

Surrey Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF) & Youth Capital Fund (YCF)-General Guidance-July 2008-February 2009

(For the purposes of these guidelines: Surrey Youth Opportunity Fund is referred to as "YOF" and Surrey Youth Capital Fund as "YCF")

Why have YOF&YCF for young people in Surrey?



Give power to young people, particularly those facing disadvantage, in providing things to do and places to go.

Enable young people to be active in their community.

Provide opportunities for young people to develop their confidence, knowledge, skills and abilities and gain recognition for this

Increase the well being of young people through the five Every Child Matters (ECM) outcomes.

Improve things to do and places to go in line with what young people want in their communities and thereby increase their participation in positive activities.



Criteria of Funds

Places to go & things to do

5 outcomes of "Every Child Matters" (ECM)



Places to go & things to do

Young people, can access improved facilities and activities in their community.

ECM 1. Stay safe

Safe from:
Poor treatment,
Neglect,
Violence,
Sexual exploitation.

ECM 2. Be Healthy

Physically healthy,
Mentally and emotionally healthy,
Sexually healthy,
Healthy lifestyles,
Choose not to take illegal drugs.

ECM 3. Enjoy and achieve

Ready for school,
Attend & enjoy school,
Achieve personal and social development & enjoy recreation,
Achieve national standards at school.

ECM 4. Making a positive contribution

Engage in decision-making and support the community and environment.
Engage in law abiding and positive behaviour in and out of school.
Develop positive relationships and choose not to bully or discriminate.
Develop self confidence and successfully deal with significant life changes and challenges.
Develop enterprising behaviour

ECM 5. Achieving economic well-being

Engage in further education, employment or training when leaving school,
Ready for employment
Live in decent homes and sustainable communities,
Access to transport and material goods,
Live in households free from low income.

What is the difference between YOF and YCF



The YOF is:

A fund to develop projects or activities which young people, especially those who are disadvantaged, identify as most needed in their communities.

The fund gives young people real influence over local services as well as improving their access and increasing their participation.

The YCF is:

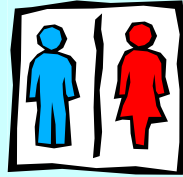
A fund to be spent on tangible, productive assets which young people need in their communities.

This grant is for buying items, equipment, resources and refurbishing youth spaces.

Both YOF and YCF can be applied for together for any project.

All applications for equipment, resources and youth space refurbishment from YCF must show how they will be maintained once the grant has been spent.

Which groups of young people are disadvantaged and a priority for YOF/YCF?



Disadvantaged groups of young people

The government has identified certain groups of young people as disadvantaged. They should be considered a priority for grants from both YOF/YCF.

Disadvantage groups of young people, in Surrey, often means they have difficulties participating in "things to do and places to go" or not being able to achieve the 5 outcomes of "Every Child Matters" (ECM).

The 5 outcomes of "Every Child Matters" means making every effort to ensure young people:

1. Stay safe,
2. Be healthy,
3. Enjoy and achieve,
4. Making a positive contribution
5. Achieving economic well-being

Disadvantaged young people may include:

- ✓ Young people experiencing domestic abuse
- ✓ Young people living in temporary housing
- ✓ Young travellers
- ✓ Young carers
- ✓ Children and young people with emotional & behavioural problems
- ✓ Young people with physical or learning disabilities
- ✓ Young people within ethnic minority groups
- ✓ Rural living
- ✓ Young refugee and asylum seekers
- ✓ Young people at risk of entering or within the criminal justice system
- ✓ Young lesbian, gay and bisexual people
- ✓ Teenage parents
- ✓ Looked after young people
- ✓ Family learning – Basic Skills
- ✓ Drug use and mis-use
- ✓ Young people with long term medical needs
- ✓ Young people from ethnic communities
- ✓ Other groups of young people

What is new in Surrey this year?



Funding

Each panel has an allocation of: £91,524

£48,507 is YOF
£43,016 is YCF

Application Form

There is a new application form.

Recording decisions

A new Borough Youth Award Panel Decision Record Sheet.

The panel must give **clear** reasons for their decision on this form especially if applications are "unsuccessful".

No "pending"

There will be no "pending" of applications. All applications will be "successful" or "unsuccessful".

Applications, which are "unsuccessful", will be advised by the panel how to amend submission and reapply.

Applications to be careful with

Panels must be careful supporting:

- More than one application from any project.
- Grants to cover travel costs and overseas trips
- Grants purchasing mini buses.

These applications must demonstrate both value for money and benefit to the young people involved and to their communities.

Meetings to decide on applications

Please arrange meetings around these times. This will help applicants to send in their forms on time.

September 2008	New and resubmitted applications
November 2008	New and resubmitted applications Review of allocations
February 2009	Final submissions and allocations. Identification and notification of under spend of funds.

Other restrictions on applications

- Driving lessons will not be permitted.
- Any successful application made by an individual young person will be limited to a maximum of £200.
- YOF/YCF cannot be used to pay for contracted hours of staff that are already employed and funded by Surrey County Council. The funds can only support additional time worked by these members of staff. *This applies to Surrey County Council staff only.*
- It is recommended that applications from projects supported by Surrey County Council must not exceed 35% of YOF/YCF from each panel. This is to ensure that funding is spread throughout the Borough community.
- All successful applicants must spend the grant(s) developing their project within one year of receiving it.

Who should benefit from YOF/YCF

All young people aged 11-19 years but, in particular, disadvantaged groups.

Each project application should benefit as many young people as possible.

What the panel might like to do?

Monitoring YOF/YCF grants

The panel can develop their own monitoring of YOF/YCF grants as long as they liaise with the Surrey YOF/YCF Monitoring Co-ordinator.