

Report to	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board
Date of Meeting	Wednesday 27 February 2013
Title of Report	Youth Funding 2012/13

Purpose of report

To ask councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Area Board's 2012/13 Youth Budget:

- 1. Lydiard Millicent Pre-School requesting £1,021 for a multifunction activity/role-play structure.
- 2. Purton Cricket Club requesting £995 for a winter academy of 8 weeks indoor coaching for the club's best young players from the U9 to U15 age groups.
- 3. Royal Wootton Bassett & District Sea Cadets requesting £2,400 towards a week's voyage for 12 cadets aboard the TS Jack Petchey.
- 4. Lyneham Youth Club requesting £250 for a 24-week cookery project.
- 5. Purton & Cricklade Youth Centre requesting £500 for a 24-week cookery project.
- 6. Purton & Cricklade Youth Centre requesting £4,000 for the Renov8 project to repaint some large areas of Purton and Cricklade youth centres.
- 7. All Saints Peoples Puppets requesting £872 to expand the children's and youth work by buying key equipment.
- 8. Royal Wootton Bassett Academy, Gold Duke of Edinburgh Students requesting £300 towards a Gold award expedition to the Brecon Beacons for 20 students.
- 9. Royal Wootton Bassett Carnival requesting £2,580 for a children's drumming project.

1. Background

- 1.1. Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board has been allocated a 2012/13 budget of £8,894 for local youth-related initiatives.
- 1.2. Local youth groups and groups of young people from the Community Area were invited to bid for funding for local projects and initiatives that demonstrated a benefit to young people in the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Community Area.
- 1.3. Officers are not required to provide recommendations with respect to the youth funding applications as there are no set criteria, and the members are to determine whether they feel each application demonstrates a community benefit to local young people.
- 1.4. Applicants are encouraged to contact and seek funding help from Charities Information Bureau (CIB) who work on behalf of Wiltshire Council. CIB support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.5. The 2012/13 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) and paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.
- 1.6. A decision was made in 2010/11 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.7. All recipients of youth funding are expected to complete and return an evaluation form as soon as the project or activity has been completed and this should be accompanied by receipts and invoices, as well as photographs if possible. Failure to return the evaluation requested will preclude them from being considered for any future funding from the area board. This applies to all grants made by the area board.
- 1.8. No youth funding has been awarded to date during 2012/13, leaving a remaining budget of £8,894 for allocation in this final funding round of the financial year.

Background	
documents used in	
the preparation of	
this Report	

Youth Funding Application Form and Guidance.

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded under the 2012/13 youth funding scheme demonstrate a benefit to young people from the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Community Area.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

3.1. Area Board grants 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.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards youth budget allocated to the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board.
- 4.2. The total sum of the funding applications received exceeds the Area Board's youth budget. If all grants are awarded, the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board will have a negative youth funding balance of £ 4,024.
- 4.3. The Area Board may wish to transfer the sum of £4,024 from its general budget, to the youth budget, in order to fulfil all youth funding applications, should they be approved. At present there are sufficient funds remaining in the Area Board's budget to allow for this.

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. Area Board Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, town and parish council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

Appendices:	Appendix 1: Grants Pack (application forms)

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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