

isle of wight youth opportunity fund and youth capital fund



Guidance Notes

What is the Youth Opportunity Fund ?

The Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF) is a pot of money given to the Isle of Wight Council by the Government to improve the provision of positive activities for young people, particularly those who are disadvantaged. This is to be used to develop new provision in terms of **places to go and things to do**.

There is money for young people aged 13-19 years old (up to 25 years, if they have additional needs) to take part in activities that they have not had the chance to do previously. This may be things like residentials, DJ workshops, arts projects, film projects and anything that will benefit young people.

A group of local young people will decide how the money is given out to projects led by young people. They will be working to criteria set out below.

There is also a pot of money, the Youth Capital Fund (YCF), which is part of this that can support young people to purchase mobile resources, equipment, and refurbish buildings. This money will also be managed by this group of young people.

Up to the end of March 2011 there is £160,000 in total to support young people's projects on the Island.

What Next ?

If you have an idea for a project/activity that will benefit young people on the Isle of Wight - particularly those who are disadvantaged - then read the guidelines below and get your applications in!

How will I know if I can apply ?

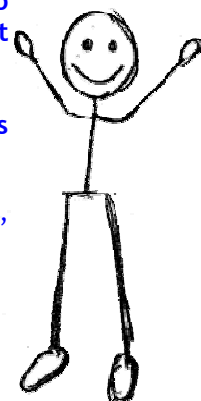
In order to complete the Youth Opportunities Fund application form, please read and make sure you understand the applications criteria below. We would advise all applicants to contact the project officer (Matthew Bell) prior to completing their applications to discuss their proposals.

If you have any questions or do not fully understand the criteria please contact Matthew Bell on 533523 or email matthew.bell@iow.gov.uk

All applications for projects and activities will have to take place before the end of March 2011. All applications will be looked at and assessed by the Young People's Panel who will meet on a monthly basis up to February 2011 (except August 2010). To be assessed in any given month, applications will need to be received by 12.00 the first Friday in that month. Friday 5th March is the first submission cut off date.

Please note the fund may close early to new applications, once all the funding is allocated to young people's projects and activities.

Please return all completed applications to YOF, C/O Matthew Bell, Thompson House, Sandy Lane, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 3NA.



Criteria

- All applications must be for projects/activities benefiting young people 13-19 years old (up to 25 years if they have additional needs)
- Applications must be completed by young people
- Young people will need to have their own individual (if an individual is applying) or group (group applications) bank account or have a sponsor organisation that does, in order for the money to be paid
- All projects/applications must be for young people living on the Isle of Wight
- The maximum amount given for any group application will be £10,000. In exceptional circumstances a grant may be awarded for a higher sum, this would first have to score highly enough to go through the assessment process and then be presented by the applicant(s) to the Young People's Panel.
- For all applications over £400 applicants are expected to raise funds towards the total project cost of 10% or more. The YOF will fund no more than 90% of the total project cost
- In addition a small funds pot is available for individuals or groups applying for up to £400 (please ensure you complete the small grants form for this). The maximum payment for an individual application will be £300.
- Money cannot be used to repair existing facilities or equipment
- Only one application for any individual or group will be granted in any one financial year
- Priority for the funds will be given to projects/activities led by and benefiting disadvantaged young people. These include young people who are/have: disabled, care leavers, looked after, mums, educated other than at school, special education needs, offenders, carers, refugees, people with English as an additional language, homeless, lesbians and gay men, black and minority ethnic people, travellers and those in rural areas.
- The proposed projects to be given money, should support the 5 outcomes for children and young people and the priorities in the IW Children and Young Peoples Plan (CYPP)

5 Outcomes	IW CYPP
Stay Safe	To strengthen inter-agency communication to promote the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people on the Isle of Wight e.g. Safe place to meet friends/projects that support families
Be Healthy	Improve emotional and physical health and wellbeing of all children and young people on the Isle of Wight e.g. Sports/leisure/recreational activities
Enjoy & Achieve	To enable all children and young people on the Isle of Wight to achieve their full potential through a range of outcomes(personal/social/physical/emotional/ academic) e.g. First aid courses/football coaching courses/learning new skills/trips/activities
Make a Positive Contribution	Encourage all children and young people participating in positive activities to develop personal and social skills, promote wellbeing and reduce behaviour that puts them at risk e.g. Community arts/celebration/volunteering
Achieve Economic Wellbeing	Engage all children and young people in meaningful employment, education and training e.g. International exchanges/training courses

Please Note

All projects will be required to provide evidence of the activity/projects undertaken with the funding. This will be in the form of an end of activity/project report.

The Isle of Wight Council has a duty of care to safeguard children and young people and as such may ask additional questions to applicants and their sponsors and impose additional conditions before any money in the form of a grant is given out.

