

# Central Area Council Youth Work Fund General Guidance



## 1. What is the Central Area Council Youth Work Fund and who is it for?

The Central Area Council Youth Work Fund has been established by Central Area Council to deliver community-based and/or outreach/detached services for young people aged 13+ years across the Central Council area, to develop their social and life skills and strengthen emotional resilience, in preparation for a happy, healthy and independent adulthood. Participating young people should live in the five wards that make up the Central Council area. The 5 wards\* are Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot and Worsbrough.

Any Youth Work Fund proposals should complement the delivery of another Central Area Council service to build emotional resilience in children and young people that will be delivered from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 through a contract with Barnsley YMCA.

The Central Youth Work Fund is primarily aimed at community groups, charities, small businesses, social enterprises, and could help such organisations develop their capacity to bid for future procurement opportunities. Other public service organisations can also apply.

The Youth Work Fund is available for a 15 month delivery period only (May 2020 – July 2021). Projects should be delivered within the Central Council area and all beneficiaries/participants should live within the Central Council area. The 5 wards are: Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot and Worsbrough.

\*Delivery in each Ward does not have to be covered in each application.

## 2. Who can apply to the Youth Work Fund?

- Any voluntary or community group which is locally led and run
- Registered Charities
- Social Enterprises & not for profit organisations
- Any group or organisation applying must have a good knowledge and understanding of the demographics and local needs of the 5 wards that make up the Central Council area.
- Any group or organisation applying should have a written constitution and independent bank account.

## 3. What is the application process for the Central Area Youth Work Fund?

- Application packs to be distributed early March 2020.
- Deadline for submission of Central Area Youth Work Fund application forms: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- An initial assessment will be undertaken to ensure that each organisation is eligible to apply and able to deliver the project proposed (questions 1 to 6 of application form).

- All project proposals meeting the above will be evaluated by the Central Area team against the 21 Youth Fund criteria (outlined in Section 5 of this guidance document).
- Organisations that meet all the criteria will be invited to present their proposal to a Youth Work Fund Panel in mid-April 2020. The presentation will be evaluated alongside the application form submitted.
- The Central Youth Work Fund Panel will want to ensure that successful proposals will provide coverage/a spread of provision across the five wards. This could to be a mix of different projects from different local organisations/groups.
- Grants to be awarded in late-April 2020.
- Youth Work Fund project delivery to take place from May 2020.

#### **4. How much money is available in the Youth Work Fund and how much can be applied for?**

- A total of £60,000 is available for the Youth Work Fund Panel to allocate, ensuring that the successful proposal(s) provide coverage and a spread of provision across the five wards that make up the Central Council area.
- Each application should be for a minimum of £5,000.

#### **5. What does a Youth Work Fund proposal/application need to cover?**

We are looking for projects from local providers and community organisations that will deliver community-based and/or outreach/detached services for young people aged 13+ years across the Central Council area, to develop their social and life skills and strengthen emotional resilience, in preparation for a happy, healthy and independent adulthood. Participating young people should live in the five wards that make up the Central Council area.

All applications/project proposals must address the following principles:

1. Demonstrate how community based/outreach/detached services will be delivered.
2. Reflect the differing needs and challenges of the individual five wards, with specific challenges (for each ward a proposal covers), identified and addressed.
3. Provide clarity about when and over what period of time your proposal will be delivered.
4. Describe the innovative ways of initially engaging young people that will be deployed during the project.
5. Demonstrate how the engagement of young people will be sustained through their adolescent transition.
6. Use innovative ways of delivering social and life skills in a community and/or outreach/detached setting.
7. Provide information about how you will encourage those children and young people who need it most to access your project/sessions.
8. Provide clarity about the specific wards/areas/neighbourhoods to be targeted by your proposal.
9. Identify and target geographic locations where young people are known to gather.
10. Delivery should be community-based and/or outreach/detached setting.
11. Delivery location should respond to local knowledge and intelligence, including information from local Councillors and other key stakeholders.
12. Raise levels of aspiration in young people and widen horizons.
13. Foster and develop personal interests of young people.
14. Young person centred model.
15. Ongoing consultation/conversations with young people should take place to ensure that ongoing delivery reflects their views

16. Describe how the project will develop the social and life skills of young people aged 13+ years.
17. Complement existing service provision for this age group in the area and link with other Central Area Council procured services.
18. Promote and/or facilitate youth volunteering opportunities and youth social action activity and projects.
19. Where possible, work experience placements and the recruitment and deployment of new young adult volunteers should be built into proposals.
20. Consideration given as to how the project might continue after this funding comes to an end.
21. Demonstrate your ability to develop, implement and effectively manage your project, including financial management.

## **6. What else do I need to know?**

- Successful applicants will be required to attend briefing sessions as and when needed.
- Successful applicants will be required to attend meetings with other successful applicants and others, to ensure all activity to be delivered is complementary to each other, and any potential duplication is avoided.
- Successful applicants will be required to submit their programme of delivery to Central Area Team on a regular basis.
- In liaison with the Central Area Council Manager successful applicants will be required to develop and agree their outcome indicators and targets.
- Successful applicants will be required to submit a quarterly monitoring report and attend a quarterly contract management meeting.
- As part of the quarterly monitoring report, you will be required to provide case studies and/or examples of where young people have developed their emotional resilience.

## **7. How to apply**

For further information and to request an application pack please contact the Central Area Team on 01226 775707 or e-mail: [CarolBrady@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:CarolBrady@barnsley.gov.uk)

- A Youth Work Fund application form should be completed and submitted by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- All organisations that meet the criteria will be contacted by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 and invited to present their project proposal to a Youth Work Fund Panel on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020. The presentation will be considered alongside the application form.
- All applicants will be notified of a decision by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020.
- If successful you will work with the Central Area Council Manager to agree monitoring outcome indicators/targets in order for formal approval to be granted.
- Formal grant letters will be sent out once monitoring information is finalised.
- Youth Work Fund proposals to be delivered from May 2020.

## 8. Is there support to help groups to complete their application form?

Yes, support is available from the Central Area Team on 01226 775707 or email

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