

Report to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Report submitted by: Executive Director for Children and Young People
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Part I - Item No. 10

Electoral Division affected:
All

Grants to Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Organisations 2007/08
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

The allocation of grants to the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sectors (VCFS) for the funding year 2007/08.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People is asked to consider the approval of grants to the VCFS for the funding year 2007/08, as set out in the Appendix to the report. The report is based on the recommendations made by the VCFS Cabinet Working Group at their meeting on 26 April 2007.

Background

The VCFS Cabinet Working Group has considered recommendations from Officers on grants to VCFS organisations for 2007/08. This is in accordance with the funding arrangements (as specified in the Compact on Relations and accompanying Code of Good Practice on Funding) between Lancashire County Council and the VCFS.

Details of grant applications that fall under the remit of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People in the 2007/08 funding year, together with the recommendations of the Cabinet Working Group, are set out at Appendix 'A'.

Attached at Annex 1 to the Appendix is a summary of the applications which the Cabinet Member is asked to consider, having regard to the recommendations made by the Cabinet Working Group.

It should be noted that organisations can apply for strategic, project and development funding. These are defined as follows:



Strategic

This type of funding will take into account broader strategic aims and needs, enabling the County Council to ensure capacity at a strategic level, and assist longer-term planning and stability within the VCFS.

Project

Project funding would be for an agreed period to meet the costs of a specific piece of work or activity.

Development

This funding is an investment in the capacity of the voluntary, community or faith organisation.

The total budgetary provision available in 2007/08 is £351,800. Of this £240,800 will be available for grant funding and £111,000 available for distribution via Lancashire Locals. The Cabinet Member Working Group recommended that the latter is distributed following a review of the funding formula which should reflect youth population and disadvantage and a further report will be submitted to the Cabinet Member Working Group on 12 June around revised allocations.

Following discussions with the Cabinet Member, Officers recommend that the decision around five of the applications (attached within Appendix 'A') is referred back to the Cabinet Member Working Group on 12 June 2007.

If the recommendations in this report are accepted a total of £196,000 will be allocated leaving a balance of £44,800 which will remain available as grant funding for other organisations in 2007/08.

These grants can be made under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 which states that "Every local authority are to have power to do anything which they consider is likely to achieve any one or more of the following objects:

- the promotion or improvement of the economic well-being of their area,
- the promotion or improvement of the social well-being of their area, and
- the promotion or improvement of the environmental well-being of their area.

Section 2(4)(b) of the 2000 Act includes a specific power to give financial assistance to any person under the well-being provisions.

In recommending these grants be allocated, Officers have also had regard to the Community Strategy document, 'Ambition Lancashire', as these applications will contribute towards the achievement/advancement/promotion of one or more of Ambition Lancashire's five core principles:

1. Participation
2. Accessibility
3. Equality
4. Social Inclusion
5. Sustainability

Consultations

Discussions have, as necessary, taken place between Officers of the County Council and representatives from the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector.

Advice

It is recommended that, in line with the Funding Code, VCFS organisations will be supported, and payments made, covering the funding year.

Alternative options to be considered

N/A

Implications: e.g. Financial, Legal, Personnel, Human Rights, Crime and Disorder or Other

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Financial

Total grant monies of £351,800 are available to the Voluntary Community and Faith sector in 2007/08. £111,000 of these funds will be allocated by Lancashire Locals leaving £240,800 to be allocated centrally.

If agreed, the recommendations contained in this report will lead to the allocation of £196,000 leaving a balance of £44,800 available to other organisations during 2007/08.

Any representations made to the Cabinet Member prior to the issue being considered in accordance with the Public Notice of Forward Plans

Name:	Organisation:	Comments:
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N/A

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Ext
Various Application Forms	Various	Mark Woodruff, Directorate for Children and Young People, Ext 32821

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Section A – Applications recommended to be supported

1. Girl Guiding Lancashire NW

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £15,000

Period Requested: 3 years from 1 July 2007

Amount per annum: £5,000

Type of Funding Requested: Strategic

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To provide opportunities for young people 5-25 to gain a sense of achievement, increase personal skills, develop self awareness, self respect, respect for others etc. Funding will help the ongoing costs of providing leadership training, including leadership packs to support new guiders. County events, competitions, activity days, camps, BP challenge weekends, and purchase equipment.

Officer Comments:

This is a previously funded organisation who provides its activities to the benefit of large numbers of young people across a number of localities within North and Central Lancashire and meets several of the Corporate Objectives and elements of the Youth Offer.

Officer Recommendation:

Girl Guiding Lancashire NW is to be funded in the sum of £5,000 to support the activities of this organisation.

The commitment against each financial year would be as follows:

<u>2007/08</u>	<u>2008/09</u>
£3,750	£1,250

2. Girl Guides - Lancs West

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £7,240

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £7,240

Type of Funding Requested: Strategic

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To manage the county administration, training and developmental activities to enable the divisions, districts and units to deliver a quality programme for the girls.

Officer Comments:

This is a previously funded organisation who provides its activities to the benefit of large numbers of young people around Wyre and Fylde and meets several of the Corporate Objectives and elements of the Youth Offer.

Officer Recommendation:

Girl Guides Lancashire West is to be funded in the sum of £4,000 to support the activities of this organisation.

The commitment against each financial year would be as follows:

<u>2007/08</u>	<u>2008/09</u>
£3,000	£1,000

3. Girl Guiding Lancashire East

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £23,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1s July 2007

Amount per annum: £23,300

Type of Funding Requested: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To minimise the charge for county leaders. To run a county weekend for leaders, GAHT training for leaders, Look about evenings for leaders, County day for leaders, Adult leadership training, Sailing weekend at Towerwood.

Officer Comments:

This organisation was funded 2 years ago and provides its activities to the benefit of large numbers of young people across a number of localities within the East of the County and meets several of the Corporate Objectives and elements of the Youth Offer.

Officer Recommendation:

Girl Guiding Lancashire East is to be funded in the sum of £5,000 to support the activities of this organisation.

The commitment against each financial year would be as follows:

<u>2007/08</u>
£5,000

4. Guide Association Activity Centre - Guys Farm - Lancs NW and Lancashire West

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £17,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 July 2007

Amount per annum: £17,000

Type of Funding Requested: Strategic

Activities for which grant is to be used:

The funding is required to maintain the appointment of a full time Centre Manager. The Manager is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the facility, administration of bookings, promotion of the centre and provision of training and instructors. The Manager also assists the Management Committee in developing the Centre and its activities. The Manager plays a key role in organising volunteer groups working at the Centre.

Officer Comments:

This is a previously funded organisation which provides its activities to the benefit of large numbers of young people across a number of localities within Lancashire in the north, west and central locations and meets several of the Corporate Objectives and elements of the Youth Offer.

Officer Recommendation:

Guide Association Activity Centre - Guys Farm - Lancs NW and Lancashire West is to be funded in the sum of £10,000 to support the activities of this organisation

The commitment against each financial year would be as follows:

<u>2007/08</u>	<u>2008/09</u>
£7,500	£2,500

5. Scouting in Lancashire

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £45,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 July 2007

Amount per annum: £45,000

Type of Funding Requested: Strategic

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To provide essential, central professional support for operating an organisation of this size and complexity. Funding more important this year to focus on both the new County Development Plan in the centenary year and future sustainability by seeking alternative sources of funding to reduce the reliance on LA funding. The funding will contribute to salaries, support costs, training and running costs.

Officer Comments:

This is a previously funded organisation who provides its activities to the benefit of large numbers of young people across the whole of Lancashire and meets several of the Corporate Objectives and elements of the Youth Offer.

Officer Recommendation:

Scouting in Lancashire is to be funded in the sum of £22,500 to support the activities of this organisation.

The commitment against each financial year would be as follows:

<u>2007/08</u>	<u>2008/09</u>
£16,875	£5,625

6. Scout Council East Lancashire County

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £13,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £13,000

Type of Funding Requested: Development

Activities for which grant is to be used:

A system of infrastructure will be developed to ensure sustainable long term development particularly to increase BME and female membership. Develop a team of volunteers, design and develop promotional materials in appropriate languages, enhance profile in BME communities and identify target areas to increase female membership.

Officer Comments:

This is a previously funded organisation who provides its activities to the benefit of large numbers of young people across a number of localities in the East of Lancashire and meets several of the Corporate Objectives and elements of the Youth Offer.

Officer Recommendation:

Scout Council East Lancashire County is to be funded in the sum of £6,000 to support the activities of this organisation.

The commitment against each financial year would be as follows:

2007/08
£6,000

7. The Boys Brigade North West District

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £12,000

Period Requested: 3 years from 1 July 2007

Amount per annum: £4,000

Type of Funding Requested: Strategic

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To provide admin support and make available the services and resources of the District residential training and activity centre at Kirkham. To provide a wide range of training courses relevant to youth work and legislation around working with YP in accordance with national youth work standards. These will improve the information flow through visits and the provision of a telephone helpline.

Officer Comments:

This is a previously funded organisation which provides its activities to the benefit of young people across a number of localities in the East of Lancashire and meets several of the Corporate Objectives and elements of the Youth Offer.

Officer Recommendation:

The Boys Brigade North West District is to be funded in the sum of £3,000 to support the activities of this organisation.

The commitment against each financial year would be as follows:

<u>2007/08</u>	<u>2008/09</u>
£2,250	£750

8. Lancashire Young Farmers

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £83,818.09

Period Requested: 3 years from 1 July 2007

Amount per annum: £30,353

Type of Funding Requested: Strategic

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To fund the salaries of the County Secretary (FT) and County Development Officer (PT). Provide a comprehensive training programme for members and deliver support and admin for the 19 clubs throughout Lancashire. There will be a varied programme of competitions and events as decided by member. Guidance and support will be given to provide necessary safeguarding procedures. Training packages will provide members with leadership, team working, confidence and social skills.

Officer Comments:

This is a previously funded organisation who provides its activities to the benefit of large numbers of young people across the whole of Lancashire and meets several of the Corporate Objectives and elements of the Youth Offer.

Officer Recommendation:

Lancashire Young Farmers is to be funded in the sum of £15,000 to support the activities of this organisation.

The commitment against each financial year would be as follows:

<u>2007/08</u>	<u>2008/09</u>
£11,250	£3,750

9. YMCA Blackburn

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £60,538

Period Requested: 3 years from 1 July 2007

Amount per annum: £19,300

Type of Funding Requested: Strategic

Activities for which grant is to be used:

This will part fund the salary of the General Manager providing a supported housing scheme in East Lancashire for medium to high need young people.

Officer Comments:

This is a previously funded organisation who provides its activities to the benefit of young people across a number of localities in East Lancashire and meets several of the Corporate Objectives and elements of the Youth Offer.

Officer Recommendation:

YMCA Blackburn is funded in the sum of £9,000 to support the activities of this organisation.

The commitment against each financial year would be as follows:

<u>2007/08</u>	<u>2008/09</u>
£6,750	£2,250

10. Action for ASD

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £15,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £15,000

Type of Funding Requested: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

The project will provide volunteer work placements to young people aged 13-19 who are diagnosed with Aspergers Syndrome or High Functioning Autism. Volunteers will be offered placements in admin, conference and events management and supporting YP at IMPACT youth club. Hoping to work with 15 volunteers across the year.

Officer Comments:

This is a previously funded organisation which provides its services to groups of vulnerable young people with disabilities in East Lancashire area and meets several of the Corporate Objectives and elements of the Youth Offer.

Officer Recommendation:

Action for ASD is funded in the sum of £12,500 to support the activities of this organisation.

The commitment against each financial year would be as follows:

<u>2007/08</u>
£12,500

11. Wheels within Wheels

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £24,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £24,000

Type of Funding Requested: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To provide a varied and unique programme of wheeled activities complementing the community safety strategy. YP will be trained in car /bike mechanics and graphically learn the impact of dangerous driving. The courses are geared to engage YP on a practical basis with a minimum of theoretical work. YP from disadvantaged families on low income/welfare benefit are supported. To expand the mountain bike activity which leads to AQA awards. YP are challenged to build a mud buggy which they can drive on a field. Latest challenge is to build a complex buggy which is accredited.

Officer Comments:

This organisation provides its activities to the benefit of large numbers of young people across a number of localities within East Lancashire and meets several of the Corporate Objectives and elements of the Youth Offer.

Officer Recommendation:

Wheels within Wheels is funded in the sum of £12,000 to support the activities of this organisation.

The commitment against each financial year would be as follows:

2007/08

£12,000

12. Salford RC Diocesan Youth Service

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £38,400

Period Requested: 3 years from 1st July 2007

Amount per annum: £11,800

Type of Funding Requested: Strategic

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To part fund a Youth Officer to provide support, resources, advice, training and liaison with others around issues affecting YP. Training will be face to face at school level and there will be diocesan and international events.

Officer Comments:

This is a previously funded organisation who provides its activities to the benefit of young people across a number of localities in East Lancashire and meets several of the Corporate Objectives and elements of the Youth Offer.

Officer Recommendation:

Salford RC Diocesan Youth Service is funded in the sum of £6,500 to support the activities of this organisation.

The commitment against each financial year would be as follows:

<u>2007/08</u>	<u>2008/09</u>
£4,875	£1,625

13. Blackburn Diocesan Youth Service

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £40,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 July 2007

Amount per annum: £40,000

Type of Funding Requested: Strategic

Activities for which grant is to be used:

This will part fund a Diocesan youth Officer, a youth work administrator and 4 schools based youth officers. This will provide training for youth leaders including portfolio based accredited learning and a HE level one course in youth work. Events will be organised including residentials promoting a healthy lifestyle. YP will contribute towards the events. Provision of Resources

Officer Comments:

This is a previously funded organisation who provides its activities to the benefit of young people across a number of localities in Central and North Lancashire and meets several of the Corporate Objectives and elements of the Youth Offer.

Officer Recommendation:

Blackburn Diocesan Youth Service is funded in the sum of £10,500 to support the activities of this organisation.

The commitment against each financial year would be as follows:

<u>2007/08</u>	<u>2008/09</u>
£7,875	£2,625

14. LACYP

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £30,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 July 2007

Amount per annum: £30,000

Type of Funding Requested: Strategic

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To fund the salary of the Chief Officer to ensure there is an annual planned programme of activities around sport, healthy lifestyles and road safety. Provide safe places to go through clubs and visits and provide accredited outcomes via training and activity packages.

Officer Comments:

This is a previously funded organisation who provides its activities to the benefit of young people across the whole of Lancashire and meets several of the Corporate Objectives and elements of the Youth Offer.

Officer Recommendation:

LACYP is funded in the sum of £25,000 to support the activities of this organisation.

The commitment against each financial year would be as follows:

<u>2007/08</u>	<u>2008/09</u>
£18,750	£6,250

15. Lancashire Youth Association

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £47,653

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 July 2007

Amount per annum: £47,653

Type of Funding Requested: Strategic

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To provide financial support for a qualified team of youth work staff to increase the sector's capacity to deliver high quality youth activities and support to YP

across Lancashire. These will provide specialist infrastructure support services to volunteer youth workers, develop positive activities, develop volunteer opportunities and peer education and develop a providers forum to shape the local Youth Offer.

Officer Comments:

This is a previously funded organisation who provides its activities to the benefit of young people across the whole of Lancashire and meets several of the Corporate Objectives and elements of the Youth Offer.

Officer Recommendation:

Lancashire Youth association is funded in the sum of £25,000 to support the activities of this organisation.

The commitment against each financial year would be as follows:

<u>2007/08</u>	<u>2008/09</u>
£18,750	£6,250

16. LCVYS

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £45,418

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 July 2007

Amount per annum: £45,418

Type of Funding Requested: Strategic

Activities for which grant is to be used:

The funding will support the continued employment (salary and on-costs) of an existing full-time Company Secretary and part-time Administrative Assistant/Book keeper for the Council. In addition, it will meet the operating costs of these posts – premises, stationery, travel etc to enable them to continue to provide services currently delivered by LCVYS. The funding will support children and young people by enabling LCVYS to continue to act as the umbrella body for Voluntary Youth Service Organisations in Lancashire – ensuring their continued engagement and representation in key Local Authority initiatives – Youth Offer, Children’s Trust Arrangements, Extended Schools etc, as well as key Voluntary Community Faith Sector initiatives – Lancashire VCFS Consortium/Changeup, Lancashire Learning Consortium, Development of Social Enterprises etc.

Officer Comments:

This is a previously funded organisation which provides its activities to the benefit of young people across the whole of Lancashire and meets several of the Corporate Objectives and elements of the Youth Offer.

Officer Recommendation:

LCVYS is funded in the sum of £25,000 to support the activities of this organisation.

The commitment against each financial year would be as follows:

<u>2007/08</u>	<u>2008/09</u>
£18,750	£6,250

2. Section B – Applications recommended not to be funded

1. Scout's Explorer to Greenland

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £500

Period Requested:

Amount per annum: £500

Type of Funding: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To help fund a scout and his trip to Greenland.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise that this will be a worthwhile activity; however, they feel that the available funds would be more appropriately used on more strategic activities.

2. Drugline Lancashire Ltd

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £121,203.73

Period Requested: 3 years from 1 July 2007

Amount per annum: £40,449.44

Type of Funding: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To provide funding to support the Children and Young Carers of Drug Users project. This aims to combine both long and short term differences to the children and young people affected. The short term benefits include the prevention of harm and abuse, challenging stigma, promoting peer support, be safe, time to be young and challenge isolation, outings and activities.

Officer Comments:

This application has also been submitted to the Children and Young People's Directorate and is being considered as part of their grants process as this was the intended destination.

3. Fleetwood Gymnasium CYP

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £2,500

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £2,500

Type of Funding: Strategic

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To run the project on more nights / By keeping youngsters of the street at night time

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Fleetwood Gymnasium CYP; however, when put alongside the other applications that have been received, these services are very locally targeted and Officers feel that the available funds would be more appropriately used on more strategic activities and services affecting a larger geographical and community area.

4. Fleetwood Gymnasium CYP

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £2,500

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £2,500

Type of Funding: Development

Activities for which grant is to be used:

Fewer youngsters on the street at night time and for them to work with other youngsters. We hope it will make them better youngsters and will put something back into the community.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Fleetwood Gymnasium CYP; however, when put alongside the other applications that have been received, these services are very locally targeted and Officers feel that the available funds would be more appropriately used on more strategic activities and services affecting a larger geographical and community area.

5. Scouting in Lancashire

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £35,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £35,000

Type of Funding: Development

Activities for which grant is to be used:

This is to provide the salary and on-costs for 2 development workers for 12 months. These would support and increase the capacity of adult volunteers to deliver more things to do and places to go. The priority areas would be BME groups and developing Scouting in schools as part of the extended schools agenda.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Scouting in Lancashire; however, as they have been recommended for strategic funding in section A and taking into account the limited amount of funding available it is not proposed to fund this application.

6. Scouting in Lancashire

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £4,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £4,000

Type of Funding: Development

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To run a County Programme Workshop to bring together those people who will be instrumental in the delivery of the development plan for growth, to take it to the implementation stage. This will ensure that the whole county will move forward as one to continue to provide places to go and things to do. The funding will pay for a venue such as Borwick Hall.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Scouting in Lancashire; however, as they have been recommended for strategic funding in section A and taking into account the limited amount of funding available, it is not proposed to fund this application.

7. Scouting in Lancashire

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £2,500

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £2,500

Type of Funding: Development

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To provide some additional sign-writing to the Mobile Display Unit providing publicity and public awareness and to act as a recruitment tool for volunteers and new members. This will also provide fuel costs, display boards and giveaway items.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Scouting in Lancashire; however, as they have been recommended for strategic funding in section A and taking into account the limited amount of funding available it is not proposed to fund this application.

8. Scouting in Lancashire

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £2,500

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £2,500

Type of Funding: Development

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To run a series of cross-county roadshows aimed at volunteer adults, updating them with current initiatives and building a buzz of excitement to make 2008 another "special year". This will help retain current volunteers and assist in the induction and development of new adults to further build capacity.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Scouting in Lancashire; however, as they have been recommended for strategic funding in section A and taking into account the limited amount of funding available it is not proposed to fund this application.

9. YMCA Blackburn

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £15,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £15,000

Type of Funding: Development

Activities for which grant is to be used:

Administrative support to enable qualified experienced staff to concentrate on securing tenancies that will be ready and provide on going support to facilitate moves to independent living.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by YMCA Blackburn; however, as they have been recommended for strategic funding in section A and taking into account the limited amount of funding available, it is not proposed to fund this application.

10. YMCA Lancaster & District

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £13,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £13,000

Type of Funding: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To continue to develop the Y-Information service for young people which gives accessible, impartial face-to-face advice to young people. The Service contacts 8000 young people annually with special, sessions run by Lancaster City Housing and Lancaster YMCA staffs who run the Y2UP Young Offenders project. This provides specialist advice on housing and offending issues encouraging young people to find their own solutions through access to the internet/literature.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by YMCA Lancaster and District; however, as they have been recommended for development funding

in section A and taking into account the limited amount of funding available it is not proposed to fund this application.

11. YMCA Lancaster & District

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £1,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £1,000

Type of Funding: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To upgrade officer furniture for front line staff in face-to-face work with clients. Specifically for Y2UP programme worker. Also comfortable chairs for the counselling rooms, secure cabinets and refurbishment of radio station and public areas.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by YMCA Lancaster and District; however, as they have been recommended for development funding in section A and taking into account the limited amount of funding available, it is not proposed to fund this application.

12. YMCA North West

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £9,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 July 2007

Amount per annum: £9,000

Type of Funding: Strategic

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To support the costs of the regional Executive Officer for the NW region in respect of the support given to YMCAs in Lancaster, Fleetwood, St Annes, Preston and East Lancashire. This will deliver better managed, more effective work which will directly benefit the young people in these areas.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by YMCA North West; however, as more local YMCAs have been recommended for funding in

section A and taking into account the limited amount of funding available, it is not proposed to fund this application.

13. Action for ASD

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £25,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £25,000

Type of Funding: Development

Activities for which grant is to be used:

Internet Café for young people aged 13-19 who are diagnosed with Aspergers Syndrome or High Functioning Autism. This will provide IT and internet skills through an accredited course. Young people will gain skills for the future and employment.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Action for ASD; however, as they have been recommended for project funding in section A and taking into account the limited amount of funding available, it is not proposed to fund this application.

14. Fishwick Community Action

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £923

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £923

Type of Funding: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To work with disadvantaged youths who have been socially excluded. Also work with Polish and Macedonian on a project around cultural diversity increasing their awareness of the key issues of living in a multi-cultural society. Provide information and advice and produce a leaflet. there will be a few trips which will be for team building.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Fishwick Community Action; however, when put alongside the other applications that have been received, these services are very locally targeted and Officers feel that the available funds would be more appropriately used on more strategic activities and services affecting a larger geographical and community area.

15. Fishwick Rangers

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £6,742

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £6,742

Type of Funding: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

Two projects - Obesity awareness which aims to highlight the serious concerns of the effects of obesity within deprived communities via workshops leading to a residential and sports sessions to improve health and fitness. Girls Group aiming to provide a wider range of activities to girls aged 11 to 16 to enhance their personal development and undertake challenging educational opportunities. Sporting events, outdoor ed and day trips leading to accredited qualifications.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Fishwick Rangers; however, when put alongside the other applications that have been received, these services are very locally targeted and Officers feel that the available funds would be more appropriately used on more strategic activities and services affecting a larger geographical and community area.

16. Fleetwood Gymnasium CYP

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £2,500

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £2,500

Type of Funding: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

Fewer youngsters on the street at night time. To offer young people greater opportunities to enhance their own motivation and self esteem, and make a positive contribution in their community.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Fleetwood Gymnasium CYP; however, when put alongside the other applications that have been received, these services are very locally targeted and Officers feel that the available funds would be more appropriately used on more strategic activities and services affecting a larger geographical and community area.

17. Lancashire Council of Mosques

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £40,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £40,000

Type of Funding: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

Substance Abuse and Child Welfare and Safety Awareness. Substance Abuse - To deliver substance abuse awareness, train a teacher in this area from each school/madrasah to be the lead person, to build capacity to identify referral points, hold surgeries and produce culturally sensitive educational material. Child Welfare - To deliver workshops, train a teacher in this area from each school/madrasah to be the lead person, hold surgeries, offer on-going support and produce culturally sensitive educational material.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Lancashire Council of Mosques; however, the services provided meet only a small number of Corporate Objectives and elements of the Youth Offer and taking into account the limited amount of funding available it is not proposed to fund this application.

18. More Music in Morecambe

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £42,000

Period Requested: 3 years from 1 July 2007

Amount per annum: £12,000

Type of Funding: Strategic

Activities for which grant is to be used:

Cultural provision for young people.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by More Music in Morecambe; however, this organisation is in receipt of grant funding from elsewhere within the County Council through the County Arts Unit and double funding is not permissible.

19. n-compass

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £30,956

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 September 2007

Amount per annum: £30,956

Type of Funding: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To support 50 young men (12-18yrs) in Fylde and Wyre who are engaging in self harming behaviour.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by n-compass; however, when put alongside the other applications that have been received, these services are very locally targeted and Officers feel that the available funds would be more appropriately used on more strategic activities and services affecting a larger geographical and community area.

20. Preston Hanfi Sunni Muslim Society

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £4,855

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £4,855

Type of Funding: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To provide classes around religious education for those who have suffered due to living in disadvantaged areas/deprived wards. Special events for vulnerable adults will also be provided. Close networking will take place with community groups. Through this it is hoped to increase participation and reduce the amount of youth crime prevalent in the area.

Officer Comments:

This application does not fulfil the criteria for funding under the Compact which states that the County Council does not support religious activity and although Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Preston Hanfi Sunni Muslim Society the project cannot be supported.

21. Relate Lancashire

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £24,570

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £24,570

Type of Funding: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To enable Relate to continue providing a confidential and professional counselling service to young people in nine Lancashire schools, some of whom have been victims of or witnesses to domestic violence at home, self harm, bullying, low self esteem, communication problems and sexual issues.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Relate Lancashire; however, the services provided meet only a small number of Corporate Objectives and elements of the Youth Offer and taking into account the limited amount of funding available it is not proposed to fund this application.

22. The Foxtton Centre

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £12,740

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £12,740

Type of Funding: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To provide a new 'All for One' joint partnership venture between Foxtton Centre, the Jamea Masjid Youth Club and Groundwork Lancashire West to work together through the Avenham Youth Network. 'All for One' is a pilot project designed to motivate young people from a variety of backgrounds to overcome barriers of ignorance and mistrust through gender and culture-sensitive competitive sports and on into co-operation through a team building event. Young people's involvement in the project will be accredited through AQA, Youth Achievement of Sports Coaching Award schemes.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by The Foxtton Centre; however, when put alongside the other applications that have been received, these services are very locally targeted and Officers feel that the available funds would be more appropriately used on more strategic activities and services affecting a larger geographical and community area.

23. Urban Exchange

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £65,360

Period Requested: 3 years from 1 July 2007

Amount per annum: £21,876.66

Type of Funding: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

The OK project will establish a support service for lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender young people or those who are questioning their sexuality. This will be provided through one-to-one support both in person and via the phone and in a supportive group environment. The project will employ a co-ordinator and youth worker.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Urban Exchange; however, when put alongside the other applications that have been received, these services are very locally targeted and Officers feel that the available funds would be more appropriately used on more strategic activities and services affecting a larger geographical and community area.

24. Urban Exchange

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £118,422

Period Requested: 3 years from 1 July 2007

Amount per annum: £28,779

Type of Funding: Strategic

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To expand the work of the Urban Exchange Partnership which provides an integrated front-line service to young people aged 11-25. Staff will produce business plans, co-ordinate service delivery, carry out actions identified by partner agencies, facilitate partnership meetings, identify ways of plugging gaps in provision and accessing funds from external grant making trusts.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Urban Exchange; however, when put alongside the other applications that have been received, these services are very locally targeted and Officers feel that the available funds would be more appropriately used on more strategic activities and services affecting a larger geographical and community area.

25. Sold Out - Youth and Community Works

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £950

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £950

Type of Funding: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To purchase a pool table. Thirty young people currently attend the youth centre every Friday night. This could also be used by Narcotics Anonymous who use the building on a Monday and Thursday.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Sold Out - Youth and Community Works; however, when put alongside the other applications that have been received, these services are very locally targeted and Officers feel that the available funds would be more appropriately used on more strategic activities and services affecting a larger geographical and community area.

26. LACYP

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £16,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £16,000

Type of Funding: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

For the MAC project comprising sports, mountain bikes and quad bike motor education programme. The three programmes take a variety of activities into the local community to engage with, especially, hard to reach young people aged 13-19 years.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by LACYP; however, as they have been recommended for strategic funding in section A and taking into account the limited amount of funding available, it is not proposed to fund this application.

27. Preston and Western Lancashire Racial Equality Council

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £80,000

Period Requested: 3 years from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £26,666

Type of Funding: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

'Bringing the City Together' project aiming to alleviate inter community youth conflict by providing diversionary activities around achieving cohesive youth

communities in Preston. Activities will include things such as DJing, golf, football etc.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Preston and Western Lancashire Racial Equality Council, however when put alongside the other applications that have been received, these services are very locally targeted and Officers feel that the available funds would be more appropriately used on more strategic activities and services affecting a larger geographical and community area.

Section C Applications Recommended to be Deferred

1. Lancashire Chinese School

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £1,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £1,000

Type of Funding: Project

Activities for which grant is to be used:

Provide a stimulating place for young people at weekends, exercise classes to promote healthy lives, function as a Chinese community centre for discussion of family problems and run Chinese language and art classes to develop skills.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Lancashire Chinese School and following discussions with the Cabinet Member, Officers recommend that the decision is deferred to the Cabinet Member Working Group on 12th June 2007.

2. Gujarat Hindu Society

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £5,248

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 July 2007

Amount per annum: £5,248

Type of Funding: Strategic

Activities for which grant is to be used:

IT provision within the Centre - YP to use for homework, Gujarati language speaking and writing skills leading to GCSE qualification, self tutorial software for core curriculum subjects, research and collating information and preparing CVs and job applications.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Gujarat Hindu Society and following discussions with the Cabinet Member, Officers recommend that the decision is deferred to the Cabinet Member Working Group on 12th June 2007.

3. YMCA Lancaster & District

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £18,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 April 2007

Amount per annum: £18,000

Type of Funding Requested: Development

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To fund the costs of the General Secretary to continue the provision of quality housing, offender rehabilitation, counselling, youth and community work offered by the Association, administering the charity, staff support and project development.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by YMCA Lancaster and District and following discussions with the Cabinet Member, Officers recommend that the decision is deferred to the Cabinet Member Working Group on 12th June 2007.

4. Signposts MARC

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £20,000

Period Requested: 1 year from 1st July 2007

Amount per annum: £20,000

Type of Funding Requested: Strategic

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To review the signposts Youth Offer so that it clearly addresses and links to the Lancashire Youth Offer. To develop a curriculum that addresses the 5 outcomes, continue to work with hard to reach YP, to consolidate a stakeholder group, develop a casework model and multi-agency approach, incorporate young carers work, facilitate the Activ8 programme, facilitate group work and detached work targeting physical activity, support YP to attend school, develop rural work, facilitate projects involvement with the C-Card sexual health service and work in Carnforth to submit an application for a Youth Roots project and work towards a youth cafe.

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by Signposts MARC and following discussions with the Cabinet Member, Officers recommend that the decision is deferred to the Cabinet Member Working Group on 12th June 2007.

5. South Ribble Key

Funding Tracker ID:

Amount Requested: £31,288

Period Requested: 1 year from 1 July 2007

Amount per annum: £31,288

Type of Funding Requested: Strategic

Activities for which grant is to be used:

To cover staffing and other core costs for Key's services which include Housing advice, information and crisis counselling. One to one and group support sessions (life skills/self esteem). Practical support including a weekday drop in for , meals, food parcels, showers, laundry facilities and a mailing address. Person centred counselling. Project work including art workshops, gardening and gym memberships (all focussed on the 16-25 age group).

Officer Comments:

Officers recognise the value of the services provided by South Ribble Key and following discussions with the Cabinet Member, Officers recommend that the decision is deferred to the Cabinet Member Working Group on 12th June 2007.

Grants to Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Organisations 2007/08

Summary of Applications to be considered by the Cabinet Working Group on Grants to Voluntary Organisations

Section A - Applications recommended to be supported

Section A

No.	Organisation	Amount per annum	Activity	Proposal	2007/08	2008/09
1	Girl Guiding Lancashire NW	£5,000	To provide opportunities for young people 5-25 to gain a sense of achievement, increase personal skills, develop self awareness, self respect, respect for others etc.	£5,000	£3,750	£1,250
2	Girl Guides - Lancs West	£7,240	To manage the county administration, training + developmental activities to enable the divisions, districts and units to deliver a quality programme for the girls.	£4,000	£3,000	£1,000
3	Girl Guiding Lancashire East	£23,300	To minimise the charge for county leaders. To run a county weekend for leaders, GAHT training for leaders, Lookabout evenings for leaders, County day for leaders, Adult leadership training, Sailing weekend at Towerwood.	£5,000	£5,000	
4	Guide Association Activity Centre - Guys Farm - Lancs NW and Lancashire West	£17,000	The funding is required to maintain the appointment of a full time Centre Manager.	£10,000	£7,500	£2,500
5	Scouting in Lancashire	£45,000	To provide essential, central professional support for operating an organisation of this size and complexity.	£22,500	£16,875	£5,625
6	Scout Council East Lancashire County	£13,000	A system of infrastructure will be developed to ensure sustainable long term development particularly to	£6,000	£6,000	

No.	Organisation	Amount per annum	Activity	Proposal	2007/08	2008/09
			increase BME and female membership.			
7	The Boys Brigade North West District	£4,000	To provide admin support and make available the services and resources of the District residential training and activity centre at Kirkham.	£3,000	£2,250	£750
8	Lancashire Young Farmers	£30,353	To fund the salaries of the County Secretary (FT) and County Development Officer (PT). Provide a comprehensive training programme for members and deliver support and admin for the 19 clubs throughout Lancashire.	£15,000	£11,250	£3,750
9	YMCA Blackburn	£19,300	This will part fund the salary of the General Manager providing a supported housing scheme in East Lancashire for medium to high need young people.	£9,000	£6,750	£2,250
10	Action for ASD	£15,000	The project will provide volunteer work placements to young people aged 13-19 who are diagnosed with Aspergers Syndrome or High Functioning Autism. Volunteers will be offered placements in admin, conference and events management and supporting YP at IMPACT youth club. Hoping to work with 15 volunteers across the year.	£12,500	£12,500	
11	Wheels within Wheels	£24,000	To provide a varied and unique programme of wheeled activities complementing the community safety strategy.	£12,000	£12,000	

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12	Salford RC Diocesan Youth Service	£11,800	To part fund a Youth Officer to provide support, resources, advice, training and liaison with others around issues affecting YP. Training will be face to face at school level and there will be diocesan and international events.	£6,500	£4,875	£1,625
13	Blackburn Diocesan Youth Service	£40,000	This will part fund a Diocesan youth Officer, a youth work administrator and 4 schools based youth officers.	£10,500	£7,875	£2,625
14	LACYP	£30,000	To fund the salary of the Chief Officer to ensure there is an annual planned programme of activities around sport, healthy lifestyles and road safety.	£25,000	£18,750	£6,250
15	Lancashire Youth Association	£47,653	To provide financial support for a qualified team of youth work staff to increase the sector's capacity to deliver high quality youth activities and support to YP across Lancashire.	£25,000	£18,750	£6,250
16	LCVYS	£45,418	The funding will support the continued employment (salary and on-costs) of an existing full-time Company Secretary and part-time Administrative Assistant / Book keeper for the Council.	£25,000	£18,750	£6,250

£196,000

Section B - Applications recommended not to be funded

No.	Organisation	Amount per annum	Activity
1	Scouts explorer to Greenland	£500	To Help fund a scout and his trip to Greenland.
2	Drugline Lancashire Ltd	£40,449	To provide funding to support the Children and Young Carers of drug Users project.
3	Fleetwood Gymnasium CYP	£2,500	To run the project on more nights / By keeping youngsters of the street at night time
4	Fleetwood Gymnasium CYP	£2,500	Fewer youngsters on the street at night time and for them to work with other youngsters. We hope it will make them better youngsters and will put something back in the community.
5	Scouting in Lancashire	£35,000	This is to provide the salary and on-costs for 2 development workers for 12 months.
6	Scouting in Lancashire	£4,000	To run a County Programme Workshop to bring together those people who will be instrumental in the delivery of the development plan for growth, to take it to the implementation stage.
7	Scouting in Lancashire	£2,500	To provide some additional sign writing to the Mobile Display Unit providing publicity and public awareness and to act as a recruitment tool for volunteers and new members.
8	Scouting in Lancashire	£2,500	To run a series of cross County road shows aimed at volunteer adults updating them with current initiatives and building a buzz of excitement to make 2008 another "special year".
9	YMCA Blackburn	£15,000	Administrative support to enable qualified experienced staff to concentrate on securing tenancies that will be ready and provide on going support to facilitate

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			moves to independent living.
10	YMCA Lancaster & District	£13,000	To continue to develop the Y-Information service for YP which gives accessible, impartial face to face advice to YP.
11	YMCA Lancaster & District	£1,000	To upgrade officer furniture for front line staff in face to face work with clients. Specifically for Y2UP programme worker.
12	YMCA North West	£9,000	To support the costs of the regional Executive Officer for the NW region in respect of the support given to YMCA's.
13	Action for ASD	£25,000	Internet Café for young people aged 13-19 who are diagnosed with Aspergers Syndrome or High Functioning Autism.
14	Fishwick Community Action	£923	To work with disadvantaged youths who have been socially excluded.
15	Fishwick Rangers	£6,742	2 projects - Obesity awareness which aims to highlight the serious concerns of the effects of obesity within deprived communities.
16	Fleetwood Gymnasium CYP	£2,500	Fewer youngsters on the street at night time. To offer young people greater opportunities, to enhance their own motivation and self esteem, and make a positive contribution in their community.
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Section C: Applications recommended to be deferred

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3	YMCA Lancaster & District	£18,000	To fund the costs of the General Secretary to continue the provision of quality housing, offender rehabilitation, counselling, youth and community work offered by the Association, administering the charity, staff support and project development.
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