

Report to the Champion for Young People

Report submitted by: Head of Service Legal, Governance and Registrars

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Champion Grants Scheme Application from:

Durose Studios CIC

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £3,585 towards the cost of creative events and wellbeing workshops from the Champion for Young People.

Recommendation

That consideration be given to the request for grant funding as set out in this report.

Detail

The role of Champion was first established in 2002 and the county council currently has six Champions, whose role is to support the Leader and individual Cabinet Members within their remits.

The six county council Champions are as follows:

- Armed Forces and Veterans
- Disabled People
- Mental Health
- Older People
- Parishes
- Young People

For the financial year 2024/25, each Champion has been given an annual allocation of £10,000 for use at their discretion to finance their activities, to which any unspent

balance up to a maximum of £2,500 from the previous financial year could be added, giving a maximum budget of £12,500 in any one financial year. The Champion for Young People total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.

Details of the request for grant funding are shown below:

Full name of your organisation
Durose Studios CIC
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100
£3,585
What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.
Durose Studios is a creative organisation working in Lancashire, hosting creative events and wellbeing workshops specifically targeting disadvantaged, LGBTQ+ and neurodiverse young people. They focus on providing space for minorities to create a community, learn skills, gain confidence, and use this knowledge to improve their lives and futures. Their workshops use art therapy techniques to teach participants vital skills that they can use in other areas such as university applications or home improvement, and each session focuses on topics like self-confidence and identity. Their approach inspires conversations about friendship, careers, relationships, self-image and other mental health issues, in a way that allows participants to engage in difficult conversations in a space that feels safe and laidback. The programme they want to create would host different sessions, using their our local creative community, to engage with different creative practices and audiences. Spray painting, pottery classes, jewellery making, graphic design, fashion design, photography, prop making, spoken word and mural painting are all classes we would host in various locations in the middle of the most deprived areas. The sessions would all focus on identity, self-confidence, and inspiring the young people to take their passion and turn it into a career. They would use local talent to host the workshops, to show participants that you can come from poverty and make a career in the arts, but also to support and grow the local creative economy.
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods
Ideally the project would start as soon as possible. It would be 10 sessions, once a week, in an 'art club' set up to allow participants to build connections, learn new skills and gain confidence.
What are the benefits expected to be achieved?
They would encourage the participants to attend every session so not only would they learn skills, but they would gain a community of likeminded peers and in doing so would form connections with others, decreasing loneliness and helping them to gain confidence. The art therapy techniques used also have huge benefits, and would help participants to explore important issues like mental health, self-confidence, personal identity and more, in a light-hearted environment that would help them build resilience. They would also offer for participants to use the work they make to put towards an Arts



Award (<https://www.artsaward.org.uk/site/?id=64>) a regulated arts qualification that is recognised by UCAS and can help young people to get into University, learn leadership skills and develop their creative practise. This would mean that the sessions would benefit participants in the short term, but would also give them long term achievements and skills that would help them in many areas of life.

Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.

Artist fee per session : £250 (includes materials)

10 sessions : £2500

Venue Hire per session: £75

10 sessions: £750

Marketing

Graphic design fee: £100

100 A3 Posters - £45

500 A5 Leaflets- £80

250 A4 Handouts- £60

Facebook Ads- £50

Marketing Total- £335

Total budget - £3585

If you are not asking for the full amount of the cost of your activity / equipment, please give us details of where the rest of the funding is coming from. Please also explain what you will do if we give you the grant, but you do not get the other funding.

N/A

If the Champion offers a grant of less than you have asked for, please explain below how that will affect your proposal – for example, will you still be able to complete your project or purchase, will you scale the project back, or seek funding elsewhere?

They understand that if the full amount for our 10 sessions cannot be awarded then they would try and find funding for the rest of the sessions, but if they couldn't find it in time they would use whatever funding they were awarded to offer as many sessions as possible. Their aim is simply to engage as many young people as possible in the arts and so any funding will always be put towards doing as many sessions as possible for those young people.

Will the activity involve members of your organisation having significant contact with children or vulnerable adults?

Yes

x No

Implications:



This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

No significant risks have been identified in relation to the proposals contained within this report.

Finance

An up-date of spend in 2024/25 is shown below:

Budget for 2024/25		£10,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£16.44
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£10,016.44
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Rotary Club of Preston South	£1,000.00
	Community Network and Outreach Service	£1,000.00
	Basically Cheer CIC	£1,000.00
	Positive Action in the Community	£792.64
	St John's Hospice	£1,050.00
		£4,842.64
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£5,173.80
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
	Stacksteads Countryside Park Group	£500.00
		£500.00
NEW REQUESTS	Durose Studios CIC	£3,585.00
		£3,585.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£4,085.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£1,088.80

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

