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| Forum Area or Division: | Allerdale - Fells & Solway Community Panel |
| Reference: | CCGA/1989-24 |
| Group Name: | North Allerdale Development Trust |
| Community Development Officer: | Helen Esslemont |
| Community Development Assistant: | Jodie Thurlow |
| Amount Requested: | £7,000.00 |
| Total Project Cost: | £13,593.00 |

APPLICATION REPORT

Application Summary

Over the past decade, NADT has facilitated two universal youth groups: The Silloth Friday Night Project and the Kirkbride Youth Group. The Silloth Friday Night Project is a weekly youth group that provides sports, youth work, and community activities for young people aged 11 and above in Silloth and the surrounding areas. Kirkbride Youth Group is a monthly group offering sports, youth work, arts & craft sessions for young people aged 8 and above in Kirkbride and surrounding villages. Together, these groups offer support to over 200 young people. The Silloth group, being the larger of the two, currently has more than 160 members and continues to grow, with regular attendances ranging between 50 and 60 young people. Kirkbride is a smaller provision with current membership of 30 members with average attendances of 21.

Funding for these vital projects have ceased, Silloth being the most recent with all funding being pulled in December 2023, which has left us with minimal time to implement a contingency plan. Kirkbride has had funding from the community, but the shortfall has been absorbed by ourselves since the COVID pandemic to ensure the project has continued. The funding we are seeking would help cover our overheads including staffing, room hire and sports coach cost. This financial support would provide us with essential breathing space, allowing us the time to formulate a longer-term strategy to sustain and continue the valuable services offered by these groups.

Key Themes Met

The projects meet the panel's priority of Community Infrastructure and significantly contribute to Cumberland Council's key priorities, particularly in the areas of Improving Health and Wellbeing and Addressing Inequalities. By offering regular sports, youth work, and community activities, the youth groups play a vital role in enhancing the overall health and wellbeing of young people within the localities. Additionally, the expansion of services in Silloth to support those transitioning from primary to secondary school can address potential inequalities by ensuring a smoother educational and social transition for young people. The projects align with the broader goal of nurturing Local Economies that Work for Local People. In Kirkbride, where housing development is underway, youth activities contribute to building a vibrant community that attracts families, thus supporting the local economy.

Number of People Benefiting

100 +

Breakdown of Project Costs

Youth worker salaries - £4920
 Management & supervision - £1236
 Travel - £937
 Material & equipment - £980
 Sports coach - £2750
 Hall hire - £2770

Total = £13,593

Awaiting outcome of application to CCF £4896

Previous CCC Funding

December 2023 - £550 towards resources for Christmas activities (from local member's allocation. £5286 towards afterschool youth group in Wigton (£1000 from local member's allocation).

Grant Amount Recommended

7000

Officer comments

The lasting impact of Covid19 on young people is something NADT continue to observe and the importance of maintaining consistent youth provisions within rural communities, villages and coastal areas has become more vital than ever. This funding will allow NADT to continue the popular Friday Night Project which had it's funding cut at short notice and give them time to work on further funding and increased community backing.

The local member for Silloth will contribute £2386 and the local member for Thursby £2000 from their allocations to the project.

Comments from Elected Member(s) / Neighbourhood Forum / Grant Panel

Member Signature:

Date: