

# SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

## Report

**Subject** : Youth Bursary Grant 6 Month Monitoring Report  
**Committee** : Events, Markets and Grants Sub-Committee  
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### 1. Report Summary:

1.1. This report asks for the committee to note the 6-month reporting on the 4 youth bursary grant recipients

### 2. Background:

2.1. **4 trial youth bursary grants were approved in January 2023, as outlined in the table below, for use by the applicants within a 12 month period.**

| Name of Organisation | Number of Potential Beneficiaries           | Funds applied for | Application Document |
|----------------------|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| Wiltshire Creative   | 4 young people for 1 whole year of activity | £749              | Doc 89339            |
| Salisbury Rugby Club | 7 - 12                                      | £750              | Doc 89340            |
| SAYM                 | Minimum of 5                                | £750              | Doc 89365            |
| Salisbury FC         | 3 Ukrainian Refugees                        | £560              | Doc 89364            |
| <b>Total</b>         |   | <b>£2,809</b>     |                      |

### 3. Application and Reporting Detail:

#### 3.1. Wiltshire Creative (Charity): Original Application

3.1.1. Wiltshire creative are an SCC Cultural Partner but is not in receipt of a Community Development Grant.

3.1.2. This application seeks funding to offer Stage 65 bursaries for 1 year and 1 Home Education Drama Group Bursary for 1 year.

3.1.3. Wiltshire Creative currently offer reduced cost bursaries but this would enable them to advertise and offer specific full cost bursaries with individual circumstances assessed on an individual basis.

3.1.4. The Home Education Drama Group is a new offer since Autumn 2023.

#### 3.1.5. Reporting

3.1.5.1. £346.5 of the grant has been allocated according to the original application with £402.50 left. Wiltshire Creative are confident they have plans in place to spend the remaining grant by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

3.1.5.2. Wiltshire creative have allocated this bursary funding to some children outside the original age range but within the stated target group of home educated children.

- 3.1.5.3. 30 young people between ages 6 and 14 have benefited from the bursary.
  - 3.1.5.3.1. 15 young people took part in a backstage tour and creative activity session.
  - 3.1.5.3.2. 2 young people were funded to attend regular home education sessions.
  - 3.1.5.3.3. 3 young people were funded to attend youth theatre sessions and performed in a youth theatre production.
- 3.1.5.4. Wiltshire Creative applied the criteria of being Home Educated and in receipt of benefits to their bursary funding.
- 3.1.5.5. Wiltshire creative note that disability and additional needs are a factor in the home education of a proportion of this group and that family income is significantly lower due to the decision to home educate.
- 3.1.5.6. Wiltshire Creative will not be continuing their Home Educated regular group activity but 2 people from the group have moved to youth theatre long-term.
- 3.1.5.7. Youth Theatre Bursaries have so far been offered as part bursaries, with families contributing as much as they can.

### **3.2. Salisbury Rugby Club (Association): Original Application**

- 3.2.1. SRFC is an SCC Rent Reduction Organisation but is not in receipt of a Community Development Grant.
- 3.2.2. This application seeks to enable the club to advertise Bursary Membership to the club across their age ranges (5 – 19) via local schools who will identify children who will benefit and who are in need of financial assistance to participate.
- 3.2.3. The Rugby Club currently supports a small number of members with reduced memberships but does not advertise the availability of bursaries as they are unfunded and represent reduced income.
- 3.2.4. **Reporting**
  - 3.2.4.1. There was a delay in Salisbury Rugby Club accessing their funds with the club only submitting their grant acceptance form in July 2023.
  - 3.2.4.2. The Club have plans in place to use the grant as stated in their application by March 2024

### **3.3. Salisbury Area Young Musicians (Charity): Original Application**

- 3.3.1. SAYM is not in receipt of any SCC subsidy or Community Development Grant.
- 3.3.2. This application seeks to support young people to meet the yearly fees for SAYM and to support one current member to attend a foreign tour, for which they are unable to meet the costs.
- 3.3.3. SAYM currently offers 13 Bursary Places supported by a specific private donation. This application would enable them to offer to new members.
- 3.3.4. **Reporting**
  - 3.3.4.1. £510 of the grant has been allocated according to the original application with £240 left. SAYM are confident they have plans in place to spend the remaining grant by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024.
  - 3.3.4.2. So far, the grant has enabled three young musicians to participate in the concert tour to the Loire Valley (ages 18, 18 and 14)
  - 3.3.4.3. The recipients access the tour, participating in 4 concerts, "improving their performance, working as a team and making new friends." Recipients would have been unable to participate at all without financial support.

3.3.4.4. SAYM applied their long running criteria which involved a sensitive response to approaches for financial support, including, where appropriate, asking for evidence. "This is reviewed each term, taking each case on its merits."

3.3.4.5. Feedback from parents tells us ""there were tears when it was all over.... An unforgettable experience for them", and "lessons learned will stay with her and the other young musicians for ever".

### **3.4. Salisbury Football Club (Association): Original Application**

3.4.1. SFC is not in receipt of any SCC subsidy or Community Development Grant

3.4.2. This application would support the participation of 3 specific young Ukrainian refugees to access the activity and facilities of the club. These young people have already, recently engaged with the club, but the club currently has no means to financially support Bursary Places.

#### **3.4.3. Reporting –**

3.4.3.1. The aims of this grant have been successfully met in totality with all funds spent.

3.4.3.2. Recipients of the grant were able to access full membership for one year (ongoing) including training sessions, matches, kit and end of season trophies.

3.4.3.3. Salisbury Football club offered bursaries only to refugee children from Ukraine who were identified through partnership with the Ukraine Hub for Salisbury

3.4.3.4. "As a local sports club we are very appreciative of the support that was provided" – feedback from parents tells us that "the boys are very appreciative". They would otherwise have been unable to participate in sports

## **4. Officers Notes**

4.1. In the most these bursaries have benefited young people as outlined in the original applications reaching 36 young people so far.

4.2. The provision of this fund by SCC has not been very publicly visible with the scheme delivered in this way. An alternative to this is for individuals to apply to SCC and for SCC to pay small bursary grants to groups and organisations signed up to the scheme.

4.3. This would enable us to be sure the grants had been allocated to young people in the right age range.

4.4. However, this would remove the ability for organisations to have nuanced conversations with these families, where long term relationships have been formed and the nuances of peoples financial situations may be more sensitively addressed.

## **5. Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Sub Committee:

- Discuss the value of a Youth Bursary Scheme in this form versus a scheme via which individuals apply to SCC for a bursary, which is then paid to the group or organisation.
- Approve the bringing forward of a proposal for a new, permanent, youth bursary scheme for the 2024/25 financial year to the next Sub-committee meeting.

## **6. Wards Affected: All Wards**

## **7. Background papers:**

- 7.1. Youth Bursary Grant Proposal (Doc 88827)
- 7.2. SCC Grants Policy (Doc 87280)
- 7.3. Wiltshire Creative Youth Bursary Application (Doc 89339)
- 7.4. Salisbury Rugby Club Youth Bursary Application (Doc 89340)
- 7.5. SAYM Youth Bursary Application (Doc 89365)
- 7.6. Salisbury FC Youth Bursary Application (Doc 89364).

## **8. Implications:**

- 8.1. **Financial:** Within agreed budget
- 8.2. **Legal:** None in relation to this report.
- 8.3. **Personnel:** None in relation to this report
- 8.4. **Environmental Impact:** None in relation to this report
- 8.5. **Equalities Impact Statement:** Equality and inclusion policies requested from all applicants.

## **9. Supporting Documents**

- 9.1 Salisbury FV Youth Bursary Grant Report – DOC92408
- 9.2 Salisbury Rugby Club Youth Bursary Grant Report – DOC92410
- 9.3 SAYM Youth Bursary Report – DOC92411
- 9.4 Wiltshire Creative Youth Bursary Report – DOC92412