

HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY YOUTH FUND

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on applications to the Youth Fund and to approve payments on outstanding completed applications.

BACKGROUND

2. Members will be aware that the Authority agreed to setting up a youth fund with effect from April 2005. The fund consists of £5,000 which local groups or community projects who run, or are setting up, projects aimed at preventing young people from becoming the victims or perpetrators of crime, can apply for.
3. Since April 2005 the Authority has had twenty four requests for application forms and has received four completed forms. A monitoring form has been produced in order to keep a record of all applications and payments, each application has its own unique reference number, and a copy of this is attached at Appendix A.
4. One payment of £500 has been made from the fund so far, leaving a total of £4,500 to bid for. This report includes further completed bids for grants from the fund.

APPLICATIONS

5. There are currently three outstanding applications to the fund. The completed application forms are available to view in the office of the Chief Executive to the Police Authority, and they are from:
 - The Swinemoor Youth Project
 - Bridlington Club for Young People
 - The ARK at Winterton

ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS

6. For ease of assessment the applications have been inserted into the matrix below along with the main assessment criteria.

Name of Group Applying	The Swinemoor Youth Project	Bridlington Club for Young People	The ARK Committee	West Marsh Community Centre
New or Existing project?	New – Swinemoor Summer Festival	Existing	Existing	Half Term Events - New
Sustainable?	Yes – if funding is secured the Festival will be run every summer	Yes – the sports equipment is needed in order to cater for the increase in club members	Yes – subject to funding. The project has full local community backing.	No – specific one-off events to cover half term period
Itemised breakdown of spend included?	Yes	Yes – costs for replacement sports equipment	Yes – including refurbishment costs for identified premises	Yes - including room hire, equipment and tutor fees.
Monitoring Mechanisms?	Weekly monitoring for the duration of the project	Via the Clubs existing Management Committee and Chair	Named monitoring officers include local Town Cllrs and police staff	Yes – via attendance monitoring and user feedback
Project Evaluation?	Full evaluation on completion of project to include input from local residents, councillors, participants and users of the service.	Evaluation will be carried out by the Chairman and will be based on the numbers of young people engaging in sporting activities provided.	Via monitoring with Management Committee, Local Police and Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire (scheme advisors)	Each event will be evaluated individually with a view to continuing the most popular ones
LPT Involvement	Yes, including LPT Insp and 2 named PCs	No	Yes – named PC Teale	No
Financial statement included (if existing project)	N/A	Available to view upon request	Available to view upon request	No financial statement for this project
Is the project local? (within the Humberside area)	Yes – Beverley	Yes – Bridlington	Yes - Winterton	Yes - Grimsby
Is the aim of the project to divert young people away nuisance/crime or similar?	Yes by providing services to young people over the school holiday period	Yes, by providing new sports equipment to an already existing project enabling them to increase the service they provide to young people in the town	Yes, by providing young people with a warm, dry, safe environment in which to meet on an evening and at weekends.	Yes – by engaging young people who are on school holidays. Providing activities during the day and early evening
Miscellaneous information to support claim.			Application is for £2,050. It has been explained to them that we only award payments of up to £500	
Does the application meet the application criteria?	Yes - fully	Yes – fully	Yes - fully	Yes - fully

RECOMMENDATIONS

7. It is recommended that the Committee:
 - i. Approve the payment of £500 to the Swinemoor Youth Project on the basis that their application form meets the criteria for successful bids from the fund.
 - ii. Approve the payment of £500 to the Bridlington Club for Young People on the basis that their application form meets the criteria for successful bids from the fund.
 - iii. Approve the payment of £500 to the The ARK Committee on the basis that their application form meets the criteria for successful bids from the fund.
 - iv. Direct any questions concerning any of the bids to the Consultation and Partnership officer
 - v. Receive further updates on applications to the fund at future meetings.
 - vi. Note the content of the monitoring matrix attached at Appendix A and make any further suggestions as to the content of the matrix as it sees necessary.

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Background Documents: