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Youth Opportunity & Capital Funds

Introduction

The Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF) and the Youth Capital Fund (YCF) are government grants for young people, which were introduced in 2006/07. 2010/11 is expected to be the final year of funding.

Ealing Council, through Youth & Connexions, is responsible for the administration and delivery of the Funds. During 2010/11 Ealing's allocation from the YOF is £160,050 and the YCF is £152,500.

Applicants for the YOF can apply for funding from £500 - £10,000, while applicants for the YCF can apply for up to £40,000. (NB. No item of equipment or refurbishment project costing less than £2,500 counts as capital.) Applications can combine both the YOF and the YCF.

Application Assessment

In addition to the introduction and application criteria on the front page of the application form it is important to note the following information about the Youth Opportunity Fund and the Youth Capital Fund in Ealing.

All applications will be assessed and priority given to projects that meet the government's priorities for grant aid, which come from those groups/organisations that have not previously received money from either of the Funds and are not seeking repeat funding for the same activity.

In making decisions on grant aid the young people's grants' panel will consider how well applicants address the following issues and award points up to [], as below:

- ☺ Open to young people from different cultural, ethnic and social backgrounds, from different areas of the Borough [20]
- ☺ Focus on hard-to-reach young people and disadvantaged communities e.g. young disabled people and young refugees [included above]
- ☺ Evidence that the activity is needed [20]
- ☺ Cost effectiveness [20]
- ☺ Every Child Matters outcomes [15]
- ☺ Benefits to and outcomes for young people [15]
- ☺ Community cohesion - Young people from different backgrounds and areas working together to plan, put on and enjoy activities, to enable them to gain better understanding of each other. (Where proposals relate to community cohesion this would enhance the bid.) [10]

Before a recommendation is made applicants may be called to make a presentation to the grants' panel, where an application is for over £2,000. Three of the young people who made the application will be asked to do the presentation.

Applicants should note that the giving of grant aid is at the discretion of the young people's grants' panel and that the fulfilment of one or more of the above criteria will not automatically ensure the panel makes a grant.

Targeting and priority groups

- The majority of the funding is for deprived areas and for young people at risk
- Funding also is for activities to meet general / local needs

Eligible Applicants

- Young people from statutory, voluntary and community organisations or groups, which are "not for profit"
- School students where the out of school hours activity/project is open to young people who do not attend the school, but live in the local area
- Start-up groups of young people
- Young people with learning difficulties and disabilities, up to 25 years old, from any of the organisations or groups above

Value for money

- Trips outside the British Isles will only be considered where the trip demonstrates real value for money and where the learning opportunities are not available elsewhere
- Residential trips costing more than £250 per person will be considered only where the group raise any additional money required

Excluded Areas

The grant must **not** be used for:

- The benefit or promotion of a religious belief or of a faith promoted by any organisation which is, or is considered to be, of a religious nature. This does not mean that religious organisations are excluded from applying to provide youth or community works, which do not directly promote a religious belief
- The furtherance of any political party, political activities or for campaigning for a party political purpose or cause

Successful Applications

Applicants will be informed of the decision on their application once the grants' panel's recommendations have been discussed by a review group, combining a small group of panel members and independent adults.

Successful applicants will be called to a session to be briefed about their responsibility for use of the money by 31 March 2011, including monitoring and reporting requirements.