



YOUTH ACTION GRANTS 2009/10 Application Guidelines

What is YAG?

Youth Action Grants are awarded each year. For the past three years T3SC have managed the application and grant giving process associated with the Youth Action Grants on behalf of Tameside Youth Service.

Who can apply?

Any community or voluntary group working with young people (aged 11-19, or up to 25 if disabled) in Tameside can apply for a grant of up to £1,000. Most (at least 80%) of the beneficiaries of a Youth Action Grant must be Tameside residents and in the right age bracket.

Aims

This year, the focus will be on funding projects which meet the following aims:

- Encourage the participation of young people, not just in the activities, but also in the planning and running of the activities
- Encourage activities that will have a positive and lasting impact on the lives of young people
- Be inclusive of anyone who may wish to participate
- Record and celebrate the achievements of young people

Eligibility for funding

To be eligible for a grant you must have all of the following:

- A constitution which clearly states the aims of your organisation and what will happen if the group ceases to operate (also known as a dissolution clause)
- A management committee comprising at least three unrelated people
- A bank account in the name of the group
- Completed all monitoring required from any previous Youth Action Grants
- Adequate safeguarding policies and procedures

If you don't have any of these, contact T3SC for help obtaining them.

Exclusions

Although most activities are eligible for funding, you cannot use a Youth Action Grant for activities which are wholly or mostly to do with the promotion of one religious belief or political party. Neither can you use a grant for travel abroad.

Application process

This year we will be using a different process for assessing applications and the allocation of funding. This is in two stages:

Stage One: all applicants need to complete a simple application form which is available from T3SC. These need to be completed and returned to T3SC by 4pm on 30 September. We will then check the applications against the eligibility criteria mentioned above. All applicants who meet these will go onto stage two.

Stage Two: all eligible applicants will be asked to come together at an event on 17 October where each applicant will make a short presentation about their project. All presentations will be made to all the other applicants, and at the end of the event, applicants will vote on the proposals they consider best meet the aims of YAG funding as set out above. In particular, all applications and presentations will be considered against the extent of young people's involvement in the planning and management of the project. At the end of the event, all applicants will know whether or not they have been successful with their application. All groups that are unsuccessful will be able to consult T3SC staff for further support with finding funding for their project.

This approach is known as **Participatory Budgeting**, and the great advantage of it is that it puts decision-making firmly into the hands of those that will be affected by the decision and who have a direct interest in the outcome of the decision.

Advice on completing your application form

Before completing your application form, please be sure you have read through all the information in this pack. Please pay particular attention to the Terms and Conditions of the Grants and the monitoring and evaluation requirement contained within it. When you sign the application you are

accepting these conditions, and any failure to comply with these may result in the grant having to be repaid.

What if I am not successful, or if I am not eligible?

Don't worry! T3SC can help you to get all the information you need prior to submitting an application. If you are unsuccessful on the day, T3SC can also help you to identify other possible sources of funding for your group or project.

If you have any questions about anything in this pack, please feel free to contact Stuart Vaughan or any member of the Support and Development Team at T3SC on 0161 339 4985 or email stuart.vaughan@t3sc.org