

Supporting Information & Guidance for Applicants



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YOUTH TRUST

‘Supporting young people
to lead safe, healthy and
fulfilling lives’





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About us

The South Wales Police Youth Trust was set up in 2009. It brought together serving Chief Officers of South Wales Police and South Wales Police Authority, the High Sheriffs of South, West and Mid Glamorgan and an independent Chair, together with other trustees from the commercial community.

Funds were initially raised through gala events, sponsorship and from received donations. In 2013 the Police and Crime Commissioner was invited to join the Trust (replacing the Police Authority) and has supplemented the Trust's funds with investment from the Police Property Act fund. It was agreed that the focus of the Trust needed to be much clearer, with an emphasis on areas where negative engagement with the police was highest and on building resilience amongst vulnerable young people and their peer group.

The first awards were made in 2011 and since then the Trust has provided grants totalling in excess of £100,000 with the aim of encouraging young people into positive activities whilst seeking to divert them away from crime, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse through the following activity provision areas:

- Equipment for youth clubs and sports groups
- Diversionary activities during school holiday periods
- Street-based youth outreach
- Engagement through music
- Small scale area regeneration
- Projects to tackle specific issues (anti-social behaviour, victims)

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of £100,000



Our Aim:

to support young people in leading safe, healthy and fulfilling lives

Our three key outcomes:



More positive life choices



Better relationships



Improved mental & physical wellbeing



Scan the QR code to download the outcomes framework
(or click here)



Priorities and criteria for funding

South Wales Police Youth Trust's aim is that young people living in the South Wales Police area lead safe, healthy and fulfilling lives and are diverted away from crime, anti-social behaviour or substance misuse.

The Trust will seek to prioritise grants which support young people aged between 10 and 25 years and who are at risk of being disadvantaged or affected by:

- Poverty or deprivation
- Social isolation
- Insecure or challenging home circumstances (including those in residential, foster care or 'looked after' children)
- Adverse childhood experiences
- Living in communities where there is a high call on police time due to, for example, crime and disorder, substance misuse and drug trafficking, incidences of anti-social behaviour, hate crime and /or poor community cohesion

Priority may also be given to projects and activities which support young people who have been identified as:

- Disengaged or at high risk of disengagement from education, training, volunteering or employment
- Engaged in, or at high risk of engagement in, alcohol or other substance misuse, anti-social behaviour, offending or unhealthy relationships which might lead to involvement in crime





How much funding is available and for what purposes?

Grants typically range from £500 to £10,000 and are available for up to one year. Grants are occasionally awarded above this threshold at the discretion of the Trustees.

Funding may be requested for direct project costs including:

- Purchase of equipment
- Staff costs
- Volunteer expenses
- Project costs such as hire of room

A wide variety of projects and activities may be funded, for example:



Arts and music



Social and emotional skills



Sports and outdoor activities



Giving young people a voice



Practical skills



Training and education to prevent crime

Whilst the Youth Trust is usually not able to fund projects or activities beyond one year, funding may be provided to repeat a project that has either: been previously funded by another source and found to be successful but the original funding is no longer available or, where there is a recognised need to expand a project into a new area, or over a different time period.

The following requests will **not** be eligible:

- Core funding (organisation running costs)
- Costs incurred prior to the grant offer being made
- Projects or activities that promote political or religious activity
- Funding for statutory services
- Funding for projects aimed at recipients outside the age range of the fund

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Outcomes

The Youth Trust will support projects or activities which help young people to make positive changes in their lives. Grants should achieve at least one of the following outcomes:



Young people make more positive life choices



Young people have better relationships



Young people have improved mental and physical well-being

For further detail and examples of lower level or intermediate outcomes please go to the Outcomes Framework.



Scan the QR code to download the outcomes framework



Sustainability

Whilst only short-term funding is available, trustees will look for evidence of longer-term benefits arising from Youth Trust funding. This may include:

- Evidence of the positive and long-lasting change that engagement in the project brings to individual young people (for example, from similar types of projects run in the past, achievement of qualification(s) or other recognition of engagement).
- The provision of equipment that will be used over a long period of time.
- Funding being made available from other sources to maintain or repeat the same project or activity.

Monitoring and reporting

- As part of the terms and conditions of funding successful applicants will be required to report on the difference their project has made.
- All grant recipients will complete a written report at the end of their project, providing information including details of activity undertaken, outcomes achieved, expenditure of grant and learning.
- Some grants may also be selected for further monitoring for example if the project being delivered is of particular or current interest to the Youth Trust. This may include meetings, visits to the project and the young people, feedback from police and partner agencies including referring agencies.
- Monitoring and reporting will be outcomes focused and may include information such as case studies, quotes, feedback, and observations from young people, staff and partners to evidence and bring to life the differences made.
- Further information and advice on monitoring and reporting will be provided upon award.

Let us know how
your project
has made a
difference in its
support of
young people





Who can apply?

Grants may be awarded to not-for-profit organisations. These might include:

- Registered charities
- Voluntary organisations or community groups
- Schools (but not for mainstream activities)
- Faith organisations (but not for the promotion of their faith)
- Public bodies
- Statutory agencies (but not for statutory services)
- Community Interest Companies (CICs)

Grants may also be awarded to individuals in certain circumstances.

Support is only available to groups or organisations for work in communities in the South Wales Police area.

How to apply

Applications can be made online at <https://bit.ly/3Gg9xfT>, or by downloading an application form and sending via email or post. Hard copies of the application form and guidance can also be requested using the contact details below.

All applications must be endorsed by a serving police officer or member of staff of South Wales Police. If you are unsure who the correct point of contact is in your area, please email or phone for advice.

If not applying online, completed applications should be sent to the address below.

Whilst applications may be considered at any time of the year the Trust encourages the submission of applications in line with the following dates: 1st January, 1st April, 1st July, 1st October as this is helpful in ensuring applications are considered promptly within the normal pattern of trustee meetings.

Please ensure you apply well in advance of your anticipated project start date.

Contact information

Email

SWPYouthTrust@south-wales.police.uk

Phone

01656 869366

Address

South Wales Police Youth Trust, Tŷ Morgannwg, South Wales Police Headquarters, Bridgend, CF31 3SU

What happens next?

You will receive an acknowledgment that your application has been received.

Applications that meet the criteria and pass an initial screening will be considered at the next trustees' meeting (if this falls within 2 weeks of receipt of the application) or otherwise by the grants sub-committee.

If an application is missing information or does not meet the criteria you will be advised and given the opportunity to revise the application and provide the additional information required.

The Trust aims to let applicants know whether or not their application has been successful within 4 weeks of receipt of their application (provided this was satisfactorily completed).

Terms and conditions

Successful applicants will be sent a letter setting out the terms and conditions of funding and asked to sign and return a Grant Acceptance form.

Work should not commence until funding has been approved and awarded. Grants of up to £5,000 will usually be paid in one tranche at the start of the project, grants of over £5,000 will usually be paid by instalments.

Grant funding must only be used for the agreed purpose and activity and no changes can be made to the application of any grant monies without prior written agreement of the Trust.

Grant recipients are required to provide a written report on the project or activity within 4 weeks of the end date via an evaluation form provided by the Trust. Interim reports will be required for projects lasting more than six months.



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