

# SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

## Report

**Subject** : Youth Bursary Grant Application Report  
**Committee** : Events, Markets and Grants Sub-Committee  
**Date** : 13 May 2024  
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### 1. Report Summary:

1.1. This report asks for the committee to consider the four Youth Bursary Grant applications received by the Communities Team and to vote on the awarding of each grant.

### 2. Background:

- 2.1. £5,000 of the Youth Budget for 2023/25 was allocated to these grants by the Community Services Committee after consideration by the Events, Markets and Grant's subcommittee or the reports for the first, trial year of the grants on 29 Jan 2024
- 2.2. £750 is the maximum available for each applicant, under the small grants provision in the SCC Grants Policy. See Background Documents
- 2.3. Listed below are the 4 applications received in March 2024.
- 2.4. With only 4 applications received only the total sum applied for was retained from the budget to fulfil these applications
- 2.5. The applications listed below total £2,910 of a potential £3000 budget.

### 3. Applications:

3.1. The applications as follows

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	<b>Number of Potential Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Funds applied for</b>	<b>Background Paper</b>
Wiltshire Creative	4 young people for 1 whole year of activity	£660	7.3
Salisbury Hockey Club	2 young people for one whole year of activity	£750	7.4
Impact MMA	10 – 18 depending on bursary levels given	£750	7.5
Salisbury Transition City	100 - 200	750	7.6
<b>Total</b>		<b>£2,910</b>	

### 4. Application Detail:

#### 4.1. Wiltshire Creative (Charity):

- 4.1.1. Wiltshire creative are an SCC Cultural Partner but are not in receipt of a Community Development Grant.
- 4.1.2. Wiltshire Creative successfully delivered nine reduced cost bursaries to Stage 65 and a series of Home Education activities through this grant last year.
- 4.1.3. This application seeks funding to enable four young people to attend Stage 65 Youth Theatre identified through
  - 4.1.3.1. Targeted work in schools in Bemerton Heath. Young people selected by Wiltshire Create Staff and teachers will be those who cannot access the provision without support and who will benefit the most from the activity
  - 4.1.3.2. Targeted work with home educated young people
- 4.1.4. It is anticipated the funding will be allocated as follows.
  - 4.1.4.1. 2 full cost bursaries (£210 per year)
  - 4.1.4.2. 1 reduced rate bursaries (£150 per year)
  - 4.1.4.3. 1 lower rate bursary (£90 per year)
- 4.1.5. The application describes the youth theatre as focusing on the “personal development as young people, building a social network that often remains through their lives. It has been described as a safe place where young people can be themselves in a non-judgemental environment and seek support”
- 4.1.6. At Wiltshire Creative Bursaries are means tested and require evidence of the family being in receipt of, Carer and Disability Benefits. Child and Family Benefits. Death Benefits. Heating and Housing Benefits. Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) Tax Credits. Universal Credit.

#### **4.2. Salisbury Hockey Club (Association):**

- 4.2.1. SHC is a community sports association led by volunteers.
- 4.2.2. This application seeks to fully fund 2 bursary places for full participation in the clubs activities and resources for 1 year, to include
  - 4.2.2.1. Annual Subscription - £158
  - 4.2.2.2. Kit Voucher - £200 direct to kit provider
  - 4.2.2.3. Match fees
- 4.2.3. The Hockey Club provides quality youth team coaching and access to social and math activities for all members.
- 4.2.4. Applicants will submit a short personal statement (spoken or written). With criteria including Family Circumstance, Post Code, School status, financial situation.

#### **4.3. Impact MMA: Private Limited Company**

- 4.3.1. Impact MMA has been running boxing and MMA courses across Salisbury for a number of years. The company has been working at the Friary Community Centre to deliver anti-bullying and boxing 6-week courses since Jan 2023.
- 4.3.2. The company have recently expanded this opportunity to Bemerton Heath.
- 4.3.3. While they keep the costs of these sessions lower than some of their other courses to enable participation by local people, they are still aware of people who cannot attend due to cost and those who have had to stop attending due to changes in circumstances.
- 4.3.4. This application seeks reduce the cost of the 6-week courses further at e.g. 50% reductions or to offer full bursaries
- 4.3.5. Courses will be advertised with the sentence- “if you are having trouble with the costs of this course and live on the (Heath/Friary) please get in touch with the course leader about bursaries supported by Salisbury City Council”.

#### **4.4. Salisbury Transition City (CIC – Community Interest Company):**

- 4.4.1. STC is a CIC aiming to be “a catalyst for positive change and create a better Salisbury through Networking, Education, Inspiration and the exploration of zero carbon solutions within our own communities. STC brings together various community groups to enable them to share effective practice and to help inform the community of Salisbury of their activities.
- 4.4.2. This application does meet the main aims of the Youth Bursary Grant by enabling opportunity for young people in the city but does not seek to provide bursaries to existing activity.
- 4.4.3. This application seeks funding to support the provision of “a dedicated youth stage at the People in The Park (PIP24) event on 18th May 2024” which will “encourage young people to attend PIP24 and learn about sustainability and how to reduce the impact of climate change. It also gives a location for free entertainment.”
- 4.4.4. This event takes place in less than a week and these costs are for refreshments and travel costs for young acts so that they are not out of pocket through taking part including 6 local acts – 10 volunteers and the SCC led BU youth LGBTQ group stand.
- 4.4.5. Consideration of the eligibility criteria for the grants shows that as this funding would create new and free opportunity for young people in the city it does meet the criteria and, it would also support one of the strategic Aims of the City Council in creating a Greener City.

#### **5. Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Sub Committee:

- 5.1. Award the grant in full to Wiltshire Creative,
- 5.2. Award the Grant in full Salisbury Hockey Club
- 5.3. Award the Grant in full to Impact MMA
- 5.4. Award the Grant in full to Salisbury Transition City

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

#### **7. Background papers:**

- 7.1. SCC Grants Policy
- 7.2. SCC Youth Bursary Grant Eligibility Criteria
- 7.3. Wiltshire Creative Youth Bursary Application
- 7.4. Salisbury Hockey Club Youth Bursary Application
- 7.5. Impact MMA Youth Bursary Application
- 7.6. Salisbury Transition City Youth Bursary Application.

#### **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.