

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : Youth Bursary Grant 1 Year Monitoring Report
Committee : Events, Markets and Grants Sub-Committee
Date : 29 January 2024
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1. Report Summary:

1.1. This report asks for the committee to note the 1 Year 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**

Name of Organisation	Number of Potential Beneficiaries	Funds applied for
Wiltshire Creative	4 young people for 1 whole year of activity	£749
Salisbury Rugby Club	7 - 12	£750
SAYM	Minimum of 5	£750
Salisbury FC	3 Ukrainian Refugees	£560
Motiv8 (now Connect Young People)	10 1 to 1 support service users with Wiltshire Gym Membership	742.99

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. Grant Allocated as outlined in application.

3.1.5.1.1. Reduced cost bursaries x 9 ages 6 to 14

3.1.5.1.2. 30 young people aged between 6 and 14 at group activities for home educated young people.

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. Grant Allocated as outlined in application.
- 3.2.4.2. 7 Young People (in addition to those already receiving bursary support at the club), ages 11 and over, received full bursaries and were thereby able to access to weekly or twice weekly, depending on age, physical activity through rugby activities. Roughly over 7 –120 hours of sports activity.

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. We used £510 to support three young musicians in participating in the SAYM concert tour to the Loire Valley in France. Two were 18 and one 14.
 - 3.3.4.2. The remainder of the fund supported 6 young musicians in participating in weekly music making activities. Varying groups, choir, wind bands, string orchestra and Salisbury Youth Orchestra. Ages 8, 9, 14, 15, 17

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. Full Grant allocated as outlined in application.

3.5. Motiv8 (Now Connect Young People) (Charity): Original Application

- 3.5.1. This service is run by Developing Health and Independence (DHI) and are the service provider for drugs and alcohol support for young people in our area.
- 3.5.2. This application seeks funding to offer 10 service users in Salisbury Gym Membership to promote positive lifestyle choices as part of their one-to-one support service.
- 3.5.3. The Service would directly fund the membership.

3.6. Reporting

- 3.6.1. There was some delay in launching this scheme due to setting up processes for organisational payment of personal membership. This has now been overcome.
- 3.6.2. 8 of the 10 memberships have been allocated with two more service users signed up to benefit in the next 4 weeks.

3.7. Officers Notes

- 3.7.1. This youth bursary grant scheme enables organisations to respond to the need they see for the young people they are able to reach.
- 3.7.2. This grant has reached a wide range of young people otherwise not directly served by SCC including Young People at risk, young people with substance abuse issues, refugees, home schooled young people.
- 3.7.3. These grants have also enabled young people from Salisbury to access high level experiences regardless of their household income, such as Music Tours to the Loire Valley (SAYM).
- 3.7.4. The grants have enabled access to sports, cultural and healthy lifestyles activity as envisioned in the original grants outline.
- 3.7.5. Some of the grant allocation has supported children under 11, where the original aim was for 11- to 19-year-olds to benefit. Feedback from grant recipients tells us that this age stipulation must be clearer in the grant application and documentation in future, but that these organisations would still wish to apply if available
- 3.7.6. Each of the offers applied differing criteria, all of which were relevant, well documented and reaching those who are on reduced incomes or facing other barriers to engagement.
 - 3.7.6.1. Access to the initial service as criteria – Motiv8
 - 3.7.6.2. Bursaries offered via schools to pupil premium students – Rugby Club & SAYM
 - 3.7.6.3. Receiving of benefits and/or knowledge of specific personal circumstances – Wiltshire creative
 - 3.7.6.4. Refugee Status – Salisbury FC
- 3.7.7. A relaunch of the scheme this year with a budget of £6000 would enable a minimum of 8 organisations locally to benefit.

4. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Sub Committee:

- Approve the re-launch of the youth Bursary Grants scheme as delivered this year with a total budget of £6000 to be issued in Q4 of the 2023/24 financial year and to report to this committee in January 2025
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5. Wards Affected: All Wards

6. Background papers:

6.1. Appendix 1 – Youth Bursarys Grants Proposal – Dec 22

7. Implications:

7.1. **Financial:** Allocated from within available budgets in Communities Youth Budget for 2023/24

7.2. **Legal:** None in relation to this report.

7.3. **Personnel:** None in relation to this report

7.4. **Environmental Impact:** None in relation to this report

7.5. **Equalities Impact Statement:** Equality and inclusion policies requested from all applicants.