

# **YOUdecide**

## **Grab a few grand!**



## **Youth YOUdecide Guidelines**

### **Who can apply?**

Any individual, community or voluntary organisation that provide a service to or aims to benefit young people living in the borough of Gosport:

Organisations and individuals should not be operating for the financial benefit of their members/individual or be providing a 'paid for' service.

### **Description of Fund**

**The 2018 Youth YOUdecide** is intended to support small projects of local priority that aim to improve the lives of young people aged 11-19 years (up to 25 for a young person with a disability or a care leaver) and their local communities making them safer, better places to live, with an emphasis on addressing crime and Anti Social Behaviour. The scheme will support a wide range of projects including:

- Environmental activities such tackling graffiti in parks, community allotments or gardens
- Activities and opportunities for vulnerable groups who may be victims of anti-social behaviour or other crimes
- Promoting a healthier lifestyle away from alcohol, drugs or crime
- Positive activities for young people to deter them from committing anti-social behaviour
- Improving safety to community buildings or community areas so anti-social behaviour is less likely to happen

You can find more detailed examples of bids on the 'FAQ' sheet to help give you an idea of the wide variety of projects **YOUdecide** is able to support.

### **YOUdecide will not grant:**

- Projects which relate to solely religious or political activity
- Projects which exclude certain members of the community
- Projects which will only benefit one individual
- The **normal** wage or salary costs of statutory organisations

## **Important points to consider when making an application:**

1. Make sure your project is meeting the aim of the fund – to improve the lives of young people aged 11-19 years (up to 25 for a young person with a disability or a care leaver) and the wider community, with an emphasis on addressing issues of crime and Anti Social Behaviour.
2. Applications for both new and existing activities are welcome.
3. Whilst you can apply for any amount up to £10,000, we strongly encourage applications to apply for less than £5,000. If the total cost of your project or initiative is more than £10,000, you will need to ensure you have the remainder of the funding in place prior to submitting an application to this fund.
4. Although statutory agencies are excluded from bidding, if a community group or resident would like to 'buy in' **additional** services provided by a statutory agency, this would be acceptable.
5. If you think that your project will require planning permission, licensing or other legal implications as detailed on the application form, please contact the Community Safety Team to talk through your idea so we can give you further guidance and make sure the project is feasible.
6. Both groups and individuals are required to demonstrate that the project is needed by, and will benefit, the local community. Evidence of this can include:
  - Statistics
  - Photographs
  - Videos
  - Interviews with residents
  - Survey/consultation results
  - Petitions
7. To help you provide your evidence, there are a list of questions on the 'Project prompts' guide that may help, along with an example survey that you may wish to use to support the need for your initiative. If you already have your own survey or type of evidence not described here, that is also acceptable.
8. All applications should include formal estimates or evidence of the costs involved (including VAT).
9. Any funding awarded cannot be adjusted later to allow for price increases.

10. If you are a community group or voluntary organisation that does not have your own bank account, you can ask another group to receive the funding on your behalf. If you are an individual, you will need to find a recognized group that can act as banker – this could be a local school or Gosport Voluntary Action. If this is not possible, Gosport Community Safety Partnership can make arrangements to act as an account holder.
11. It is advised that any bid submitted will get “all or nothing” (except in exceptional circumstances, where part funding of a project is feasible) and this should be considered when making the submission.
12. Funding will not be provided on a retrospective basis and organisations should not commit themselves (by purchase contract or other agreement) to the project, for which assistance is sought prior to approval of funding at the **YOUdecide** Decision Day event.
13. The deadline for completed applications is **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

If you have any questions, please contact Sam Mitchell at the Community Safety Team on 02392 545232 or 07985 234367. You can also e-mail: [sam.mitchell@gosport.gov.uk](mailto:sam.mitchell@gosport.gov.uk)

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