

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : Youth Bursary Grants Proposal
Committee : Community Services
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1. Report Summary:

1.1. This report provides a summary of a proposed use of the SCC Youth Budget which has been generated through discussion with the Youth Provision Forum Youth Panel.

2. Background:

2.1. The Youth Provision Forum member organisations conducted a youth consultation exercise in January and February 2022.

2.2. From this consultation the three major themes of concern for young people emerged as

- Lack of safe spaces for young people
- Lack of low cost or free activity for young people in the city
- Climate Change

2.3. Following on from the consultation, the Youth Forum Steering Group recruited 11 young people to explore these issues and look directly at how Salisbury Area Board's and Salisbury City Council's budgets and funding might be used to respond to these issues.

2.4. This proposal emerges from these discussions with the Youth Panel. Originally the panel recommended to SCC that the grants be available to young people directly. However, this is not possible within the Council's Grants Policy and current legislation.

2.5. As a result, this proposal has been developed to offer grants to youth activity providers/organisations with input from the Youth Panel Members, Youth Provision Forum Members, and direct input from the Youth Provision Forum Steering Group. This work will be supported and managed by the Community Manager.

3. Proposal:

3.1. The proposal is to allocate £5,000 of the SCC Youth Budget (Total in 22/23 is £10,000) as grants to youth activity providers/organisations who provide paid for activity for young people ages 11 to 19 (and up to 25 for people with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities) such as music lessons, sports or arts activity, extra-curricular classes, courses or structured social activity.

3.2. This trial project will also provide the City Council with an overview of why residents struggle to pay for youth opportunities for themselves or their children and data on increased access to youth opportunity achieved as a result of this grant opportunity.

4. Processes:

- 4.1. Grants would be administrated using the current Community Development Grants Policy and the Small Grants reporting procedures with the addition of a youth bursary grant specific application form adapted from the Small Grants Application form.
- 4.2. Specific reporting conditions will be contained within the grant acceptance letter for each grant enabling the current reporting forms to be used for this programme.
- 4.3. Grant applications will be considered by Events, Markets and Grants Subcommittee on the 30 Jan 2023
- 4.4. The Grant term will be 12 months from February 2023 to February 2024.
- 4.5. Maximum grant sum will be £750 per organisation, in line the Community Development Grants Policy limit for Small Grants.
- 4.6. Bursary distribution will be managed by the individual grant recipient organisations, with the requirement that all Bursary recipients complete a short form detailing the age of the recipient, the sum and duration of the bursary received and the first part of the recipients' home post code and a brief summary of why the bursary was sought.

5. Eligibility and requirements:

- 5.1. Eligibility criteria from the Community Development Grants Policy will apply.
- 5.2. In addition, organisations must:
 - have been in operation and delivering activity for young people in Salisbury City for at least 1 year at the time of applying
 - have capacity to accept new members/participants of secondary school age, up to 19 (and up to 25 if working with people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)
 - be a member of or be willing to join the mailing list for Salisbury Youth Provision Forum
 - Not be in receipt of any other grant that directly funds young people's bursaries
- 5.3. Current Community Development Grant Recipients will not be eligible, as per the current Grants Policy.
- 5.4. Applicants will also be asked to provide information on participation costs or membership fees and a breakdown of how much they wish to apply for in relation to the number of people they would be able to support using this bursary
- 5.5. Applicants will define their own eligibility criteria for bursaries in line with their organisational policies and practices to be considered as part of their grant application.
- 5.6. Applicants will be asked to provide a mid-point update of bursary uptake to the Communities Manager in August 2023
- 5.7. Successful applicants must agree to publicly advertise the availability of the bursaries, to make a minimum of 50% of the grant total available to new participants
- 5.8. Successful applicants must fairly apply their eligibility criteria in distributing the Bursaries to young people and must record numbers, ages and a summary reason for claiming the bursary to share as anonymised data with Salisbury City Council as part of their grant reporting.

6. Timeline:

6.1. In order for this proposal to sit within the current schedule of the Events, Markets and Grants Subcommittee the following timeline is required:

- Press release week commencing 12 Dec 2022
- Application Deadline 19 Jan 2023
- Councillors may wish to consider scheduling an additional Events, Markets and Grants Sub-committee to consider applications for this grant programme in early March 2023 to give time to communicate widely about the availability of the grants to providers across the city.
- If an additional meeting is scheduled the deadline for applications could be moved to Mon 20 Feb.

7. Recommendation:

It is recommended that:

7.1. The Committee approve this proposal

7.2. If the proposal is approved, that the Committee approve the scheduling of an additional Events, Markets and Grant Sub-committee meeting in early March 2023.

8. Wards Affected: All

9. Background papers:

9.1. SCC Grant Policy -Doc 76977

10. Implications:

10.1. **Financial:** Part of the allocated Youth Budget - £5,000 of £10,000

10.2. **Legal:** None

10.3. **Personnel:** None

10.4. **Environmental Impact:** None

10.5. **Equalities Impact Statement:** An equalities impact statement will be undertaken before the commencement.