

Report to Marlborough Area Board
Date of meeting 23 May 2017
Title of report Community Area Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Froxfield Social Committee – New event marquee and signage	£966.35
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£966.35
Total capital funding allocated to Marlborough Area Board 2017/18	£39,436.00
Total amount awarded so far, 2017/18	£0.00
Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	£38,469.65

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance available here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-area-grants-criteria-2015-16-april.pdf>

The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2017/2018 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

Financial provision has been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implication

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council’s Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council’s equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2426	Froxfield Social Committee	New Event Marquee and Signage	£966.35

Project Description

Froxfield village Social Committee wish to buy a new events marquee which will become the focus of their annual fete and beer festival which take place on the village green along with other regular events. Signage will be used to publicise these events and be used for many years over. The marquee would provide additional space for stalls at fetes and a stage area for musicians at the Music Festival as well as a seating area with shelter.

The applicant says that these village events are also important for the youth in the village giving them an opportunity to meet other children and many also get involved with running stalls at the Fete and taking part in games and competitions. In a small rural village, this is an important opportunity allowing young people to get together.

The marquee would also be available for use in conjunction with Froxfield Memorial Hall, providing extended seating space and a bar area. The notice boards will help to publicise our throughout the local area bringing in families from other villages and the surrounding areas.

Importantly, the applicant has already made clear these items will be made available for other events in the area taking place from other organisations and is prepared for them to be used by other nearby groups, so making them a resource for the wider community.

Providing funding to help support social events in a rural community like this supports many of the priority raised in Marlborough Area Boards JSA event from 2017. These include “diversity & social inclusion”, “affordable access to cultural activities”, “social inclusion & loneliness” and “community events & activities”.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Froxfield Social Committee for £966.35

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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