

LOTTERY

Projects to benefit youngsters among 17 bidding for grants

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THE voting is under way as 17 worthy East Lancashire causes compete for a share of £250,000 of lottery cash.

In June, we invited grant applications after revealing that we had teamed up with the Big Lottery Fund to give out the money across the newspaper's readership area.

Almost 70 organisations applied for grants from the Lancashire Telegraph Community Cash Awards of between £10,000 and £30,000, and a shortlist of 17 has been drawn up.

For the rest of this week, readers will have the chance to vote for their favourite project, which will be profiled each day until the end of next week.

To vote, readers must follow instructions and use the form below. The form will be printed each night until Saturday.

After votes are counted, successful groups selected to receive Lancashire Telegraph Community Cash Awards will be revealed during the week beginning September 30. Early Break (number 15) has applied for £30,000 to deliver an early intervention outreach service across East Lancashire.

It wishes to provide a street-based assertive outreach service for young people under the age of 21 who are at risk or are already engaged in sub-

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The Under-17s Motor Club and, below, Early Break, are both looking for money from the Big Lottery Fund to help young people in East Lancs

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stance-related behaviour. It will offer brief interventions around substances and referral for young people into treatment services for their substance use or services that provide diversionary activities for young people. The project will work within communities, along with street-based work and will, on occasion, have access to a mobile outreach vehicle and mountain bikes to provide interventions.

Early Break has been working with vulnerable young people for 19 years and has already proven successful in Bury and Rochdale.

The Under-17s Motor Club (number 16) has applied for £16,875 to deliver road safety education to people aged from 13 to 19.

The group will visit schools with seven instructors for day-long PSHE sessions. It will also visit youth groups, with inputs tailored to the specific needs of groups and sessions delivered as required.

Topics covered will include being a safe passenger, using seatbelts and mobile phones, being first on the scene of an accident, driving legally for 14 to 17-year-olds, car driving, bike riding and drink/drug driving.

Courses will be interactive using videos and sessions where instructors lead the students throughout the day to ensure full engagement from them.

The club has delivered pre-driver training for youngsters for the three years.

The line-up of shortlisted bids

1 Age UK Lancashire Burnley (£17,452)

For a community garden as an extension of specialist Dementia Day Support Service

2 Audley Community School (£27,580)

With two other junior schools to redevelop land to create habitats for children to learn about the natural environment

3 Clitheroe Youth Forum (£30,000)

For a relaxing fishing lake designed and created with Pendle View Fisheries by and for young people of all ages and disabilities

4 Burnley Home Improvement Agency (£26,828)

To provide a service to enhance the home security of vulnerable people to reduce crime and make them feel safer

5 Community Solutions North West (£19,982)

To further develop a food-bank with a difference in East Lancashire using trained volunteers to supply provisions and help clients

6 Crossroads East Lancashire (£12,581)

To set up in Blackburn with Darwen a singing group for those living with dementia and their carers and offer support

7 Proffitts CIC (£20,000)

Rossendale project working with wounded ex-armed forces personnel and the local community to take part in mountain biking activities

8 Travel Assist Services (£10,120)

To provide affordable, professional, accessible community transport for elderly and disabled people across East Lancashire

9 Rhyddings B and E School (£27,000)

To buy range of specialist

bikes for disabled and able bodied people of all ages to enable them to become more active

10 Rossendale and Pendle Mountain Rescue Team (£30,000)

Funding to replace their crucial search control vehicle used in searches and rescues

11 St Mary's CE Primary School, Rawtenstall (£18,160)

To establish an outdoor parent/toddler group within an enclosed safe woodland area of school grounds

12 Alltogether Social Trust (£15,380)

Provide families with a child with disabilities, with workshops and therapy sessions to help ease the stresses of their caring role

13 Sophie Lancaster Foundation (£29,000)

Extend anti-bullying and violent prejudice project to encompass school pupils aged from 7 to 19 (25 if vulnerable)

14 Youth Action Enterprise, Blackburn (£27,417)

Help young people to consider setting up their own business as an alternative to other forms of employment

15 Early Break (£30,000)

Early intervention, street-based drug/alcohol help service for under 21s to be delivered as outreach service across East Lancashire

16 Under 17s Motor Club (£16,875)

To help educate young riders and drivers by road safety education to 13-15 year-olds in schools and 14-19s in youth groups

17 East Lancs Hospice (£13,500)

Replace old, unreliable van used to collect donations, deliver goods to its furniture shop and dispose of rubbish.

TIME TO VOTE

7 Proffitts Investing in Communities

8 Travel Assist Services

9 Rhyddings Business and Enterprise School

10 Rossendale and Pendle Mountain Rescue Team

11 St Marys CE Primary School

12 Alltogether Social Trust

13 Sophie Lancaster Foundation

14 Youth Action Enterprise

15 Early Break

16 Under 17 Motor Club

17 East Lancashire Hospice

PROJECTS TO VOTE FOR:

- 1 Age UK Lancashire
- 2 Audley Community Junior School
- 3 Clitheroe Youth Forum
- 4 Burnley Home Improvement Agency
- 5 Community Solutions North West
- 6 Crossroads in East Lancashire

It's now over to you to consider how Lottery funding could make a difference to the lives of local people to transform the local environment through schemes that will improve amenities, public and green spaces, building or the natural environment.

Simply fill in the coupon below and include the name and reference number of the project you feel will have the biggest impact for the community

I WISH TO VOTE FOR PROJECT (name here)(number here)

Name Address.....

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Postcode Telephone.....

Mobile Email

Your completed coupon must be received no later than September 25, 2013 and should be sent to: FREEPOST RTRT-LAXA-HUSU Community Foundation for Lancashire 1 St James Square The Globe Centre ACCRINGTON BB5 0RE

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