

POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD

23RD JULY 2015

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF CORPORATE STRATEGY AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES – MRS.K.JONES

SECTION C - MATTER FOR MONITORING

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

GRANT FUNDING END OF YEAR REPORT 2014/15

PROJECT FUNDS

The Council provides grant funding that is available to various youth, voluntary groups and organisations and the Safer Neath Port Talbot Partnership to apply for. A total of £12,000 was allocated for 2014- 2015.

There are three grant funds : -

1. Youth Related Projects fund

This fund is available to Community Police Officers and community based organisations to apply for financial assistance towards the cost of projects involving young people, not currently taking part in community activity, to provide diversionary activities. A maximum grant of £500 can be used to purchase equipment, transport costs, sessional workers & overheads. Each application is judged on its merits but must fulfil the following criteria

- It involves young people
- It has links to Community Safety
- It achieves the aims of the grant
- It meets the criteria for the application

2. Voluntary Organisations Projects Fund

This fund is available for voluntary organisation to apply for funding for projects that support the Community Safety priorities. A maximum grant of £1,000 can be granted for any expenditure to support specific projects that help meet one or more of the six objectives of the Community Safety Strategy.

- To be carried out in partnership with other agencies
- To reduce the fear of crime
- To reduce fear and incidents of domestic violence
- To reduce potential for youth crime
- To increase public safety
- To reduce substance and drug misuse

3. Safer Neath Port Talbot Partnership Fund

This fund is available for the Safer Neath Port Talbot Partnership to apply for funding to implement projects in line with the Safer Neath Port Talbot priorities.

PROCESS

The fund is administered by the Community Safety team who have delegated authority to determine grant applications. An annual report is produced for Members.

EVALUATION

If an application is approved a short feedback report must be submitted at the end of the project evaluating the success of the project, including relevant performance information.

APPLICATIONS

In 2014 / 2015 the following applications were received: -

Fund granted	No. of Applications	Amount
Youth Related Projects	13	£ 5,614.85
Voluntary Organisation Projects	2	£ 1,859.20
Partnership projects	4	£ 4,528.00
TOTAL	19	£12,002.05

The nineteen applications were received from of a variety of groups and organisations. Sporting organisations looking for funding to attract more young people into the club; community groups aiming to provide vital services; partnership schemes raising the awareness of emerging crime trends and implementing crime reduction initiatives in the community.

EXAMPLES:

Youth - Related Projects

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Grant</u>
Surf School Wales	£ 500

Surf School Wales based at Aberavon Beach are passionate about providing a service for the children in the area, encouraging them to take part in regular fitness, socialise with other children and learn new skills on the beautiful beach that is on the doorstep – Aberavon. The club already run a weekly surf club which attracts over 100 local children aged 7-16

The grant would provide free surfing lesson for up to 20 children aged 8-16 they would target children who haven't had the opportunity to attend before, once the children have attended the lesson they are then eligible to come along to the weekly youth surf club. This free lesson would give children the chance to learn something new but we then have the platform for them to continue enhancing their new skill, meet new friends and have regular exercise in their home town.

Voluntary Organisation Projects

Port Talbot Women Aid

£1,000

Port Talbot & Afan Women's Aid work with women and children who have been subjected to domestic abuse. The project would involve service users in planning and organising activities and events for fellow victims and survivors. The fund will help set up a coffee morning, a drug and alcohol advice group and a family support service; these will offer women vital information and support to protect themselves and their children from domestic abuse. The funding will also help support the existing 'Material Girl' project, a textile upcycling social enterprise.

Safer Neath Port Talbot Partnership projects

Operation BANG

£693

Operation Bang took place between 13th Oct 14 and 10th Nov 14. The aim was to reduce Anti-Social Behaviour, crime and disorder in Neath Port Talbot (NPT) over the Halloween and Bonfire night period.

The role of the NPT Community Safety team was to support the South Wales Police Annual campaign by organising and attending awareness raising events, developing and implementing diversionary activities and promoting positive messages to partners and members of the public.

The location of the events and activities were intelligence led and the small amount of Community Safety funding assisted in publicising the launch and implementing the campaign.

Partners included:

Mid & West Wales Fire Service	NPT Road Safety Team
NPT Trading Standards	NPT Community First teams
NPT Youth Service	NPT Renewal Area
NPT Neighbourhood Watch	NPT Education department

Outcomes:

Reduced calls to the police

31 st Oct 13	31 st Oct 14	5 th Nov 13	5 th Nov 14
13	1	17	8

Reduced calls to the fire service

5 th Nov 2013	5 th Nov 2014
15	8

This demonstrates quite clearly the fantastic results achieved by partnership working, intervention and diversionary activities. Going forward, should the Cabinet Board approve the proposed Scheme for grant funding to third sector organisations, that framework will be the basis upon which future grant applications to the Community Safety Team will be determined.

RECOMMENDED

That Members note the report.

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2014/15

Appendix 1

YOUTH RELATED PROJECTS

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Port Talbot town cricket club	Summer school	£500	May 14
Sardis youth club	Youth activities	£489.91	May 14
Cwrt Sart school	Crucial Crew	£100	June 14
Margam park Angling club	Fishing for fun	£500	July 14
Keep Wales Tidy	Fairyland Activities	£ 90	July 14
Skewen RFC	Delivering Junior rugby	£500	Sept 14
PT Kickboxing club	Free summer sessions	£500	Sept 14
Crossroads Young Carers	Youth activities	£479.97	Feb 15
Cimla Youth club	Youth activities	£454.97	Feb 15
Port Talbot Lifeguards	Surf school taster class	£500	Mar 15
Velindre Community school	Environment project	£500	Mar 15
Sandfields youth club	New equipment	£500	Mar 15
Glyncorrwg youth club	New equipment	£500	Mar 15

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION PROJECTS

Care & Repair	Security project	£859.20	Mar 15
Port Talbot & Afan WA	Domestic Abuse group	£1,000	Mar 15

PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

Aberavon RFC	Schools Programme	£750	July 14
Safer NPT	White Ribbon week	£405	Oct 14
Safer NPT	Operation BANG	£693	Oct 14
Safer NPT	Crucial Crew	£2,680	Mar 15
Total 2013/2014		£12,002.05	