

APPLICATION FORM FOR GRANT 24/25

Please read the policy on pages 1, 2 and 3 **before** filling in the form.

1. Name/Address of Organisation:

Dorset Youth Association

Lubbecke Way

Dorchester

DT1 1QL

Name of person making the application: ...Mike Bennett.....

Position in organisation: ...CEO.....

Contact phone number: ...01305 262 440

Email address: Provided

About Your Organisation

2. Does your organisation:

	Yes
Have its own bank account, which requires two unrelated people to authorise cheques and make withdrawals?	x
Have at least three members on its management committee	x
Have a constitution, terms of reference or set of rules (<i>please contact for help with this if needed</i>)	x
Have paid employees	x
Recruit and train volunteers?	x

3. Are you a registered charity? Yes/No:

If so, please give your charity number:306009.....

4. Is your organisation part of, or affiliated to, a larger organisation?

If so, which:

5. Aims and objectives of your organisation; What does your organisation do and how does it benefit the residents of Weymouth?

Dorset Youth values, supports and champions the local voluntary sector as they work to strengthen our local communities. Our focus is on individuals and organisations working with children, young people and families, and our offer is personable, practical and purposeful.

6. Where does your organisation meet? ...Weymouth and surrounding areas.....
7. How often do you meet? ...x2 nights a week.....
8. How many members does your organisation have?over 100 YP have used the bus.
9. How many people will benefit from this funding?100+.....
10. How many of these are Weymouth Town Council area residents?100.....%
11. How much funding are you applying for? £5,000
12. What is the total cost of your project? £... 10,282.....

NOTE: Weymouth Town Council will only approve allocations up to £5,000 in exceptional, urgent circumstances that are clearly detailed in question 15, with regard to the information in Policy point 6.

13. Briefly describe the project or purchase you would like the funding for:

The project is called #Willdoes. It is a double decker bus (Youth Club on wheels) designed to offer a mobile safe space for the young people of Dorset. On board they connect with trained youth workers and engage in positive activities and signposting to local services.

14. Which of the Council's priorities does the project contribute to?
 - Improve the wellbeing of the people of Weymouth.
 - Manage the Council's assets and resources responsibly and transparently.
 - Manage the Council's services effectively to meet the needs of the communities we serve.
 - Work to become greener and cleaner in our activities as well as supporting our communities and partners to be as green as possible.
 - Promote opportunities for economic success of the area.
 - Strive for continuous improvement and service development.
 - Work with partners to deliver our core values and strategy.

15. If your application is for between £3,000 and £5,000 please give full details of the **exceptional circumstances** relating to your request. Please see policy point 6 for examples of what constitutes exceptional circumstances

The Willdoes bus was designed to help young people achieve wellbeing and is dedicated to improving the mental health and wellbeing of young people in Dorset. We offer a mobile service which allows everyone the chance to access support and a safe space. On board we have a kitchen, tables and chairs, beanbags and a private room for confidential conversations. We work alongside other organisations to provide the best support and knowledge as well as a fun environment for young people to hang out in. The bus has been used in partnership with local VCS Organisations, the police, Dorset Council, Public Health Dorset and NHS Dorset to better support young people. The funding will help fund x2 youth workers the cost of the bus, fuel, generator and resources.

Our target Audience are those that are classed as most vulnerable in the community. Most recently being deployed to support those effected by the young people that have lost their life.

16. How will you spend the money you are applying for? Please remember that Weymouth Town Council do not normally give grants for running costs unless associated with a specific project:

Item	Amount
Staffing x1 evening a week x 46 weeks	£5520
Bus hire, fuel and generator	£4762
	£
Total	£10282

17. How else are you funding your project? Include grants from other organisations, fund raising and existing reserves:

Source	£	Confirmed?
#willdoes fund	5281.21	Yes
Total	5281.21	

18. How will the funding benefit the community or residents of Weymouth?

The bus has already been deployed in the Weymouth area with funding from #willdoes and Dorset Council although this funding is coming to an end at the end of May. The bus has already seen over 100 YP in Weymouth use the bus and has supported them during the difficult time of losing local YP to suicides. It has also provide positive trusted adults to deal with ASB in the local area.

Funding will allow us to run regular weekly sessions within Weymouth as well as give us the flexibility to run a reactive service to meet the needs of the community. Each session is typically a 2 hour session with 30 minutes either side for set up and pack down.

Offering a flexible service also allows us to run focused sessions where the service can be offered over longer periods e.g. half day or full day sessions to meet community needs.

19. If your project focusses on a particular area of Weymouth, please give the name of the Councillor who is supporting your application?

Alex Furhman

The funding will be used to work with young people within the Weymouth boundary. The bus does visit other areas which is funded by those particular areas.

20. How do you know that the groups you work with, or the local community, want this project to take place? Please detail any consultation undertaken:

The project has already worked alongside other organisations offering the bus as a safe space and a hub for a bereavement cafe. We have had great feedback from Dorset open door, Dorset Council and the Front skate park and seen the number of young people who have attended these dates really benefit from the space. Dorset Youth and #willdoes have taken the decision to self fund x6 more sessions at the Marsh Skate park.

21. How will this funding lead to greater self-sufficiency and lessen the need for future applications?

Unfortunately it wont – the project will need further investment and funding – as charities we are able to help source funding from other areas, but it is important the Weymouth Town Council help support providing positive and safe places for their young people in partnership with us and other VCS organisations.

22. Weymouth Town Council declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency in 2019 and is keen to ensure that environmental impact reduction and opportunities for environmental enhancement are mainstreamed through its work.

How will this project help improve the environment and what mitigation measures will be put in place to limit environmental impacts such as use of single use plastics, waste generation, sustainable travel, reducing energy usage?

On board we have bins, and the rubbish is disposed of correctly after every session.

23. How is your organisation normally funded? Not applicable to new organisations:

Dorset Council, Public Health Dorset, #willdoes fund raising and various local and national grants

24. What are your current/planned subs/fees/charges?

We do not charge YP

25. The Council wishes to ensure that its limited grant budget goes to help those most in need. The Council will not normally fund events or activities for which a charge is made e.g. tickets for a dinner or a fee to attend a club. If it is intended to have a charge, please let us know how much people will be charged to access this project and what steps are to be put in place to ensure as many people as possible from Weymouth are able to access the project.

If a surplus is to be made please detail how and when these funds will benefit the communities in Weymouth:

N/A

26. Have you applied for any other funds/grants towards the cost of this project or purchase? Please include details below:

Detailed above

27. What fund raising activities took place in the **last** 12 months and what fund-raising activities are planned for the **next** 12 months, if any?

As a charity we continually fund raise

28. Anticipated income/expenditure for the next 12 months?

Unconfirmed at this stage we hope to raise enough funding for the bus to be used x2 evening a week in Weymouth, but this will be challenging

29. Details of any grants or financial support received from local authorities including Weymouth Town Council in the past three years with dates:

Dorset Council – 15k in 2022

30. Grants from non-local authority sources in the last three years with dates, if you have any:

#willdoes fund – 10k 2023

31. Has the project that you want the funding for already happened? Yes/No (delete)

32. Will you be passing the funding on to any other groups (except to pay for goods and services)? No (delete)

33. If the funding is for security measures do you have the support of the local police and/or crime reduction officer?

Yes (name of contact ... Yes but I need to find the name.....) / No/Not applicable (delete)

34. If the funding is for work with vulnerable adults or children, do you have the support of either Adult Social Care or Children's Services at Dorset Council?

Yes (name of contactRachel Janaway.....) / No/Not applicable (delete)

Please give us details of the bank account that the grant should be paid into if approved (this cannot be a building society passbook account):

Name of Account: Provided

Account number: Provided

Sort Code: Provided

Please ensure you have read the policy on pages 1 - 3 before signing the form.

Checklist (please tick the appropriate boxes)

Have you submitted the following?

- A copy of your most recent accounts (not more than 12 months old);
- Your most recent bank account statement & details of any other investments/savings (not more than 3 months old);
- A copy of your constitution / terms of reference / set of rules;
- A copy of the notes from your last Annual General Meeting;
- Details of your organisation's officers;
- A copy of your safeguarding policy if your group works with vulnerable adults, or children;
- A copy of your adopted equal opportunities policy or statement;
- Any other documentation you feel may help in assessing your application.

Privacy Notice

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), I/We agree that Weymouth Town Council will process and hold personal information about me/us and my/our group or organisation only in relation to this grant application. I/We consent to my/our personal information, including that contained in this form, being stored manually and/or electronically by Weymouth Town Council. It will be held securely and treated confidentially for six years after an application is made. I/We understand that it will only be accessed by authorised staff members to manage the grant application process.

I also understand that Weymouth Town Council may pass details onto an official organisation where required to do so by law or contract. I/We understand that my/our data will be disposed of securely six years after the application and that I/we have the right to correct the information at any time. I/We have been made aware of my/our rights under GDPR.

Declaration:

I/We declare that the information confirmed in this application is correct and that any grant received will be applied as detailed in the request.

I/We declare that we have read the policy on pages 1 - 3 and that our application complies with the policy.

I/We declare that I/we have included all the requested information.

I/We fully understand that if I/we do not include the requested information and/or if mine/our application does not comply with the policy, the application may be rejected.

I/We fully understand that we will need to attend a Finance and Governance Committee meeting to present our request.

Signed: ...M.Bennett.....

Name: ...Mike Bennett.....

Date:03/05/2024.....

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Grant applications must be checked against the following criteria. Any questions where the answer is no must be reported to the Finance and Governance Committee meeting where the application is being considered and must form part of the formal agenda items list for that meeting.

Yes	No (investigate)	
Yes		The grant will result in a benefit for the area covered by the Town Council and will contribute positively to the area of Weymouth?
	No	Does the grant exclude ongoing running costs?
	No	If the application is for running costs has the applicant included plans for where future running costs will be found from?
Yes		Is the grant for a group and not for individuals or organisations whose function is primarily undertaken by the health authority or Dorset Council's Social Services?
Yes		Is the grant for non-political or non-quasi-political organisations or projects?
	No	Is the grant application for £3,000 or less?
	No	For applications between £3,000 or £5,000, has the applicant fully detailed the exceptional circumstances?
	No	Does the application include the required financial and organisational information?
Yes		Is this the only application in this financial year from this group or organisation?
Yes		Is the applicant based in the Town Council area? If not, has the applicant detailed what proportion of beneficiaries of the grant reside in the area?
	No	Is the application for future funding? (i.e. not retrospective)
Yes		Is the grant for the sole use of the applying group and not to pass on money?
	No	Has the applicant demonstrated how one-off grant funding will lead to greater self-sufficiency and lessen the need for future applications?
Yes		For applications for funds for security measures, does the applicant have the support of the local police or crime reduction officer?
Yes		For projects involving vulnerable children or adults, do the organisers have the support of Adult Social Care or Children's Services at Dorset Council?
tbc		Will a representative be attending Finance & Governance Committee?
Yes		Scoring matrix approved by the Grant Subgroup?

Assessing officer: Helen Legg

Date of assessment: 16th July 2024

Decision (delete as applicable): proceed to committee

Approved as agenda item for the Finance and Governance meeting on: 24/07/24