secure for them to lock up their bikes at the youth centres. This will benefit young people from all social backgrounds.

8.2.5. Although the bike racks will be primarily for the young people, they will be available for use by the whole community which will enable further energy conservation.

8.2.6. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, the project would be

delayed.

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8.3. TID: Y03/10	Tidworth Community Area Partnership	To provide a Schools Christmas Show, including transport to take young people in the Community Area to the event.	£800

- 8.3.1. Officers recommend that Tidworth Community Area Partnership is awarded £800 for their project to provide a Schools Christmas Show, including transport for young people from across the community area to the event, subject to the standard conditions of the scheme. Evaluation should include the number of young people enabled to attend the concert from each of the schools involved.
- 8.3.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria set for the youth funding budget.
- 8.3.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003-2013 under the Culture and Leisure and Countryside and Land-based themes, in that it provides transport for young people giving them access to a cultural event in Tidworth. Bus travel as an alternative to private cars contributes to energy conservation.
- 8.3.4. The project will benefit young people from all social backgrounds and give them the experience of attending a concert of classical and show music by a military band. This will increase their knowledge and experience of music.
- 8.3.5. Head Teachers of the schools in the Tidworth Community Area feel that the project would help schools to be more involved with each other.
- 8.3.6. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, it would not be possible to transport so many young people to the show.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Collingbourne Youth Club Appendix 2 Grant application – Tidworth And Ludgershall Youth Development Centres Appendix 3 Grant application – Tidworth Community Area Partnership
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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