

Tidworth Area Board - Funding Proposal

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What is the project name?	Rural Youth Project
What is the project?	<p>The Area Boards in the Warminster, Amesbury, Pewsey, Tidworth, Southern Wiltshire and South West Wiltshire community areas have identified a need to increase engagement with young people in their areas, particularly in more rural areas. We are seeking a provider who will work across several community areas to develop a stronger offer of positive activities and other services aimed especially at those who are potentially at risk.</p> <p>The term of the project is initially for 12 months but may be extended later</p> <p>It is envisaged that the project deliverer will need an initial period of 4 months of consultation and research to ensure that the programme compliments and strengthens what already exists, addresses need, has local ownership and will make a difference.</p> <p>Following this research phase, the selected provider, working alongside local partners, clubs and organisations would be required to design and deliver a programme of activities in each community area. An initial research period of 4 months means that this activities phase will last 8 months.</p> <p>Consideration would need to be given to the fact that in a rural county such as Wiltshire, isolation and poor mental health can be hidden amongst certain vulnerable groups of young people. Some evidence of local need, addressing gaps and making a difference would be required.</p> <p>At the end of the first year a full report on the outcomes from the project will be required before Area Boards consider additional funding to continue the project for a further period of 12 months.</p> <p>Desired outcomes from the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved level of engagement with young people in the community areas, particularly with isolated young people in rural areas• Increase in positive activities available• Reduced isolation of young people in rural areas• Identification of young people with issues around mental health, educational attainment and physical health issues• Evidenced improvement in the above areas for those individuals identified• Evidence that the needs of minority groups have been addressed <p>A sustainable model has been developed in collaboration with key local partners and stakeholders</p>

Who will benefit?	All young people within the community area and particularly those who are not already accessing positive activities
When will it take place?	We hope that the project will start within weeks and run for a year initially
What are the financial considerations?	<p>6 community areas are jointly funding this project. Some including Tidworth set aside some remaining youth funding from 2019/20 to use for this project. However mainly due to the pandemic, we have not been able to start.</p> <p>Normally no funding that is accrued can be carried over to the following financial year which in this case starts in April 2021. Due to the circumstances we have requested special dispensation, but this is not guaranteed.</p> <p>The Area Board has £5,647.97 remaining that is unallocated and will be returned to Wiltshire Council. It is proposed that this funding is allocated to this project which will both ensure that it remains to be spent within the Tidworth Community Area and that if the previous funding has to be returned, we can still continue with the project.</p>
Recommendation	That the area board agrees to allocate the remaining Youth Budget to the Rural Youth project