

# **YOUdecide**

## **Grab a few grand!**



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is YOUdecide?**

**YOUdecide** is a type of funding called Participatory Budgeting (PB). This is a unique way of allocating funds to projects and initiatives designed to help improve local communities. Individuals and community groups with ideas for projects can bid for some money to help them do this and local residents (specifically young people for the 2018/19 round) have the responsibility to vote on which proposals they would like to see delivered in their community. £10,000 has been provided by Gosport Community Safety Partnership and Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner for this round of **YOUdecide**.

### **Where can projects be delivered?**

Any area within the borough of Gosport.

### **Who can apply?**

Any individual, group or organisation which can deliver projects within the areas above, as long as the applicant:

- a) Can prove that the project will improve the lives of young people and make the community a safer, better place to live; and that a "need" for the project has been evidenced;
- b) Has a recognised organisation that can act as banker – either the group itself or, for example, Gosport Voluntary Action or a school;
- c) Is able to demonstrate compliance with relevant statutory requirements, e.g. DBS checks for work with children, planning permission for building works.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Assistance can be made available after the initial applications have been received to support groups with (a) to (c) above.

### **Can statutory organisations submit applications?**

No, although they may act as banker for other group/individual submissions.

### **How much can I apply for?**

Project proposals for any amount up to £10,000 are permitted, however it is strongly recommended that applications should look to apply for £5,000 or under where possible. Organisations can submit more than one bid provided the total amount does not exceed £10,000. For example, a community centre might want

to make environmental improvements and run a programme of diversionary activities. Two separate bids would be required, not to exceed £10,000 in total.

### **How much information do I have to give about the project?**

The application form is designed to be simple to complete. However, the more relevant information that can be included in the space provided the better. A reasonably detailed budget breakdown is also helpful in the assessment of projects.

### **What happens after I submit the application form?**

The applications will be considered by a small panel which includes young people, local councillors and workers with relevant 'technical' knowledge, e.g. legal or planning. They will check the applications for legal or practical delivery issues and check the applications meet the **YOUdecide** criteria. This is **NOT** a pre-selection process.

If your proposal meets the criteria, you will be invited to the 'Decision Day' voting event on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019**, where you will be asked to make a short (3 minute) talk to a small audience of young people from Gosport. They will have a summary of information about your project taken from your application form. You will also be asked to provide a display board about your idea or project, which will be available for people to look at before your talk.

Young people will then vote on the proposals. The projects with the most votes will receive funding until the monies run out, which may result in some finalists not receiving funding in the event of oversubscription. Funding will be issued to groups as soon as possible with a view to beginning spending in March 2019.

### **What if I have concerns about the application or presentation process?**

The Community Safety Team will be happy to answer any questions you may have at any point during the process, please refer to the criteria for details.

### **Can you give me some examples of project proposals?**

1. Funding to start up a youth group or to continue one at risk of closing down.
2. Repairs to a youth or community building.
3. Support group for those affected by bullying or mental health issues
4. Skips and equipment for clean up events
5. Replace equipment or purchase new items for a youth group

***Anything that you believe will make the lives of young people and your neighbourhood a safer, better place to live***

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