

Rural community groups encouraged to bid for youth activity funding

Community groups providing activities for young people in Shropshire's most rural areas can bid for funding from next Monday (20 August 2018) under the second funding round of Shropshire Council's Rural Youth Activity Fund.

A total of £20,000 is available through this second round of funding, for youth groups and clubs in the eligible rural Local Joint Committee (LJC) areas, so that they can make a difference to the lives of young people.

The funding round will be open from 20 August to 16 September 2018. The eligible rural Local Joint Committee areas are:

- Bridgnorth, Worfield, Alveley, Claverley and Brown Clew
- Wem and Shawbury
- Craven Arms and Rural
- Bishop's Castle, Chirbury, Worthen and Clun
- Ellesmere
- Longden, Ford, Rea Valley and Loton including Pontesbury and Minsterley
- Tern and Severn Valley
- St Oswald & Llanymynech
- Strettondale and Burnell
- Much Wenlock and Shipton & Broseley and Rural

Applications for the first round of funding were invited between 23 April and 20 May this year.

Nick Bardsley, Cabinet member for children and young people, said:

"I am delighted that the council is able to make this funding available for young people living in our most rural areas. The funding has previously been used for a range of activities – youth clubs, sports and arts programmes, and health awareness training – all of which have been greatly valued by young people.

"This is the second round of bidding this year. I would be very sorry if some communities miss out altogether, so if you didn't get in touch earlier in the year, make sure you do so before the 16 September application deadline."

Youth clubs and groups interested in applying for funding should first check their eligibility with their local Shropshire Councillor, or contact the council's Community Enablement Team on 01743 253077 or communityenablement@shropshire.gov.uk for an application form or full details of how to apply.

The deadline for applications is 16 September 2018. All applications should be submitted by email to communityenablement@shropshire.gov.uk.

Further information

The funding has been allocated to support activities that will meet the Shropshire Children, Young People and Families outcomes:

- Ensuring all children and young people are safe and well looked after in a supportive environment
- Narrowing the achievement gap in education and work
- Ensuring the emotional wellbeing of children and young people by focusing on prevention and early intervention
- Keeping more children healthy and reducing health inequalities