NEW COMMUNITIES CAPITAL GRANTS PROGRAMME

APPENDIX 4 - YOUTH SPORT INITIATIVE GRANTS

1. Who is eligible to apply?

Parish Councils or their representatives, youth organisations or community groups. The application should come from the organisation with legal ownership or long-term tenure of the facility or land in question.

The applicant should have day-to-day responsibility for the building or land in question.

The facility or land will have full community access and have insurance cover, including for public liability.

Parish Councils may apply for a grant up to 50% of the total cost of the project to a maximum of £15,000 depending on the type of facility.

2. What projects are eligible?

These grants are to assist casual sport and recreation facilities that would be aimed mainly at young people aged 12 and over. These facilities will normally have open access to casual users but may be booked (Multi-use Games Areas only) for use by identified groups on a weekly or occasional basis. Projects may include, but are not restricted to,:-

- Multi-use games areas (MUGA's)
- Skateboarding park
- Rollerblading park
- BMX bike ramps
- Kickwalls
- Single basketball posts

3. Consultation

Proof of consultation is essential to and must include the involvement of young people in decision making, design and raising funds. Partnership projects are strongly encouraged that involve Community Education and partnership with other local groups.

Local residents who may be affected by the project including noise pollution and the possibility of anti-social behaviour must be consulted.

A presentation to an Officer and designated Member of the Council by the Young People may be required before the final application is submitted.

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4. Other Considerations

Parish Councils planning this type of facility should consider the following:-

- Involvement of young people at the earliest possible stage
- The views of these young people
- Management of the Facility and Booking systems required.
- Revenue implications
- Procedures for the regular inspection of facilities for damage/vandalism.
- Possible storage requirements for equipment
- Health and Safety policy, procedures and signage.

5. Contact Officer

For more information and an application pack please contact the Resource Officer, Sustainable Communities on 01954 713359, or by email at sustainablecommunities.grants@scambs.gov.uk

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