Early Help 11-19/24 Grants Guidance Form 2014/15 (Melton Borough)

Closing date: 12 noon on 15th August 2014. Successful applicants will be informed by 1st September 2014.

Introduction/ background to Early Help Grants 11-19/24
For 2014/15 Leicestershire County Council intend to increase the amount of funding available for local decision making by merging the PAYP (Positive Activities for Young People) budget and Delivery of Youth Work grant utilising the existing locality governance arrangements.

Melton received an allocation of £53,246 devolved from Leicestershire County Council for the 2014/15 financial year. 90% of this funding is available to provide projects and support for young people aged 11 to 19 (or up to 24 with additional needs). A minimum of 55% of Early Help Grants funding will be allocated to projects that provide targeted early help. To date £36,472 has been allocated to projects leaving £11,450 of funding available for this second funding round.

Definition of Early Help:
1) Taking targeted action early and as soon as possible to tackle problems emerging for children, young people and their families, or with a population most at risk of developing problems.
2) By early intervention we mean the targeted action to prevent the development or escalation of problems.

The purpose of Early Help 11-19/24 Grants funding is to secure high quality youth work provision that improves young people’s well-being and leads to a reduction in demand for more specialist services. The funding is for young people aged between 11-19 (or up to 24 with a learning difficulty or disability) and is available for one year only from 1st April 2014 until 31st March 2015.

This document makes reference to ‘targeted’ young people and work, and ‘disadvantaged/ disengaged’ young people. Information outlining factors that can contribute to young people being more vulnerable than others at points throughout their life that have been identified through the Families with Complex Needs work is provided at the end of this document. It is hoped that this will provide a useful descriptor of characteristics for applicants.
Who can apply?
Applications can be submitted by any properly constituted organisation, including voluntary and community sector groups and charities, statutory sector support for young people. In addition, applications will be considered from sole traders where HMRC registration can be confirmed, and from organisations acting on behalf of individual young people within specific criteria. No applications can be accepted directly from individual young people. All applicants need to be compliant with the organisational standards given at the end of the application form which includes a suitable level of safeguarding and financial probity.

How much funding is available?
There is no minimum or maximum grant award. To date £36,472 of the funding for Melton Borough has been allocated to projects leaving £11,450 of funding available for this second funding round.

What will be funded?
Primarily grants will be to fund appropriately skilled staff time and associated costs in order to engage children and young people within the funding criteria (see below). Priority will be given to applications that meet at least one of the Local Criteria, and preference will be shown for those that meet more than one. Proposals can be for a new project, or to extend or enhance existing provision. Funds cannot be used to replace statutory provision, including statutory school/academy provision. Projects must show how local children and young people have been involved in identifying the need that proposals seek to meet, and how they will continue to be involved throughout projects.

Core Criteria
Funding is focussed towards “Early Help” projects and support for young people aged 11 to 19 years (or up to 24 yrs with additional needs) that improves young people’s wellbeing and leads to a reduction in demand for more specialist services.

Definition of “Early Help”
- Taking targeted action early and as soon as possible to tackle problems emerging for children, young people and their families, or with a population most at risk of developing problems.
- By early intervention we meant the targeted action to prevent the development or escalation of problems.
Funding is available for 2014-15 for:

a) High quality youth interventions and provision for children and young people aged 11 to 19 years.

b) Projects supporting targeted young people. Targeted youth support means youth services targeted at young people between 11 and 19 years (or up to 24yrs with additional needs) who require extra support so they can stay safe and healthy succeed in education and play a positive role in their communities. This includes:

- Teenage Parents
- Young people from families living in poverty
- Young people experiencing the effects of worklessness
- Young people with mental health, drug or alcohol difficulties
- Young people at risk of entering the criminal justice system
- Young people who are seeking asylum
- Young people in families where there are disabled children, or where they are disabled themselves
- Young carers
- Young people with behaviour difficulties including ADHD and autism
- Young people who have been the victim of or who have witnessed domestic violence

Types of projects may include:

- Structured activities, aimed at personal and social development of young people, and staffed by appropriately skilled, experienced and qualified workers.
- A range of outdoor pursuits, trips and sports, environmental projects, volunteering projects, and intergenerational projects
- Activities which foster positive emotional well-being.

Some funding is available for capital expenses (up to £2,500 per bid)

**Local Criteria**

1. Expand provisions, activities and services to young people on Friday evenings and/or at weekends
2. Improving young people’s emotional wellbeing and self esteem
3. Anti-bullying work, including cyber bulling & internet safety
4. Increasing young peoples life skills and providing experiences to enable them to be able to manage tenancies
5. Supporting young people and their families in households experiencing mental health difficulties (including low level depression and anxiety)
6. Drug and alcohol education, prevention and support
7. Supporting young people from families experiencing the effects of low income
8. High quality youth interventions and provision for children and young people that is based on identified need, supported by consultation with young people
9. Projects/activities that ensure young people in Melton are safe, can achieve their potential and have their health and well-being and life chances improved

You can use the application form to bid to undertake activities at any time up until 31st March 2015.

**Funding Panel**

Applications will be scored in terms of the following headings:

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Funding recommendations will be made by a multi-agency, intergenerational panel and agreed by Melton’s Locality Based Partnership. Recommendations will be based on how each project demonstrates that it meets some or all of the criteria and priorities outlined above. Funding is subject to completion of a signed agreement, monitoring forms and consent for Young Inspectors and professionals associated with Melton’s Action 4 Youth Group to observe and feedback on your activities.

Melton Borough Council reserves the right to request that any unspent funds are returned.

Where following expiry or earlier determination of the Contract, provision of the Services is to transfer to another provider, the Supplier shall assist the former/previous provider in all respects with such transfer including, but not limited to, providing the former/previous provider with any information required to enable the former/previous provider to comply with its obligations under TUPE.

**Assistance completing this application form:**
Enquiries should be directed to Lucie Browne by email lbrowne@melton.gov.uk or telephone 01664 502347.

Alternatively, you can get funding support from VAL: Voluntary Action Leicestershire offers free, confidential and impartial advice to voluntary and community groups completing tenders or funding applications. They are able to review draft tender submissions, offer advice on structuring your tender bid and advise and facilitate a consortium approach. To access this service call their Helpline 0116 2575050 or emailhelpline@valonline.org.uk
Factors that can contribute to young people being more vulnerable than others, as identified through Families with Complex Needs/Supporting Leicestershire Families work

- Mother has mental health problems
- No parent in the family is working
- Family lives in poor-quality or overcrowded housing
- No parent has any qualifications
- At least one parent has a long-standing limiting illness, disability or infirmity
- Family cannot afford a number of food and clothing items
- Family has low income (below 60% of the median)
- Poor parenting
- Limited support network
- Truancy, exclusion or low educational attainment
- Child Behavioural Problems
- Child Substance abuse problems
- Drugs or alcohol misuse
- Communications problems
- Involvement in crime/ASB
- Family in debt
- Marriage, relationship or family breakdown
- Domestic violence
- Child protection issues
- Teenage Parent(s)
- Limited support network
- Adult with learning difficulties
- Child is a carer
- Limited support network
- Involvement in crime/ASB

Risk factors attributed to families with 5 or more disadvantages (from) Families At Risk: Background on families with multiple disadvantages, Social Exclusion Taskforce Research Report, 2007

Additional risk factors from families supported through family intervention (NatCen, Mar 2010).