

Forum Area or Division:	Eden - Eden
Reference:	CGA/1406-22
Group Name:	Cumbria Youth Alliance
Community Development Officer:	Kellie Bradburn- Sims
Community Development Assistant:	Lucy Tonkin
Amount Requested:	£4,000.00
Total Project Cost:	£4,125.00

APPLICATION REPORT

Application Summary

In September 2022, Cumbria Youth Alliance were awarded £4000 from Eden Local Committee's 11-19 Fund, to support a development project to establish a community led youth provision in Alston. CYA recruited a Project Officer to work with the community of Alston to identify the right people and place for a community led youth provision. CYA's projects officer has been working with local stakeholders as well as the school and local community groups to understand the needs and aspirations of young people, and identify opportunities in the area to establish a youth provision.

Since the start of the project it became clear very quickly that there is little or no interest from people wanting to take responsibility to set up a new Youth Club, as well as resistance from venues to host a Youth Club. The project officer also identified issues linked to anti-social behaviour amongst young people. As a result of these initial findings CYA are now considering 'outreach' youth work to get to know the young people better and find out more about their needs and aspirations. To assist with engagement with young people, and in the absence of a dedicated youth space, the CYA Project Officer has met with Samuel Kings School who have agreed to establishing a DofE programme. This will enable CYA Officers to engage with young people from the community and provide an opportunity for young people to co-produce the community led youth provision. CYA are a Scheme Trainer Centre for DofE and will develop a programme with support from School Staff.

In addition to establishing a DofE programme, the next phase of the youth club development project will involve a series of local events, to help encourage more people from the wider community to find out about the community led youth club project and get involved. With additional funding in place, the following events will take place in the Spring of 2023;

1. Wheels of Wellness, an all-inclusive mobile facility, developed to reach out to rural areas to empower communities, improving their mental and physical health and wellbeing. This will be delivered by ICAN Health and Fitness who will be responsible for all Insurances and Risk Assessment.
2. Kate Bush Family Dance Event, this will be organised and managed by Cumbria Youth Alliance Project Officer, Public Liability Insurance and Risk Assessment will be covered by CYA.
3. Alston Family Disco, this will be organised and managed by Cumbria Youth Alliance Project Officer, Public Liability Insurance and Risk Assessment will be covered by CYA.

Key Themes Met

This project contributes to Cumbria County Council's vision in the 2018 – 2022 Council Plan: to be “a Council that works with residents, businesses, communities and other organisations to deliver the best services possible within the available resources”.

The project also contributes to the following outcomes the County Council's 2018 – 2022 plan aims to achieve for the people of Cumbria:

People in Cumbria are Healthy and Safe

People in Cumbria have access to the tools they need to keep themselves healthy

Match with Criteria

When awarding funds from this scheme applications for funding should demonstrate that projects address at least one of the following criteria;

- Providing access to play, recreational, leisure or outdoor activities
- Providing access to care or educational activities
- Providing access to safe and enjoyable places for children and young people to go
- Providing access to holiday, weekend or out of school activities
- Enabling children and young people's involvement and participation e.g. forum, youth council, engagement, empowerment, decision-making
- Supporting children and young people to take part in volunteering or community action

Number of People Benefiting

100 +

Breakdown of Project Costs

Project Costs;

Project Officer Time plus expenses £1211

Wheels of Wellness £300

Kate Bush Family Dance Event £146

Alston Family Disco Event £146

CYA Staff delivery costs for DofE at Samuel Kings School (inc. Travel Expenses) £1922

CYA Central Costs 10% £400

Total Project Costs £4125

Previous CCC Funding

CGA1294-22 £4000 11-19 Fund Alston, Sept 2022.

Grant Amount Recommended

£4000

Officer comments

Any additional funding required for the project activity will be covered by CYA other funding.

Comments from Elected Member(s) / Neighbourhood Forum / Grant Panel

Member Signature:

Date: