

Applications for funding to support projects that engage with young people

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To consider 2 applications for funding outlined below, from a new budget available to the Area Board (see 2.1).

- a) Wylde Coyotes After School Club: Summer Arts Club, £1,500
- b) Corsley Memorial Playing Field: Free tennis/cricket taster sessions, £1,500

2. Background

- 2.1. Area Boards have been given extra funding to engage young people who are currently unable to access existing services (e.g. by providing transport to existing provision/delivering services in rural areas/delivering services that target specific groups).
- 2.2. Warminster Area Board has £4,775 to allocate to projects. This funding is in addition to the Community Area Grants budget.
- 2.3. There has been no guidance on how the money should be allocated or how projects should be prioritised.
- 2.4. The Community Area Manager contacted groups that work with young people, who have been involved with the Area Board over the first year. Due to the tight timescale and relatively small budget, the funding has not been advertised to all youth groups.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. 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.
- 3.2. If there is funding remaining, further applications can be considered at the 2 September meeting. Members might consider advertising the funding more widely in the run up to that meeting, or focussing on likely applications from the youth service and extended schools.
- 3.3. The Community Area Manager has received two applications and two more expressions of interest.
- 3.4. As there is no formal guidance, there is no upper funding limit other than the total budget. The Area Board must therefore decide whether the applications represent value for money.
- 3.5. Both applications demonstrate how they intend to target young people who do not currently access services that are available to their contemporaries, due to location or financial constraints.
- 3.6. Wylde Coyotes After School Club aims to provide a 3 day summer arts project, similar to the schemes offered in Salisbury and other major towns.

Transport and costs prevent young people in rural areas benefitting from these projects.

- 3.7. The Corsley Memorial Playing Field project aims to provide free coaching in tennis and/or cricket on one day in the summer holiday. They aim to attract young people who do not currently receive lessons due to the cost. They also aim to raise awareness of their wider project to improve facilities/access and provide ongoing free sessions to local young people.

4. Implications

4.1. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

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.

4.2. Financial Implications

Awards must fall within the budget allocated to the Warminster Area Board. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Warminster Area Board will have a balance of £1,775 to be allocated to youth projects.

4.3. Legal Implications

There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

4.4. HR Implications

There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

4.5. Equality and Diversity Implications

The allocation of funding should be dependant upon the project engaging young people that do not currently access services. The way in which this happens will be dependent upon the individual projects.

5. Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- a) The Area Board supports the applications attached to this report in full or in part
- b) The remaining funding is allocated at the 2 September meeting of the Area Board and that priority is given to the youth service and extended schools who have already expressed an intention to apply.

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Appendices:

Applications for youth funding from;

- Wyle Coyotes After School Club
- Corsley Memorial Playing Field