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**Neighbourhood Portion of
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Bath
GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

Project title:	Southside Youth
Amount of funding sought from the Neighbourhood portion of CIL for Bath fund	£50312.50

Section 1: Applicant details

Organisation:	Youth Connect South West
Locality or ward which will benefit from this project:	Twerton and Southdown

Section 2: Project Details

2.1 Please provide a clear description of your project proposal – including your outcomes and objectives (maximum 300 words)

Youth Connect South West advocate for the provision of safe and engaging spaces for young people to socialise, have fun, and cultivate positive relationships with trusted adults. Our vision centres on offering high-quality youth services that are meticulously planned, innovative, inclusive, and enjoyable. Young people are drawn to our youth provisions because of our compassionate, considerate, and empathetic staff. Our youth clubs offer a diverse range of programmes encompassing creative activities, sports, educational support, and discussions on pertinent youth issues.

With the funding at hand, we aim to achieve the following:

1. Conducting two open-access/detached youth work sessions per week, spanning 44 weeks annually, these be new sessions taking place at Odd Down and Weston.
2. Facilitating one targeted group weekly, tailored to meet the needs of young people, including football/girls' groups, games groups, and health and wellbeing sessions, taking place at our main Youth Hub Southside in Twerton.

The role of a youth worker is multifaceted, encompassing the delivery of various activities aimed at fostering enjoyment and personal growth. They serve as attentive listeners, offering support and guidance to help young people navigate challenges and identify when additional assistance is required. This may involve making referrals and signposting to other agencies while providing ongoing support.

Recently, we received heartening feedback from several young men who credited our Southside groups with bringing 'joy and happiness' into their lives, underscoring the impact of our work in fostering social connections and personal development. We are committed to delivering sessions in the Odd Down and Whiteway/Twerton areas on a weekly basis, collaborating closely with other youth and community organisations to enhance our collective efforts in supporting young people.

Developing new sessions in Odd down and Weston will offer young people from underserved areas to access Youth Work, Open access and detached work is open to all young people in the area. The targeted sessions will bring young people from those sessions to Southside to take part in sessions that are more focussed on the delivery of one activity to build confidence, knowledge, and skills.

2.2 Please tell us briefly about your organisation, for example is it a charity, residents' association, etc.

The organisation is set up as a registered charity and the company is registered at Companies House, but we are also a Staff Mutual. This means we are an independent organisation delivering early years help with funding support from the local authority.

2.3 Have you or your organisation previously applied for funding from the Neighbourhood Portion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Bath?

Yes

2.4 Is this a new project or does this project link into an existing project? (Include a breakdown of how you plan to allocate the funding)

This project extends Youth Connect South West's (YCSW) youth work offer for Bath and North East Somerset (BANES), addressing Bath's funding challenges compared to North East Somerset. Bath's current provision, covering the city centre, Twerton, and Whiteway, receives £78,750 yearly, supplemented by Million Hours, Safer Streets Funding, and Youth Connect Reserves.

The Southside Youth Hub in Twerton, Whiteway, refurbished 14 years ago with a MYPLACE grant, serves as a vital facility managed by YCSW. Equipped with amenities such as a music studio, catering-quality kitchen, and climbing wall, it stands as a beacon of support for young people in the area.

This project allocates funds to establish new initiatives and staffing for Weston and Odd Down, enhancing Southside's overall funding. Additionally, by demonstrating successful investment in

youth activities, this funding will act as a catalyst to attract more funding opportunities to Weston and Odd Down, ensuring sustained support for young people in these areas.

For FY 2024/25 and FY 2025/26, each area will receive £26,250 annually to cover staffing costs and activities, alongside a management fee.

This allocation strategy ensures equitable distribution of resources, fostering maximum impact within each community served. The project aims to address the unique needs of Weston and Odd Down while leveraging available funding to its fullest potential.

It is anticipated that the expanded opportunities available at Southside will significantly benefit young people in Weston and Odd Down, fostering personal development, resilience, and well-being within these communities.

2.5 Target Start Date:

April 2024

2.6 Target Completion Date:

March 2026

2.7 Please provide more detail on the proposed timeline for the delivery of key components of your project including any targets and how these will be evaluated. (You may wish to include a table with dates and outcomes for example).

1. Recruitment of Staff and Stakeholder Preparation:

- **Start Date:** April 2024
- **Target Completion Date:** May 2024
- **Actions:**
 - Initiate recruitment process for project staff, including Team Leader, Senior Youth Worker, and Assistant Youth Worker positions.
 - Conduct induction sessions for newly recruited staff members to familiarise them with project goals, procedures, and stakeholder engagement strategies.
 - Engage with key stakeholders in Weston and Odd Down areas to introduce the project, establish partnerships, and gather initial feedback.
- **Target:** Complete recruitment of project staff and conduct stakeholder induction sessions by May 2024.

2. Mapping and Detached Work to Make Contact with Young People:

- **Start Date:** May 2024
- **Target Completion Date:** August 2024
- **Actions:**
 - Conduct mapping exercises to identify areas frequented by young people and potential venues for project activities.
 - Initiate detached youth work sessions to make initial contact with young people in target areas, building rapport and understanding their interests and needs.
 - Utilise community events and outreach initiatives to raise awareness about the project and encourage participation from diverse groups of young people.

- **Target:** Establish contact with at least 50 young people in each target area through mapping and detached work by August 2024.

3. Regular Delivery of Youth Activities:

- **Start Date:** September 2024
- **Target Completion Date:** March 2026 (Ongoing)
- **Actions:**
 - Commence regular delivery of youth activities, including open access sessions, targeted group sessions, and creative workshops.
 - Ensure consistency in the scheduling and programming of activities to maintain engagement and meet the needs of young people.
 - Monitor participation rates, gather feedback from participants, and make adjustments to programming as necessary to enhance effectiveness.
- **Target:** Engage with 100 individual young people per year in each target area

2.8 If planning permission is required for this project - has it been granted?
If Yes - please include the dates and reference numbers for these permissions.

Not Required

2.9 Are there any planned changes which will have an effect on the premises or location where your project is to be located?

No

2.10 Are there any planned changes in the circumstances of your organisation's operation or **financial position** that you are aware of which may prevent this project being completed?

No

Section 3: Funding Criteria

The project must address the specific impacts of new developments within the city or locality from which the funding has been generated.

This application must show that the project either:

- *Supports the development of the relevant area by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure.*
Or
- *Addresses other demands that development places on the area.*

3.1 How does the project address the specific impacts of new development(s)? (Maximum 300 words)

- Does it fund the provision, improvement, replacement, operation, and maintenance of infrastructure?
OR
- Does it address another demand that development places on the area?

(You may consider this on a ward basis, a locality basis, or a city-wide basis.)

The project aims to address the specific impacts of the new developments by focusing on providing safe and secure places for young people to meet and access meaningful services. Youth Connect South West (YCSW) recognises the fundamental right of young people to have well-planned and accessible services that meet their needs, contributing to their healthy development into well-functioning adults who positively contribute to society.

While YCSW has successfully delivered youth work across the North East Somerset (NES) area by leveraging funding from Town and Parish Councils, replicating this model in Bath has been challenging due to limited long-term funding opportunities. However, this project aims to bridge the gap by strategically placing youth work services in areas of defined need within the city.

By targeting areas with the most pronounced need for youth services, the project seeks to engage more young people across the city, including those residing in or impacted by new developments. The provision of youth activities and support in these areas not only directly benefits local young people but also contributes to the broader community by reducing antisocial behaviour and addressing other youth-related issues.

The project's holistic approach to youth work not only provides essential services but also creates opportunities for young people to thrive and contribute positively to their communities. By investing in youth development, the project aims to create a supportive environment that fosters the growth and well-being of young people, ultimately benefiting both current and future residents of the city.

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- Social Infrastructure, including social and community facilities, sports, recreational, play infrastructure and youth provision, and cultural facilities (excluding development specific mitigation works on, or directly related to, a development site)

Youth work offers safe space for young people to be which is very challenging to find outside of home and school for many young people particularly those who live in poverty and families to not have spare funds to pay for activities. Having great opportunities and positive activities and meaningful activities means young people are less likely to be involved in anti-social behaviours and will become part of their communities.

- 3.2 How does the project benefit the area where development has taken place? (If your project has city-wide impact you will need to demonstrate how the broader community in the city will benefit.)

While development has not directly occurred in Twerton or Weston, it is crucial to acknowledge significant regeneration projects in other parts of Bath, notably the Riverside development situated between Twerton and Weston. Bath Riverside, renowned for its outstanding development, has revitalised a former industrial site into high-quality housing and amenities tailored to modern living standards. This transformation has significantly altered the landscape

and community dynamics, presenting both opportunities and challenges for young people in the vicinity.

Expanding youth work opportunities in Weston and Twerton would effectively cater to young residents in the new developments, as well as those from areas experiencing significant social challenges. Similarly, establishing youth provisions in Weston and Twerton/Weston areas aligns with the broader city-wide impact of the Riverside development. While these locales may not have undergone direct development, the project recognises the ripple effects of urban regeneration on youth and community dynamics across Bath.

In Odd Down, notable development has taken place within the ward. Here, the youth provision directly serves the local community, offering essential services and opportunities for young residents. This initiative aims to bolster the positive well-being of young people and nurture a sense of community belonging amidst the evolving landscape.

Overall, by strategically siting youth provisions in these areas, the project seeks to address the specific impacts of regeneration while fostering social cohesion, empowerment, and community engagement among young people in Weston, Odd Down, Twerton, and the wider city.

- 3.3 Please provide evidence which shows how the community has been listened to and what support exists for your project?

The community's input and support for our project are evident through various channels. Councillor Ruth Malloy from Weston ward, along with Councillors Steve Hedges and Joel Hirs from Odd Down ward, have actively advocated for the development of youth work in their respective areas. Additionally, the Odd Down Community Association has collaborated with YCSW to re-establish youth work in Odd Down, including funding a pilot programme that supported 30 young people. Feedback from the pilot participants emphasized the need for more youth work in their local area.

The Violence Reduction Partnership has expressed support for work in these areas, given the information they receive about young people involved in serious violence, with Weston and Odd Down being areas of particular interest. At a public meeting of the Bath Area Partnership, members of the public from the areas included in this project expressed a desire for YCSW services to be available for their young people.

In Weston, Peter Heywood convened a forum that acknowledged the need for increased support for young people. Following a fatal incident, YCSW provided outreach in both Weston and Odd Down, with young people actively seeking support and engaging with our workers. The police have also expressed support for youth work in these areas, a discussion that has included their Early Prevention Team.

Furthermore, young people are actively involved in an annual survey, providing feedback on the projects they attend, the quality of work and staff, and their preferences for future activities. This year's survey highlighted that young people appreciate the safe space provided by our projects and value the opportunity to talk and find solutions to problems. However, feedback also indicated a desire for increased openness and a greater variety of activities and opportunities, as well as enhanced listening support.

All our youth work projects are planned and evaluated in collaboration with young people, ensuring that their voices are heard and that projects remain relevant and inspiring to them. This participatory approach empowers young people to become active leaders within the projects.

- 3.4 Have you consulted your ward councillor(s) about this project?

Section 4: Funding Information

4.1 Total Cost of Project:

4.2 Amount of funding sought from the Neighbourhood Portion of CIL fund:

4.3 Please provide a detailed breakdown of the costs for the delivery of this project, specifying how the funds will be allocated to different aspects of the project (including personnel, supplies, equipment, outreach etc).

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Staff	FTE	Cost
Team Leader	0.32	14000
Senior Youth Worker	0.5	18650
Assistant Youth Worker	0.24	6100
Activities- Open Access Sessions		1500
Total direct costs		40250
Indirect costs		
Management 12%		4830
Admin, IT & Resources 8%		3220
Property 5%		2012.5
Total Cost		50312.5

4.4 Can you provide evidence that your proposals will provide value for money (for example – have you obtained more than one quote for a service or item)?

N/A

4.5 Does this project benefit from any source of matched funding? (Include sources, dates, funds agreed/expected and amounts):

No

4.6 Provide a breakdown of the efforts of volunteers in supporting this project. Please include number of hours, types of volunteers, geographical reach, if known.

264 hours

4.7 Please specify any other additional funds which have already been agreed:

£68,750- this is for existing provision and the overall offer rather than direct costs for this project

4.8 Please specify any funds which have been applied for but are awaiting a decision:

None