



Oadby & Wigston Borough Council

11-19(24) Early Help Grant Scheme

Performance Report

Quarter 3, 2014/15

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Allocation & Purpose

The 11-19(24) Early Help Grant Scheme (Early Help) is funding made available to Oadby & Wigston Borough Council from Leicestershire County Council. The funding is amalgamated from the former Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP), '515' funding and the Delivery of Youth Work Grant monies.

The purpose of the Early Help funding is to secure high quality youth work provision that improves the lives of young people within the Borough and reduces the demand for more specialist services. The funding is available from April 2014 to March 2015 and is accessible by community groups, youth organisations, the Voluntary Community Sector and schools (expressly for the purpose of extra-curricular activities).

Early Help funding is primarily targeted at increasing available provision for young people aged 11-19 and young people aged up to 24 with Special Education Needs, Learning Difficulties or Disabilities.

The purpose of the '515' funding, made available through the Leicestershire County Youth Council (CYCLe) is to increase the availability of positive activities for young people aged 8-19 (or up to 25 with a learning difficulty or disability), particularly those who are the most disadvantaged or at risk of poor outcomes and can be used for the purchase of capital items.

The amount of Early Help funding allocated to Oadby & Wigston Borough Council for the 2014/15 financial year is **£36,863.00**.

The remaining underspend from Oadby & Wigston Borough Council's PAYP/515 allocation for the 2013/14 financial year, **£10,123.12**, was carried forward and combined with the Early Help allocation to give a total budget for 2014/15 of **£46,986.12**.

Grant Process

Oadby & Wigston Borough Council has, to date, operated two rounds of commissioning for projects seeking Early Help funding to submit an application. At the close of the last commissioning round in June 2014, through which 85% of the Borough's Early Help funding was allocated, the decision was taken to now accept applications for projects on an adhoc basis. The remaining availability of the Early Help funding, and its purpose, remains advertised on the Council's website with interested parties prompted to contact the Young Person's Co-ordinator for help and support in applying for and accessing the monies.

Each application received goes through a 'two tier' scrutiny process before it is either approved or declined. Firstly the application is presented by the Young Persons Co-ordinator to the Oadby & Wigston Youth Council for review. The purpose of this is to gather the views and opinions of young people on the proposed project, its suitability, requirement and value as, importantly, the viewpoint of young people in regards to 'what works for them' is often frank and honest. A vote is taken at the end of the presentation of Youth Council members in favour of and against the project receiving funding.

The qualitative information acquired from the Youth Council is then presented along with the application to the Council's 'Locality Theme Group'. The Locality Theme Group is comprised of representatives from the Oadby & Wigston Borough Council's Community and Leisure teams, Leicestershire County Council's Youth Service and the Supporting Leicestershire Families team. It is the purpose of this group to ensure that the proposed project meets the funding criteria set by Leicestershire County Council and the 'local criteria' set by the Borough Council (See *'Appendix A – Funding Guidance'*).

The outcome of this process is one of three options; the application can be approved as is, declined due to unsuitability or suspending pending a resubmission with suggested changes implemented. All applicants are provided with feedback on their proposed project to assist in future development.

Following this process a Service Level Agreement detailing the funding, payment and monitoring arrangements for the project is drafted and then signed by representatives of the project and the Young Persons Co-ordinator. Only once this agreement is in place can a project receive its first payment and commence operations as an Early Help funded scheme.

Projects in Oadby & Wigston 2014/15

To date (December 2014) thirty-five projects have applied for funding through Early Help. Of these projects seventeen were successful in their application for funding with sixteen of them moving on to actually commencing and one pending commencement. The successful applications include two projects that were approved to run through the 2014/15 financial year from 2013/14's PAYP budget with their allocated funding rolled forward.

Funded Projects and Providers by Area

- Oadby
 - **Survival at Gartree (PAYP Runover)** – Gartree High School*
 - **Oadby Youth Centre** – Young Leicestershire
 - **Oadby Youth Centre Residential Trips** – Young Leicestershire
- Wigston
 - **Fire Cadets** – Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service
 - **Wigston Club for Young People** – Young Leicestershire
 - **Rhythm Crew** – Women Today
 - **Wii Dance Mat Club** – Abington Academy
- South Wigston
 - **Re:Active Youth Club** – Young Leicestershire
 - **Community Action Partnership Youth Cafe** – Community Action Partnership
- Full Borough
 - **Shoot to the Future (PAYP Runover)** – Leicester Riders Basketball & Leicestershire Constabulary
 - **Wheels Project** – Oadby & Wigston Borough Council
 - **Space4u Counselling** – Knighton Counselling
 - **Summer Holiday Activity Camp** – Aim Higher Coaching
 - **Friday Night ASB Football Tournament** – Aim Higher Coaching
 - **“Something to Do!” Project** – Oadby & Wigston Borough Council
 - **South East District Scouts Camping Equipment** – South East District Scouting
 - **Tanglewood Youth & Support Group** – Tanglewood Youth & Support Group

*Project funding withdrawn following no further information or communication received from Gartree High School.

Budget Overview

The following tables detail the status of Oadby & Wigston Borough Council's Early Help allocation as of December 2014.

	Early Help Funding	PAYP/515 Funding
Starting Allocation	£36,863.00	£0.00
Unallocated Carry Forward (Financial Year 2013/14)	£0.00	£7,373.12
Allocated Carry Forward (Financial Year 2013/14)	£0.00	£2,750.00
Totals	£36,863.00	£10,123.12
Overall Total Budget	£46,986.12	

	Spend to Date	Commitments	Overspend
Early Help	£28,741.59	£8,106.96	£146.10
PAYP/515	£5,186.08	£1,736.42	£0.00
Totals	£33,927.67	£9,843.38	£146.10

	Early Help	PAYP/515	Total
Underspend	£1,725.35	£300.00	£2,025.35

	Early Help Funding	PAYP/515 Funding
Total Budget	£36,863.00	£10,123.12
Total Committed (Plus Overspend)	£38,573.90	£7,222.50
Total Remaining (Plus Underspend)	£14.45	£3,200.62
Overall Remaining Budget	£3,215.07	

	Amount
Total Worth of Funded Projects	£64,647.29
Total Allocated Funds	£45,650.30
Increase on Value of Investment	£18,996.99

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Output

As part of the terms of receiving an Early Help Grant each funded project must provide a monitoring return on an agreed timescale; for most projects this is a quarterly arrangement. The monitoring return allows the progress of a project to be tracked against expected levels of engagement proposed in their initial funding application. Importantly a project cannot receive funding for a period not covered by a valid monitoring return; this is to ensure that all data required is supplied before payments are made to the project.

The below tables compare the end of year output of 2013/14's PAYP/515 funding to the projected, and to date, output of 2014/15's Early Help funding.

Year	Project Cost to Date	Total No. of YP engaging in project	Male	Female	Total YP aged Under 10	Total YP aged 11-15	Total YP aged 16-19	Total YP aged 20-25	Total No. of Volunteers		Total No. of Hours of Activity	Cost per Head per Hour
									Adults	Young People		
2013/14 End of Year Output	£42,617.88	2,557	744 (29%)	572 (22%)	361 (14%)	498 (19%)	142 (5%)	42 (1%)	51	35	861	£0.02

2014/15 Projected Output*	£45,350.30	813	487 (60%)	326 (40%)	85 (10%)	540 (66%)	171 (21%)	17 (2%)	5	1	1,712	£0.03
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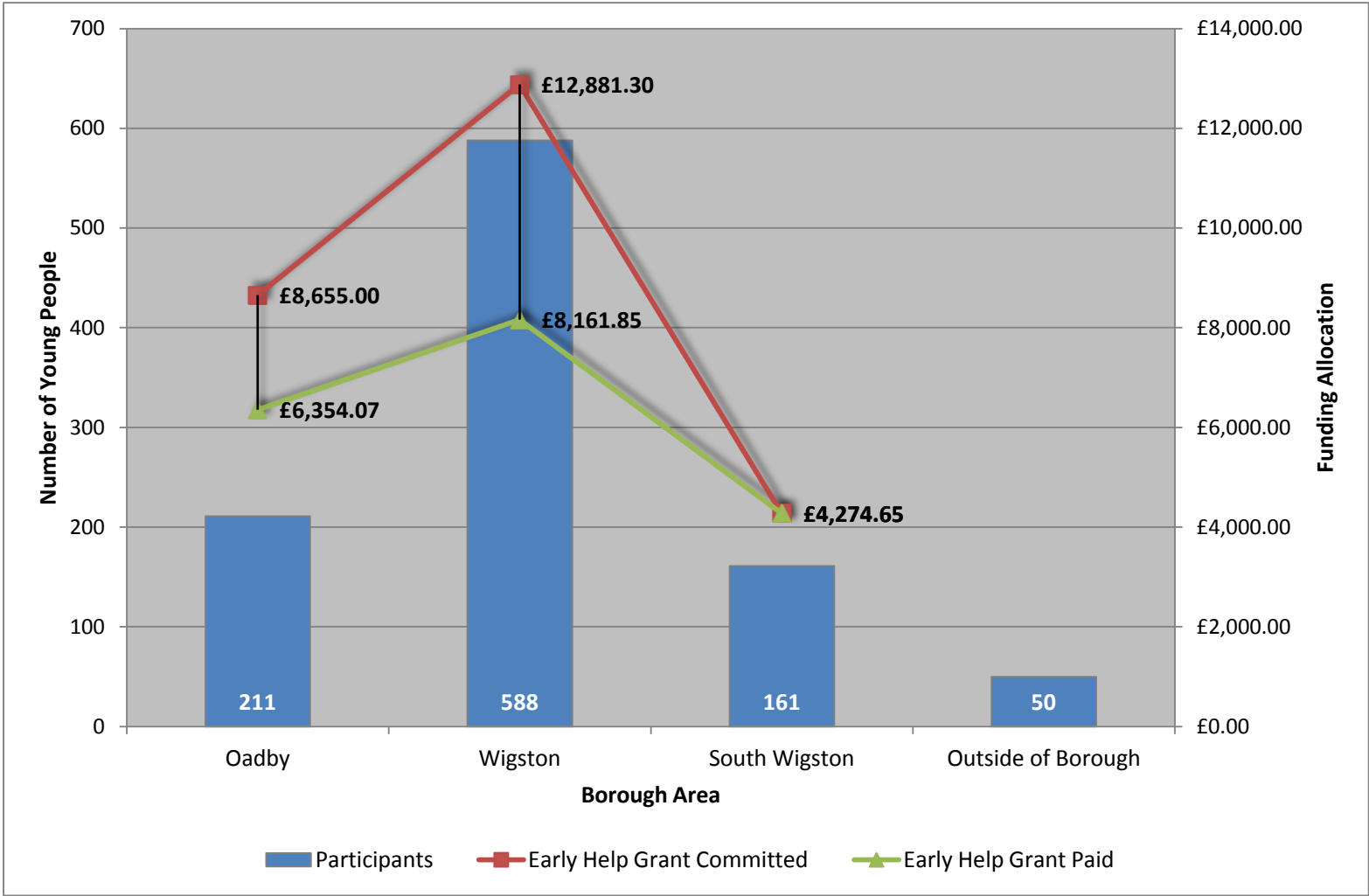
*Projected output assumes that all funded projects complete their expected duration with no over/underspend.

2013/14 Output to Date**	£33,927.67	1,010	669 (66%)	341 (34%)	235 (23%)	593 (59%)	167 (17%)	15 (1%)	28	16	973	£0.03
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**Based on Quarter 2 Output and Monitoring Data and Invoices returned from seven of nine Quarter 3 projects.

Funding and Participant Distribution

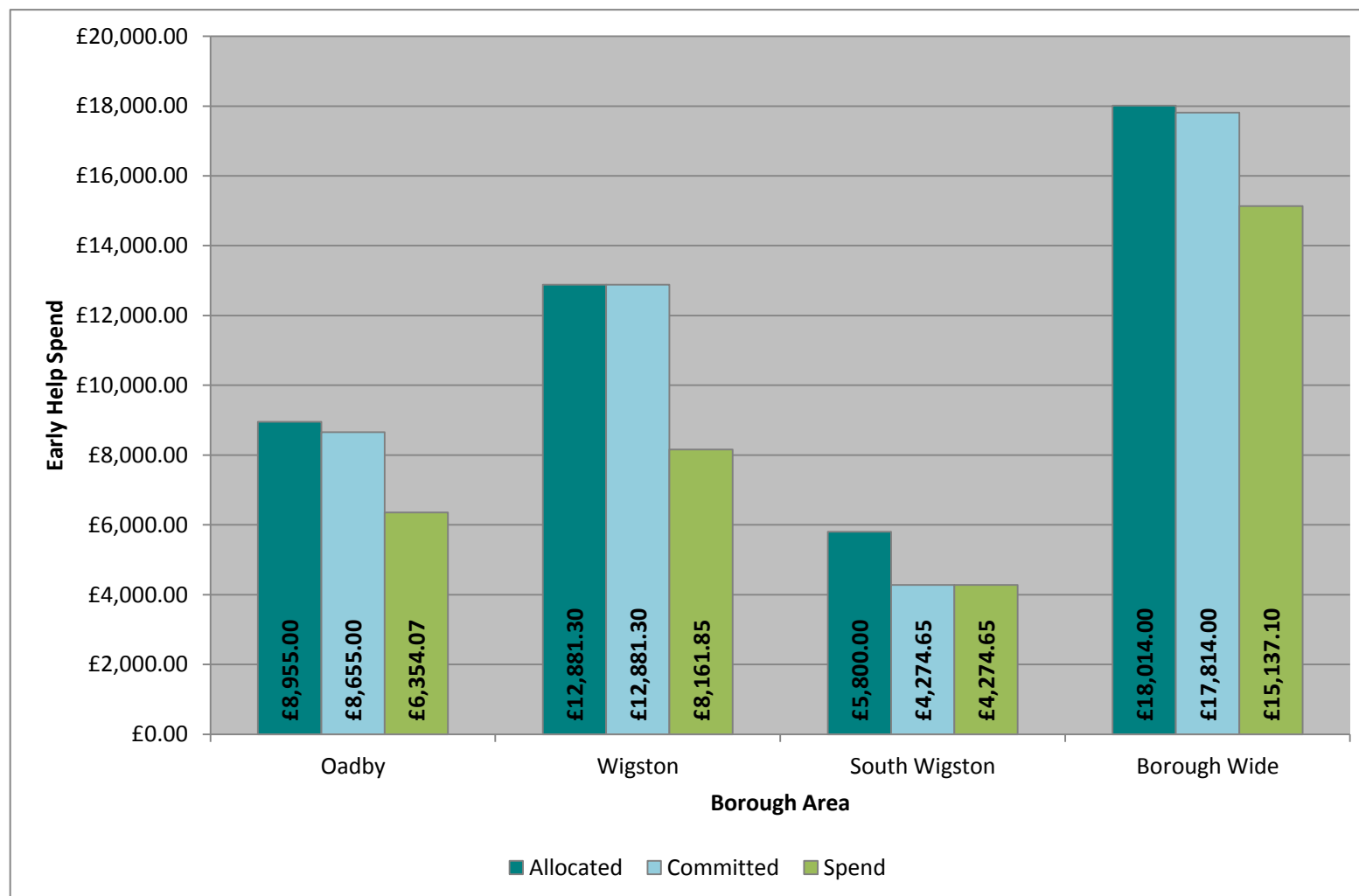
The below chart shows the number of Young People engaged in the sixteen Early Help funded projects in the Borough of Oadby & Wigston, by area, in comparison to the level of Early Help funding each area’s specific projects are currently allocated and have, to date, received. A further **£17,814.00** to date is allocated to eight projects that cut across the entirety of the Borough.



Borough Area	% of Total YP
Oadby	21%
Wigston	58%
South Wigston	16%
Outside of Borough	5%

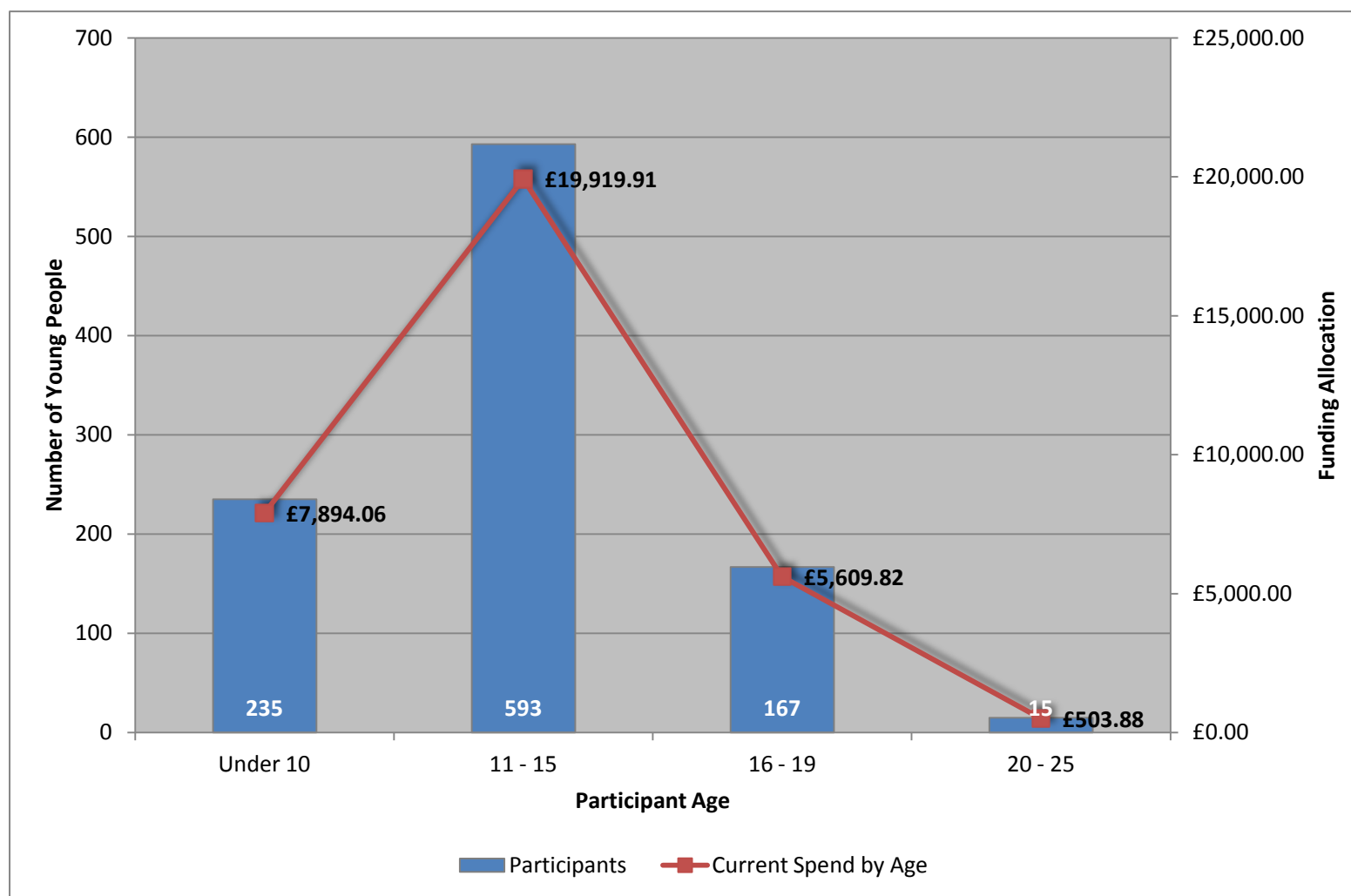
Funding Allocation by Area

Further to the chart overleaf the breakdown below displays the Early Help funding allocated to projects in the Borough of Oadby & Wigston by area. Shown for Oadby, Wigston, South Wigston and 'Borough Wide' (projects which take place in more than location) is the amount of funding initially allocated to projects within that area, the amount committed to each area (allocation minus known underspend) and the current spend to date as of December 2014.



Funding Allocation by Participant Age

The chart below shows how the current expenditure through the Early Help Grant Scheme correlates to the number of young people in each age bracket who have engaged with, or are engaging in, funded projects up to December 2014. The core target group for the funding are young people that fall within the '11 – 15' and '16 – 19' age brackets.



Age Range	% of Total YP
Under 10	23%
11 – 15	59%
16 – 19	17%
20 - 25	1%

Monitoring Inspections

Monitoring Inspections for Early Help funded projects are undertaken by both Oadby & Wigston Borough Council's Young Persons Co-ordinator and members of the Oadby & Wigston Youth Council who have undertaken 'Young Inspectors' training. This training is delivered and supported by the Leicestershire County Council Youth Service.

There are currently five members of the Youth Council who are trained as Young Inspectors. The Young Inspectors provide a unique opportunity to evaluate the performance of a project from the perspective of a young person; most inspections they are involved in are pre-arranged with the projects however there is also the capacity to utilise them in a 'mystery shopper' role. This is an approach that will be explored later in the financial year.

On a monitoring inspection undertaken by the Young Persons Co-ordinator a project is assessed on twelve areas of competency including, but not limited to, the quality of provision, delivery as identified in service specification, value for money, targeting priority groups and reduction in risky behaviours. These competencies can score a minimum of 1 point ('Needs Improvement') and a maximum of 4 points ('Excellent') which are then compiled to give the project a total score of between 12 and 48 points.

Young Inspector lead inspections focus more on observations of the project than areas of competency. In evaluating projects Young Inspectors are asked to look at how well a project performed on specific aspects including improving wellbeing, making a difference and influencing behaviour; these areas are ranked between 'Poor' (1 point) and 'Very Good' (5 Points) and compiled to give the project a total score of between 6 and 30 points.

The scores from each inspection are then averaged to give an overall score to the project between 9 and 39 points. Each score sits within a target band denoting the project's level of success. These are;

- **9 – 18 Points:** Needs Improvement
- **19 – 28 Points:** Good
- **29 – 39 Points:** Excellent

An average of each project's overall score is then taken to denote the success of the Early Help Grant Scheme itself; this score also fits within the above banding scale.

Both type of inspection also collate quantitative data such as how many young people are seen engaged in the project and qualitative data such as overall impressions of the location of the project, facilities, staff engagement, strengths and recommendations. This information is collected to support the monitoring data returned periodically by the projects themselves.

To date there has been one project visited by Young Inspectors (details below);



Project	Date of Inspection	Location	Score (Out of 30)
Wheels Project	20/08/2014	Maromme Square, Wigston	26.5

Further monitoring inspections by both the Young Persons Co-ordinator, Young Inspectors and other interested parties, such as County Youth Workers, will be implemented from January 2015.


Project Status and RAG Rating

 = Needs Improvement	 = Good	 = Excellent
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Finished Projects

Project and Funding Allocation	Purpose	Objectives	Progress to Date	RAG Rating
Fire Cadets £2,040.00	To provide a pilot scheme for Fire Cadets at Wigston Fire Station for 15 young people aged 12 - 16.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To work with a maximum of 15 young people learning and carrying out basic fire fighting drills, culminating in a public presentation of what they have achieved. To help participants work co-operatively with others and understand how their actions affect other people. To add value to each young person's experience by either helping to achieve the Short Course Award or a Wider Key Skill Qualification. 	The Fire Cadets project finished in August 2014 and, despite the strikes being conducted by the Fire and Rescue Service throughout its duration, managed to engage 13 young people. Unfortunately due to the strikes impacting upon when the project could run several young people did disengage from the project; this resulted in only two acquiring enough credits to successfully achieve the qualification on offer through the scheme.	 Based on Monitoring Returns Only
Re:Active Youth Club £2,300.00 Final Commitment: £774.65	To continue Re:Active Youth Club's Friday evening sessions in South Wigston. This is the only drop in provision on a Friday evening in an area known for ASB.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide 76 hours of activity for young people in South Wigston between April 2014 and March 2015. To reduce the number of vulnerable young people out on the streets of South Wigston on a Friday evening. 	Re:Active has, unfortunately, closed 6 months early due to concerns about the practicality and suitability of using the Bobbin Factory as a base for the project. These concerns came to a head when a member of staff was locked inside the building at the end of	 Based on Monitoring Returns Only


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Project and Funding Allocation	Purpose	Objectives	Progress to Date	RAG Rating
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To engage with young people at risk of engaging in risky behaviours to reduce the likelihood of referral to speciality services. To provide positive activities, good role models and personal challenges with the objective of giving young people the opportunities to improve their life chances and sense of wellbeing. To provide informal sporting activities with the objective of improving young people's level of physical activity. 	the session when it was secured by the Premises Officer and was unable to exit for over an hour. The project leader and staff opted to close the project before the summer holidays and reopen when a suitable, permanent location for the club had been located. Re:Active was on track to meet its 12 month targets at the time of its closure but was yet to receive any monitoring inspections at this point. The unspent monies allocated to this project have been reabsorbed into the remaining Early Help budget.	
Wheels Project £1,575.00 Final Commitment: £1,375.00	To provide a 14 session scheme to young people aged 11 - 19 across the borough using the mobile skate park to dissuade ASB.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a mobile skate park activity across the borough of Oadby & Wigston for 8 weeks. To provide a special, one off skate event at Parklands Leisure Centre in Oadby. To promote improved health and healthy living by providing a physical activity for young people within the borough of Oadby & Wigston. To liaise with the Youth Offending Service's IMPACT Team, and other partners, in order to provide an 	The Wheels Project ended in August 2014 with all monitoring information, and a Young Inspectors visit, indicating that the project was an overall success. Based on this information it is likely that the project will be repeated again in future if funding is available. The Wheels Project also came in at £200.00 under budget with the underspend being absorbed into the remaining Early Help budget.	 Based on Monitoring Returns and Young Inspectors Visit



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Project and Funding Allocation	Purpose	Objectives	Progress to Date	RAG Rating
		Anti-Social Behaviour diversionary activity within targeted neighbourhoods.		
Summer Holiday Activity Camp £1,500.00	Holiday activities for the young people in the local community who maybe can't otherwise financially access similar, privately run events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To provide 24 hours of provision across 6 sessions for young people between July 2014 and August 2014. ▪ To reduce youth related Anti-Social Behaviour within the borough through the provision of a diversionary activity. ▪ To promote a health and wellbeing message through physical activity. ▪ To signpost participants in the project on to other projects within the borough to maintain their engagement with partner agencies. 	The Summer Holiday Activity Camp scheme ended in August 2014 and successfully met, and in some areas exceeded, the targets set for it despite only providing 18 hours of provision due to poor weather.	 Based on Monitoring Returns Only
Friday Night ASB Football Tournament £3,322.00 Final Commitment: £3,468.10	6-8 a side football tournament every Friday evening, giving the sports mad amongst our young people an outlet on an evening when they would otherwise have very little that's productive to do.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To provide 40 hours of activity between April 2014 and October 2014, excluding school holidays, at a rate of 2 hours per week on a Friday evening. ▪ To reduce youth related Anti-Social Behaviour within the borough through the provision of a diversionary activity. ▪ To promote a health and wellbeing message through physical activity. ▪ To signpost participants in the 	All targets set for the Friday Night ASB Football Tournament scheme were exceeded by its end. This is a project that, since 2013, has proved its worth in the Borough and certainly one which, should funding be available, would be looked at as repeatable in 2015/16. The project finished over budget due to an additional session being added on to the scheme. This session was added to allow the higher than expected number of young	 Based on Monitoring Returns Only


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Project and Funding Allocation	Purpose	Objectives	Progress to Date	RAG Rating
		project on to other projects within the borough to maintain their engagement with partner agencies.	people who had engaged with the scheme to finish the tournament aspect of it. The overspend was covered by uncommitted funds in the Early Help budget.	
“Something to Do!” Project £2,675.00	To provide midweek sessions with the BB19 Bus and Soft Touch Arts Outreach Vehicle across the borough's housing estates to dissuade youth ASB.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To provide 80 hours of activities across 5 priority neighbourhoods in the Borough of Oadby and Wigston through the use of the BB19 Bus and the Soft Touch Arts Outreach Vehicle. ▪ To liaise with the Youth Offending Service's IMPACT Team, and other partners, in order to provide an Anti-Social Behaviour diversionary activity within targeted neighbourhoods. 	Whilst the “Something to Do!” Project engaged with far more young people than planned a significant amount of these were engaged through an annual community event and are not reflective of the project itself. The location of the BB19 Bus and Soft Touch Arts Outreach Vehicle for the duration of the project gave the impression that, rather than being a generic project open to all young people, the project was for young people residing on the estate it was setup on only. An effort to relocate the scheme to change this perception was unsuccessful due to the size of the location required by the BB19 Bus.	 Based on Monitoring Returns and Project Inspection




Ongoing Projects

Project and Funding Allocation	Purpose	Objectives	Progress to Date	RAG Rating
Oadby Youth Centre £7,210.00	To provide open access youth provision for young people in Oadby for four evenings per week with outdoor pursuits at weekends.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reduce the number of vulnerable young people out on the streets of Oadby on weekday evenings. To provide a location and environment for young people to meet that is safe, promotes improved emotional and physical wellbeing and provides suitable activities within this remit. To promote youth involvement in their local community and assist them in engaging with their local community through volunteering opportunities, open days and community events. To improve life chances, physical health and increase confidence and the ability to form positive relationships. 	At the end of Quarter 3 the Oadby Youth Centre has begun to surpass the targets set upon the agreement of the Early Help funding.	 Based on Monitoring Returns Only
Oadby Youth Centre Residentials £1,445.00	To work with local young people and deliver a program of activities over the school holiday periods plus 2 residential experiences promoting team building, physical activity and sessions around ASB and alcohol use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Team Building Skills, Well Being Skills and Physical Health of Young People participating in residential trips and activities. Enable Young People to acquire ASDAN qualifications in target areas relating to residential trips and activities. 	Following two residential activities this project has met the majority of the targets set at the agreement of the Early Help funding. Based on current expenditure, and monitoring returns, this project is expected to finish in February 2015 under budget.	 Based on Monitoring Returns Only


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Project and Funding Allocation	Purpose	Objectives	Progress to Date	RAG Rating
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enable Young People to acquire certification in short course such as First Aid. 		
Wigston Club for Young People £5,971.30	As the only provider in the Wigston area the club provides open access youth work for two night a week. Young People access positive activities to enhance their self esteem, transferable skills and life chances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide, across two nights a week, 60 hours of activity for young people as a positive alternative to Anti-Social Behaviour between April 2014 and June 2014. To provide a location and environment for young people to meet that is safe, promotes improved emotional and physical wellbeing and provides suitable activities within this remit. To promote youth involvement in their local community and assist them in engaging with their local community through volunteering opportunities, open days and community events. To improve life chances, physical health and increase confidence and the ability to form positive relationships. To promote one night per week as a targeted youth provision focusing on young people that attend the club from the lower age range of members. 	At the end of Quarter 3 the Wigston Club for Young People has begun to surpass the targets set upon the agreement of the Early Help funding.	 Based on Monitoring Returns Only

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Project and Funding Allocation	Purpose	Objectives	Progress to Date	RAG Rating
Wii Dance Mat Club £570.00	To provide a Wii Dance Mat Club run by a dance instructor during lunchtimes at school (one day a week for 30 minutes). This club is aimed specifically at targeted SEN (SPLD) pupils. This includes pupils with identified co-ordination issues (dyspraxia, dyslexic pupils and ADHD) and pupils diagnosed with ASD.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a lunch-time Dance Mat activity club for targeted SEN pupils (10-14 yrs). To engage pupils in a regular structural exercise & co-ordination programme. To enable pupils to feel they belong to a 'club' that they value. To support pupils to develop their fitness, co-ordination, concentration, co-operation, team work skills, self-esteem and self belief. The project will run for 39 weeks (1 academic year). 	This project is a continuation of a successful PAYP funded scheme run in the previous financial year. To date the project is on track to meet the targets agreed when the Early Help funding was approved.	 Based on Monitoring Returns Only
Shoot to the Future £2,450.00	Friday evening basketball sessions with local police officers and Leicester Riders basketball team aimed at reducing ASB and breaking barriers between youths and police.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a Friday evening Basketball activity each week between January 2014 and January 2015. To reduce youth related Anti-Social Behaviour within the borough through the provision of a diversionary activity. To promote a health and wellbeing message through physical activity. 	With the project ending in January 2015 the Shoot to the Future project has exceeded its 12 month targets by a significant margin including engaging almost double the projected number of young people. An exercise in sourcing funding for the continuation of this project will be taking place for the 2015/16 financial year.	 Based on Monitoring Returns Only
Space4u Counselling £5,646.00	Professional counselling services for young people aged 11 - 19(24) struggling with mental health issues and finding it difficult to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide 200 counselling sessions to young people in Oadby & Wigston between April 2014 and March 2015. 	As a counselling service Space4u will not receive a monitoring inspection and will, instead, be evaluated based on case studies and monitoring	 Based on Monitoring

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	cope with, or move forward in, life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To increase young people's self-esteem and wellbeing. ▪ To reduce young people's self-destructive behaviour. ▪ Increase young people's self-worth and their engagement in positive activities. ▪ Provide evidence of meeting the above through monitoring information, questionnaires and other documents that show change in young people participating in the project whilst maintaining confidentiality. 	returns. As of December 2014 Space4u are on track to meet the majority of their 12 month targets despite having, to date, only engaged with two thirds of their predicted numbers. The case studies provided qualitatively demonstrate that the service being provided to the young people engaged is of benefit to them.	Returns and Case Studies
Rhythm Crew £4,300.00	A project to provide 25 young people with the opportunity of learning modern and contemporary dance and work towards a Bronze Arts Award.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To provide all participants, particularly NEET young people, the opportunity to achieve a 'Bronze Arts Award' through practical and theoretical work. ▪ To increase levels of confidence and self-esteem amongst participants through the provision of a diversionary activity. ▪ To encourage participants in a healthy lifestyle through engagement in a physical activity. ▪ To signpost young people on to suitable projects and clubs within the area at the close of your 	At the halfway point of the Rhythm Crew project it is already on track to meet several of its core targets. Unfortunately the age range of young people who are participating in the scheme is the lower bracket of 11-15 compared to the expected majority of young people aged 16-19. The Quarter 4 performance report will more accurately reflect the success of this project as a final figure of young people who have achieved an accredited outcome through the project will be available.	 Based on Monitoring Returns Only

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Project and Funding Allocation	Purpose	Objectives	Progress to Date	RAG Rating
		project.		
South East District Explorer Scouts Camping Equipment £500.00	Capital funding to assist the South East District Scouts in purchasing new camping equipment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide young people with an opportunity to undertake a camping experience. To purchase new tents and ground sheets to allow for the above objective to take place. 	Due to the nature of the capital items purchased, and the winter period, no monitoring relating to this project will be available until Quarter 4.	Monitoring Returns Not Yet Due

Upcoming Projects

Project and Funding Allocation	Purpose	Objectives	Progress to Date	RAG Rating
Community Action Partnership Youth Cafe	To provide a Thursday evening drop-in Youth Cafe to young people aged 13-19 in the South Wigston area. To provide a Friday after school programme for young people aged 11-13.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reduce the number of vulnerable young people out on the streets of South Wigston on a Thursday evening and during Friday 'twilight' sessions. To engage with young people at risk of engaging in risky behaviours to reduce the likelihood of referral to specialist services. To provide a location and environment for young people to meet that is safe, promotes improved emotional and physical wellbeing and provides suitable activities within this remit. To promote youth involvement in 	Commences January 2015	N/A

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		<p>their local community and assist them in engaging with their local community through volunteering opportunities, open days and community events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To improve life chances, physical health and increase confidence and the ability to form positive relationships. ▪ To provide positive activities, good role models and personal challenges with the objective of giving young people the opportunities to improve their life chances and sense of wellbeing. 		
Tanglewood Youth & Support Group	To provide monthly activities and support for disabled children, their siblings and their family/carers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To provide a monthly activity within Leicestershire for the duration of the project for young people. ▪ To improve the social skills, friendship making abilities of, and teach coping mechanisms for new situations to, the young people present at the project. ▪ To provide support for siblings to prevent them feeling isolated and resenting having a sibling with special needs. ▪ To ensure children are able to enjoy themselves and take part in 	Commences January 2015	N/A

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Project and Funding Allocation	Purpose	Objectives	Progress to Date	RAG Rating
		activities with children of similar abilities without feeling judged by others.		

APPENDIX A

Funding Guidance for Early Help 11 to 19 Grants in Oadby, Wigston and South Wigston 2014-15

Last Updated: September 2014

Please read the guidance notes thoroughly before making your application. We would also encourage you to contact the Young Persons Co-ordinator for an informal conversation about your application before completing the form;

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Background to Funding

Funding has been delegated from Leicestershire County Council to Oadby & Wigston Borough Council through the Blaby, Oadby and Wigston Locality Partnership Group. This is a multi-agency partnership that supports developments that benefit all District children, young people and their families. A working group from this partnership decides on the funding criteria according to local need, supported by consultation with young people, and in line with LCC core criteria for use of the funding.

Guidance Notes

Who can apply?

Applications can be submitted by any properly constituted organisation, including voluntary and community sector groups and charities. In addition, applications will be considered from sole traders where HMRC registration can be confirmed, and from organisations acting on behalf of individual young people within specific criteria. No applications can be accepted directly from individual young people. All applicants need to be compliant with the organisational standards given at the end of the application form which includes a suitable level of safeguarding and financial probity.

How much funding is available?

There is no minimum or maximum award. However, applicants should consider the total annual funding allocation when requesting a grant. This is around £43,330 for the borough of Oadby and Wigston. Remaining funds will be greater towards the start of any financial year. Grants may be a contribution to a larger project, but match funding will need to be confirmed before a grant is released.

What will be funded?

Primarily grants will be to fund appropriately skilled staff time and associated costs in order to engage children and young people within the funding criteria (see below). Priority will be given to applications that meet at least one of the Local Criteria, and preference will be shown for those that meet more than one. Proposals can be for a new project, or to extend or enhance existing provision. Funds cannot be used to replace statutory provision, including statutory school/academy provision. Projects must show how local children and young people have been involved in identifying the need that proposals seek to meet, and how they will continue to be involved throughout projects.

Core Criteria

Funding is focussed towards “Early Help” projects and support for young people aged 11 to 19 years (or up to 24 yrs with additional needs) that improves young people’s wellbeing and leads to a reduction in demand for more specialist services.

Definition of “Early Help”

- 1) Taking targeted action early and as soon as possible to tackle problems emerging for children, young people and their families, or with a population most at risk of developing problems.
- 2) By early intervention we meant the targeted action to prevent the development or escalation of problems.

Funding is available for 2014-15 for:

- 1) High quality youth interventions and provision for children and young people aged 11 to 19 years.
- 2) Projects supporting targeted young people. Targeted youth support means youth services targeted at young people between 11 and 19 years (or up to 24yrs with additional needs) who require extra support so they can stay safe and healthy succeed in education and play a positive role in their communities. This includes;
 - a. Teenage Parents
 - b. Young people from families living in poverty
 - c. Young people experiencing the effects of worklessness
 - d. Young people with mental health, drug or alcohol difficulties
 - e. Young people at risk of entering the criminal justice system
 - f. Young people who are seeking asylum
 - g. Young people in families where there are disabled children, or where they are disabled themselves
 - h. Young Carers

Types of projects may include:

- a. Structured activities, aimed at personal and social development of young people, and staffed by appropriately skilled, experienced and qualified workers.
- b. A range of outdoor pursuits, trips and sports, environmental projects, volunteering projects, and intergenerational projects
- c. Activities which foster positive emotional well-being.

A small amount of 2014-15 funding is also available for projects and support for a wider range of young people from 8 to 19 years (or up to 25 with learning/disability) outside of the core criteria above. They must still meet at least one of the local criteria below.

Some funding is available for capital expenses (up to £2,500 per bid), particularly those integrated within relevant projects or current provision for this age group.

Local Criteria (defined by each District/Borough in relation to Make Your Mark Ballot results locally and Locality Hub needs/gaps identification, and local young people’s views):

- 1) Expand services provided on a Friday evening, at weekends and both in and out of school term times
- 2) Reduce Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in both the long and short term
- 3) Target the most disengaged and vulnerable young people (e.g. Young Carers, Travellers, those affected by Domestic Violence, Young People with Disabilities, Substance Misusers [Binge Drinking, Legal Highs, Cannabis, etc.], Young People not in Education, Employment or Training [NEET] or at risk of truancy.)
- 4) Health and Lifestyle Improvement (including Mental Health)
- 5) ‘Readiness for Life’ – Budgeting Support, Employment [Job/Work Clubs], Further Education opportunities, increased Attainment rates
- 6) Provide added value through combining other funding streams and align to support other provisions and services
- 7) Projects that offer new experiences for Young People, including courses of informal learning in a variety of topics (Confidence Building, First Aid, Animal Welfare, etc.)
- 8) Encourage Young People to contribute to their community through Volunteering and Active Citizenship
- 9) Bring together Young People from across the Borough and from different ethnicities/generations in order to increase Community Cohesion and to help break down prejudice and misunderstanding
- 10) Support for ‘one off’ events or festivals

Individual Grants Criteria

Referrals must come from organisations supporting young people with a priority for those young people who are known to JAG, YISP or YOS have a CAF, are experiencing homelessness, or those on School Action Plus, or School Action.

Applications will be scored in terms of the following headings:

Score Headings	Weighted Points
Contribution of Project to Local Criteria	15
Evidence Proposal includes Long Term Outcomes for Young People	20
Financial Realism / Value for Money	10
Evidence of Sustainability of Proposal	10
Evidence of Consultation and Involvement of Young People in both Project Development and Delivery	15
Evidence of Integrated / Partnership Working	10
Evidence that Project will Engage Targeted Young People (If Applicable)	20
TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE	100

Application Process

