

Report to Marlborough Area Board
Date of meeting 14 March 2017
Title of report Community Area Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
White Horse Cricket Club – cricket net renovation	£3,120.00
Friends of Aldbourne Band – new bass instruments	£4,400.00
Little Crickets Pre-school – new play resources	£991.16
Marlborough Open Studios – directional signage for events	£995.40
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£9,506.56
Total capital funding allocated to Marlborough Area Board 2016/17	£41,796
Total amount awarded so far, 2015/16	£32,150
Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	- £220 (deficit)

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 2016/2017 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.

2.4. The Cabinet Member for Area Boards, Cllr John Thomson, has confirmed that area boards may rollover any unspent capital funding from financial year 2015/16 to 2016/17.

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.

4.1 Area Board members should note that there is insufficient funding to award all applicants with the full amounts they have requested. Members are recommended to find a way in which to prioritise these applications and to award only the amount of area board funding that is available at this meeting.

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
2241	White Horse Cricket Club, Broad Hinton	Cricket net renovation	£3,120
<p>Project Description</p> <p>The cricket club wish to renovate the single cricket net at their cricket ground. This will help to recruit new players, encourage more sporting activity in the village and be a central element of the club’s re-launch of Youth Cricket - via their support of the Kids AllStars Cricket initiative being started in 2017 by the English Cricket Board.</p> <p>The existing playing membership of the cricket club - c. 40 players drawn from villages in and around Broad Hinton will benefit from the new facilities. The cricket club has been promoted every year for the last 5 years. They hope this facility will attract even more new players when advertised locally and on their website.</p> <p>The club aims to recruit 30 to 40 5-8 year olds from Broad Hinton CofE Primary School which they have close ties to already and also children from surrounding villages through members, friends and family recruitment. The club hopes the new net and launch of</p>			

Cricket Allstars will encourage more parents to engage in the club and older children aged 9 upwards to get involved. The facility will also be available to the school if they wish to use it during school time. The cricket club is the only sporting facility available in the village so they hope these improved facilities will create even more engagement with villagers

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from White Horse Cricket Club for £3,120.00

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2300	Friends of Aldbourne Band	Purchase of two new Bb flat bass instruments	£4,400.00

Project Description

The Friends of Aldbourne Band wish to purchase two B flat tuned Bases for Aldbourne Band replacing essential worn instruments.

Aldbourn Brass Band considers Bass instruments to be essential to a brass band, providing the main rhythmical bottom sound. It is also valuable to have identical instruments in order to balance the tone of the section. At the high level of musical accomplishment represented by the present band (within top 30 bands in the world) such considerations are significant. The present instruments are old (30+ years) and have been refurbished several times and are considered inadequate for the Band's current level of performance. Individual members of the band cannot be expected to make purchases of this scale from their own resources and no commercial sponsorship is available to this rurally based group.

It is planned that the old instruments to be replaced will be passed to the Youth Band where no bass instruments are currently available to extend their range and introduce young people to the instrument in future.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Friends of Aldbourne Band for £4,400.00

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2335	Little Crickets Pre-school, Baydon	New outdoor play resources	£991.16

Project Description

Little Crickets Pre-school is a small charity-run school which has been just surviving for many years. Now with a new committee and management team they have achieved an Ofsted Good rating and are hoping to continue to improve the school and attract new children to attend.

Because of changes in the management of the pre-school, the new committee was left with relatively few resources at the school. They are trying to build this up now. The pre-school has an outdoor space which is currently open to the weather. To allow children to play and do craft activities outdoors, the pre-school is applying for funding to purchase new resources which will allow the children to use this outdoor space more.

The pre-school currently has 10 children on the register and are actively looking to expand this in the new year in September.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Little Crickets Pre-school for £991.16

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2326	Marlborough Open Studios	New directional signage for event locations	£995.40

Project Description

In 2016 56 local artists and 20 associate artists displayed their works as part of Open Studios, usually showing work in their own studios. These events attracted over 9,000 visitors to the studios to enjoy the works displayed and benefit from meeting the artists themselves. With so many locations where the event takes place, the Open Studios organisation would like to purchase new directional signage that will allow visitors to find the artists' studios located all around the area.

This way of viewing the art allows visitors to enjoy demonstrations and talks within the artists' own studio and take part in in-depth discussions about their techniques.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Marlborough Open Studios for £995.40

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

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