

Wednesday 5 August 2009

Dear Mr Blanchett

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I have now processed your request. We have used the period April 2008 to March 2009 as this is the most-recent completed financial year.

1. How much has been spent through the Norfolk Youth Fund?

£888,100.00 in the period April 08 to March 09.

**2. What are the top 10 highest grants awarded excluding capital grants?
£22,081.00 – Summer Challenges**

To provide summer activities for 320 disadvantaged young people to access summer activities including sports, music, art, drama etc.

£16,500.00 – Blurb Magazine

To produce and print a magazine for young people to be distributed to all High Schools etc. throughout Norfolk to reach every young person between 12 yrs and 18 yrs. The magazine included information on positive activities and things to do, places to go.

£12,574.00 – Take Flight

Holiday activities for 70 plus young people in Norwich to experience new fun, educational and sporting activities in relation to the Every Child Matters Outcomes, particularly stay safe, be healthy.

£12,392.00 - Youth Group

Set up youth club to provide a safe place for young people in Swaffham to meet on a regular basis, providing facilities and activities for 13 to 19 year olds.

£11,000 – NR5 Music Project

Towards setting up a music and media project for young people in partnership with other agencies in Great Yarmouth, Norwich and King's Lynn.

£10,000 – Smart Kids

Voluntary organisation in Great Yarmouth working with young people with autism to provide educational, social and sporting activities in a friendly but stimulating, safe environment.

£7,500.00 – Holt Health Hut Youth Project

Help with running costs of youth project with the emphasis on health to enable the project to grow and create a more modern and fun-filled youth centre keeping the young people in the area safe and entertained.

£6,960.00 – Wayland Youth Council

To provide training to young people of the Youth Council to set up a show on a community radio station for young people to receive support, resources and advice on a wide range of teenager-related problems.

£6,690.00 – Norfolk International Projects

Towards a cultural exchange to Georgia for disadvantaged young people in Norfolk to learn about culture and sport. Young people planned the workshop sessions as part of the programme.

£6,449.89 – Holt Youth Project

To provide a programme of mountain biking, map reading and orienteering for young people living in a rural area. This also enables them to learn about the history of Norfolk in planning their routes.

3. What is the average age of successful applicants?

16 yrs.

4. How many young people have received repeat funding for the same or different projects?

17 young people applied twice for funding and were successful, out of a total of 483 successful bids.

5. How many young people with physical disabilities have benefited from grants?

64 young people with physical disabilities benefited from grants.

6. How many successful applications have been made by young people related to Norfolk County Council employees?

This information is not held. Any young person between 13 and 19 years of age living in Norfolk can apply. Whether an applicant is related to a Council employee is irrelevant in terms of their application, therefore we do not ask them to supply this information as part of the process.

7. How much money has been spent on staff for the Norfolk Youth Fund?

£10,000.00 for administrative staff and £10,000.00 for youth worker support.

Additionally I would like to know over the period the Norfolk Youth Fund has run:

8. What did the top 10 most expensive projects (excluding capital grants) say they would do?

£24,670.00 – Youth Advisory Panel for Victim Support Norfolk

Set up and running costs for a Youth Advisory Panel to support teenage victims of crime.

£18,620.00 Staffing costs

£1,450.00 IT and office equipment

£1,227.00 supervision support
£1,152.00 staff travel and subsistence
£1,221.00 office running costs
£1,000.00 recruitment and advertising costs

£23,833.00 –Sorted Project

Offering a safe place for young people to meet each other and get formal advice and/or information. It will provide a private place for young people to use to prepare for job interviews, create CV's etc.

£23,833.00 Cost of premises

£22,081.00 – Summer Challenge

To provide summer activities for 320 disadvantaged young people to access summer activities including sports, music, art, drama etc.

£19,200.00 for 320 students at £60.00 each
£2,881.00 towards costs for the News Team made up of young people from Harford Manor Special School.

£20,776.00 – Reepham and Aylsham Countrysiders

Start up and staffing costs to set up two senior Norfolk Young Farmers clubs in Reepham and Aylsham.

£14,976.00 Staffing costs
£3,000.00 travel and expenses (staff and volunteers)
£1,200.00 Start-up costs for two clubs
£800.00 Speakers, visits, activities and minibus hire
£400.00 training of staff and volunteers
£400.00 publicity and printing

£16,500 – Norfolk Blurb

To produce and print a magazine for young people to be distributed to all High Schools etc. throughout Norfolk to reach every young person between 12 yrs and 18 yrs. The magazine included information on positive activities and things to do, places to go.

£15,000.00 print and production costs
£1,500.00 for a residential to work on magazine content

£15,000.00 – Middlegate Project

A group for young people who have been in trouble because of anti-social behaviour to meet weekly and go on outings.

£15,000.00 staff and running costs

£12,574.00 – Take Flight

Holiday activities for 70 plus young people in Norwich to experience new fun, educational and sporting activities in relation to the Every Child Matters Outcomes, particularly stay safe, be healthy.

£3,500.00 entrance fees for venues
£2,574.00 staffing
£2,000.00 for Parkour sessions
£2,000.00 Residential summer camp
£1,500.00 Coach Hire
£500.00 Admin. Costs
£500.00 Resources (food, drink etc.)

£12,392.00 – Youth Group

Set up youth club to provide a safe place for young people in Swaffham to meet on a regular basis, providing facilities and activities for 13 to 19 year olds.

£5,760.00 Staffing
£5,472.00 Venue costs
£500.00 Equipment
£200.00 Promotional Material
£200.00 Stationery
£200.00 Set up costs
£60.00 NCVYS membership for two years

£11,000.00 – NR5 Music Project

Towards setting up a music and media project for young people in partnership with other agencies in Great Yarmouth, Norwich and King's Lynn.

Contribution towards delivery of music projects in King's Lynn, Great Yarmouth and Norwich.

£10,157.00 – About with Friends

A youth group for young people with learning difficulties and physical disabilities. Funding to allow them to increase their membership as they had a waiting list. Also increase the range of activities they are able to offer. They will train young volunteers who will then be able to run and support the programme.

£10,157.00 Staffing costs

9. What did they actually do?

These details are the same as listed under question 8. Successful applicants must sign a contract to say that they will spend the money on what they said they would do, otherwise the money must be returned to NCC.

10. What were the top 10 expenditures made for each of the 10 most expensive projects?

Details have been provided under each of the ten projects listed for question 8. We have supplied breakdowns of expenditure as recorded. As you will see, there are no cases where we have ten or more specific areas of expenditure for a single project and in some cases the defined expenditure just falls under one heading/type.

11. What is the total expenditure made on transporting young people to meetings?

£5,496.02 total expenditure during 08/09.

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Yours sincerely

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