

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET - GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b> <u>Sunderland North Youth Equipment Loan Scheme</u>
<b>SIB Requested:</b> <u>£ 18,850</u>

**Section 2: Sponsor Details**

**2.1 Name of Lead Organisation / Group:**

Sunderland North Community Business Centre

**2.2 Address of Lead Organisation / Group:**

Winchester House, Baxter Road, Town End Farm, Sunderland. SR5 4LW

**2.3 Contact Name for Project:**

Nikki Vokes / Alison Phayer

**2.4 Position in Organisation:**

Project Manager / Children and Young Peoples Co-ordinator

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**2.8 Day to Day Contact Name / Details (if different to 2.3 above):**

**2.9 Legal Status of Organisation:**

Not for profit constituted voluntary organisation

**2.10 Registered Charity Number (if applicable):**

not applicable

**2.11 Does your organisation have a bank account into which funds can be paid?**

Yes

**2.12 Has the organisation received SIB support previously?**

Yes

**If 'Yes' please provide details:**

NSI administration, Extension of Job Linkage, St Peters Community Development, Youth Services, Refurbishment of Community Café, Extension of services to Downhill.

**2.13 Are any trustees / members of the organisation employed by the City Council?**

Yes

**If 'Yes' please provide details :**

Teressa Laybourne, Headteacher, Town End Farm Primary School  
Linda Precopis, Health Co-ordinator, Sunderland North Family Zone  
Cllr Leslie Mann, Local Councillor

**Section 3 : Project Details**

**3.1 Project Title:** (Please re-state title as per front sheet)

Sunderland North Youth Equipment Loan Scheme

**3.2 Project Start Date:**

15<sup>th</sup> June 2005

**3.3 Project End Date:**

May 2006

**3.4 Please describe the project:**

It is proposed to develop a bank of equipment suitable for use by young people in the age range 13 – 19 years to utilise at their youth club bases within the Sunderland North area. The equipment will be loaned to individual clubs for a set period of time. This will enable young people to access a wide range of equipment whilst reducing the pressure on individual club budgets. An administrator will operate the equipment bank two half days per week when youth workers will be able to return and book out equipment. We have recently secured financial support through the City of Sunderland Youth Development Group Commissioning process to deliver the youth work contract for the Redhill and Castle wards. We have recently applied through the commissioning process to provide youth services across the Southwick, Fulwell and St Peters wards. This has ensured that we have revenue support to employ workers in youth clubs across the area however the equipment and activity resources within the clubs are minimal. Most equipment is outdated and damaged due to a lack investment over a number of years. The equipment available is not always attractive to young people who therefore will not engage with the club activities. We intend to engage with young people within clubs and through detached work to develop and initiate the equipment loan scheme. It is envisaged that if they inform the activities they will be much more likely to engage with them. The equipment purchased will enable young people to take part in a range of activities around leisure, arts and crafts, IT, health and life skills to pursue both hobbies and develop their educational awareness.

We intend to work with groups of young people from across the area to identify purchases however we have carried out some initial research to enable us to compile this application. The bank could hold equipment such as badminton, tennis, cricket, gym pin, swingball and football equipment, Computer equipment which will enable the compilation of music, videos and enable young people to be explore electronic art, DJ and karaoke equipment, digital camera to photograph work for portfolios, dance mats, play station, x box, gamecube with a library of games, board games, books, films, health and beauty products to carry out such as nail painting and braiding. Resources to enable glass painting, graffiti art, jewellery making, badge making and clay work. Youth workers will inform the purchase of a range of educational and issue based materials on such as DVDs.

It is envisage that a total of ten youth clubs across the North area will be able to utilise the resources and therefore it may be that we have to purchase more than one of some items but the cost will be much reduced against ten clubs having to purchase the same equipment.

We are familiar with operating a safety equipment loan scheme and as such have clearly documented policies in relation to the return of goods and costs to cover breakages.

**3.5 What service does the organisation currently provide and how will this be complemented by the project?**

S.N.C.B.C. provide a range of services to the community across Sunderland. Our specific services in relation to youth work for young people in the age range 13 – 19 years, resident in North Sunderland include open youth clubs at Winchester House, The Downhill Centre, Castleview Centre and Hylton Redhouse Comprehensive School. Activities include arts and crafts, leisure activities and computer games. We operate holiday provision that includes out of centre activities to educational, sports, leisure and cultural venues including visits to such as the Centre for Life, Sea World, Theatre and Cinema performances and theme parks.

We provide support to young people who are at risk of or are partially or fully excluded from school through financial support from Connexions. The project raises young peoples awareness of themselves and their potential within society through a range of activities to encourage the development of their personal and life skills.

Our detached youth workers operate across the Castle and Redhill wards and are often the

first point of contact with groups and individuals aged 13 years and over. This work enables us to engage with young people and encourage their participation in more structured service delivery.

As previously stated we have secured the revenue funding to provide staffing and access to club bases in a variety of locations within the framework area. We feel that the lack of resources available to young people reduces their enthusiasm to attend the clubs. Similar services have been established for 0-4 year olds by the Sure Start initiative and for children aged 5 – 11 years through the Childrens fund. This proposal will enable a dedicated bank of resources to be available for older young people.

### **3.6 What additional activity will SIB funding allow to happen?**

*(Please tick the appropriate statement)*

- a) A project will go ahead which otherwise would not happen at all [ / ]
- b) A project will be provided to a higher quality / on a greater scale [ / ]
- c) The funding will accelerate the implementation of the project by 12+ months [ ]
- d) A gap in funding will be filled pending other funding being secured [ ]
- e) Other reason [ ]

#### **Please explain your answer:**

The equipment scheme will enable young people to access a wider range of services in their area of residence. Elements of work identified by young people will not be able to go ahead without this support. Some of the youth clubs do not have access to a television or stereo at the present time.

### **3.7 How will you publicise that you have received support from SIB?**

*(please refer to Section 3 of the guidance notes)*

SNCBC will work actively with the City of Sunderland Marketing team and will include any available logos on all leaflets, posters and mailings in relation to the project. We will inform young people of the support that has been given to their projects.

### **3.8 Has there been any consultations concerning the need for this project?**

**Yes**

#### **If 'Yes' please provide details :**

A minimal level of consultation has occurred with young people to enable us to gather ideas for equipment to be purchased enabling us to pull together costings. However we did not want to raise hopes and aspirations too far. We have also consulted with Local Authority Youth workers and SNCBC workers in relation to the needs of the groups and activities that are asked for by young people during sessions.

### **3.9 Is there any documentary evidence available to support the need for this project?**

**No (please delete)**

**If 'Yes' please provide details :**

**3.10 Who will benefit from the services provided by the project?**

**Young people aged 13 – 19 years who are resident in the wards of St Peters, Fulwell, Southwick, Redhill and The Castle.**

**3.11 Will there be any implications for Council Services arising from this project?**

**No**

**If 'Yes' please provide details :**

**3.12 Does this project require the support or sponsorship of a City of Sunderland Council Directorate?**

**No**

**If 'Yes' please provide details :**

**3.13 Are any legal and other approvals required?**

**No**

**If 'Yes' provide details of type of approval, date secured, or date expected to be secured:**

**Section 7: Financial Information****7.1 How much SIB funding is requested?**

£18,836.00

**7.2 Indicate the type of funding requested: (Please tick)**

Capital [ ]

Revenue [ ]

Both [ / ]

**7.3 Has funding been requested / allocated from any other sources, including Council Directorates and if so how much?**

No

**7.4 What other funding alternatives have been considered and why were these not appropriate?**

A number of other sources have provided revenue support to enable the employment of the youth workers and cover costs in relation to premises rental and utility costs, staff training and travel. As the equipment has not been repaired or renewed for an extended period of time we are asking for a relatively large amount to initiate the scheme. We need the equipment as a matter of urgency to start to cater for a wider range of young people over the summer holiday period. No other fund satisfies these time requirements.

**7.5 What are the financial implications for the project should it not receive SIB funding?**

This particular project is unlikely to go ahead. Youth club sessions will still take place but with much reduced resources which will directly impact on the number of young people we can work with.

**7.6 When SIB expenditure is complete how do you intend to continue this project?**

We envisage that after this initial capital injection we will be able to attract support from private trusts to renew items and add small equipment items. If this is carried out on a regular basis we should avoid having to replace such a large amount of equipment for a number of clubs at one time. It is envisaged that after the first year of development of the programme that the youth workers supported by young volunteers can operate the scheme.

**7.7 Provide a profile of projected costs:**

Funding Source	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	Total Cost
<b>SIB :</b>				
<b>Coalfield</b>				
<b>East</b>				
<b>North</b>	15,200	3,650		
<b>South</b>				
<b>West</b>				

<b>Washington</b>				
<b>Other Sources:</b> (Please state) 1)YDG - direct 2)YDG - SNCBC 3)Connexions	£38,440 £33,000 £15,000	£38,440 £33,000		
<b>Total Cost:</b>	£101640.00	£75090.00		

**7.8 Please provide details of any 'in-kind funding (e.g Peppercorn rents), if included within the 'Other Sources' of funding shown above.**

Finance from the Youth Development Group pays for staff and the rental of delivery bases. The finance from Connexions enables us to operate the project with young people who are becoming disengaged from mainstream provision.

**7.9 Please provide a breakdown of the Total cost to show the main areas of expenditure:**

Equipment and Activity Resources	£15,000.00
Admin / Support Worker – 8 hours	
Per week – 52 weeks	£ 3,536.00
Post, Photocopying, Stationery	£ 300.00

**Section 8: Additional Information**

**8.1 Please provide any additional information that may be of use in support of your project proposal (Please append additional sheets if required):**

**Section 9: Declaration**

**I declare that the information provided is correct and accurate and that, should this application be successful, the organisation will agree to the terms and conditions of SIB:**

**Name:**

Nikki Vokes

**Position in Organisation:**

Project Manager

**Date:**

16<sup>th</sup> May, 2005