

Report to	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade
Date of Meeting	10/03/2021
Title of Report	Community Youth Grants

### 1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board.

Application	Grant Amount
<b>Applicant:</b> The Rise Trust <b>Project Title:</b> RISE YOUTH Detached Outreach -Cricklade	£1,232.50
<b>Applicant:</b> Cricklade Local Youth Network <b>Project Title:</b> Positive Youth activities for 13-18 yr olds in Cricklade 2021 to 2022	£3,625.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council <b>Project Title:</b> Detached Youth Work (Rise Youth)	£8,650.00
<b>Total grant amount requested at this meeting</b>	<b>£13,507.50</b>

### 2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2020/21 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Cabinet member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2020/2021.

Community Youth Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

Community Youth Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community-based projects and schemes.

### 3. The applications

<b>Applicant:</b> The Rise Trust <b>Project Title:</b> RISE YOUTH Detached Outreach -Cricklade	Amount Requested from Area Board: £1,232.50	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2020/21.</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> To continue delivering Detached youth Outreach sessions 1 session a week in Cricklade.</p>		

<b>Applicant:</b> Cricklade Local Youth Network <b>Project Title:</b> Positive Youth activities for 13-18-year olds in Cricklade 2021 to 2022	Amount Requested from Area Board: £3,625.00	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2020/21.</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> Due to the restrictions encountered with Lockdown we have valued the contribution made by Detached Youth Workers employed by the Rise Trust to work one night a week in Cricklade making contact with hard to reach young people. The Rise Trust will be making an application to continue this vital work from April to March this year. Recent research confirms widespread publicity about the increased pressures being placed on young people as a result of the restriction the pandemic is placing on them due to their being unable to continue their school or college or apprenticeships. Also, the associated lack of meeting and sharing activities with friends has created feeling of isolation uncertainty and anxiety that has resulted in some young people developing a social phobia risky behaviour eating disorders more common in young women and self-harming. Research has indicated that physical activity and being introduced to new and interesting activities can develop a positive mood swing. Clearly the issue of young people's mental health is so important that we consider we need an additional strategy available as soon as the restrictions are lifted to the point when a youth Special Events Programmer can set up positive activities at the weekends and school and college holidays to alleviate the anxiety and pressures the young people have endured and will continue to endure for long after the restrictions are lifted. This strand for funding is for a Special Events Programmer 6 hours per week from May 2021 to March 2022. Summer half term and Summer holidays are our target. Having lost so much time at school or college young people will be keen to catch up on their work Monday to Friday and therefore this project is aimed at the time when young people will need and want to refresh and meet friends while participating in positive activities.</p>		

<b>Applicant:</b> Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council <b>Project Title:</b> Detached Youth Work (Rise Youth)	Amount Requested from Area Board: £8,650.00	
This application meets grant criteria 2020/21, however, should it be supported with funding in excess of £5,000, it should be made clear how this grant is an 'exceptional circumstance' as per the funding and grants criteria.		
<b>Project Summary:</b> We will employ youth outreach workers to engage with young people around the town. They will identify vulnerable young people sign post young people to additional support services such as Mental Health, Bereavement Counselling, Debt Management etc. They will also work to engage young people in local community activities		

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