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YOUTH OPPORTUNITY
& YOUTH CAPITAL
FUNDS

DO YOU ...

want to plan/arrange activities
and events for your peers?

want to improve or change
something that concerns you
in your neighbourhood?



WHAT IS THE YOUTH OPPORTUNITY FUND?

The **YOF** is a sum of money that is available from 2009-2011 to young people who are aged 13-19 years (up to 25 for young people with specific needs) across Buckinghamshire.

WHAT IS YOUTH CAPITAL FUND?

The **YCF** is available to Buckinghamshire County Council to work in partnership with young people and other agencies to improve and increase facilities for young people.

Young people must be involved in deciding how and what this money is spent on.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR GRANTS?

Any young person or groups of young people aged 13-19 (up to 25 for disabled young people) can apply to the grant panel for money to support activities for themselves and other young people as well as their local community.

FUNDING CRITERIA

Your project or activity must meet one or more of the following criteria. It must be planned and led by young people, but can be assisted by a youth worker or another adult.

- Must be of benefit to other young people or your local community
- Help to improve and increase leisure, recreational or arts and cultural activities or multi-media activities for young people
- Help to promote young people's safety and well-being
- Help young people to get involved in decision-making structures in their local community/neighbourhood
- Help young people to get involved in volunteering activities
- Help build relationships between groups of young people from different communities, ethnic/cultural groups
- Give young people the opportunity to develop their interests/hobbies and gain new skills
- Give young people the opportunity to get their skills and learning recognised

PRIORITIES

Priority will be given to applications that are developing projects or activities in the following areas:

- Work with young disabled people
- Local communities or neighbourhoods in deprived areas
- Young people living in rural areas
- Unemployed young people
- Young people who are looking after other family members
- Young people living in care
- Young travellers and Refugees



WHAT CAN THE MONEY BE SPENT ON?

The **YOF** can be used to develop and organise programmes and activities for yourselves and your peers as well as events in your local community. Activities can include: sports, arts and cultural events, community events, trips leisure and recreational.

Grants to **INDIVIDUALS** are not permitted.

The **YCF** can be used to build, convert and improve facilities such as skate parks, youth centres, or to buy resources such as ICT equipment for use by young people.

Young people can also apply to the **YCF** for money to purchase small items/ equipment for their club or youth activity.

WHO DECIDES WHETHER YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL?

The funding panel is made up of young people like yourself from across Buckinghamshire. They have been trained in:

- Assessing application forms
- Negotiation skills
- Decision-making skills
- Developing criteria which applications are judged against
- Managing budgets



HOW DO I GO ABOUT APPLYING?

- If you belong to a youth group then speak to your youth worker about helping you to develop your ideas and to complete the application form.
- If you don't belong to an organised group the panel can put you in touch with groups and adults in your community that will help you get your ideas off the ground.

HOW LONG BEFORE I KNOW IF MY APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL?

The grant panels will meet on a regular basis and you will be notified as soon as possible after your grant application has been viewed by the panel . Activities funded through YOF and equipment purchased through YCF must take place or be purchased before the end of the financial year in which the funding was granted.

Funds will be available to 2011





APPLICATION PACKS

If you would like an application pack please contact:

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