

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting	24/05/2018
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Provisional Figures	Area Board Grants Budget	H&WB Fund	LYN Fund	CATG
Opening balance 2018/19	£62,438.63	£7,700.00	£31,227.41	£16,784.00 plus £9212.29 pavement improvements budget
Grant Applications Awarded to date	£0.00	£20.00	£1,500.00	-
Current Balance	£62,438.63	£7,680.00	£29,727.41	£16,784.00
Balance if all grants are agreed at this meeting	£45,190.60	£6,338.00	£22,227.41	£16,117.00

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Trowbridge Sports Forum Project Title: Active Trowbridge New Vehicle View full application	£4600.00
Applicant: Friends of Southwick Country Park Project Title: Tools for use by new volunteers View full application	£800.00
Applicant: WWMFF. (West Wilts Multi Faith Forum) Project Title: Computers for growing English classes and expansion of project View full application	£900.00

Applicant: Friends of the Down Cemetery Project Title: friends of the Down Cemetery nature project View full application	£798.00
Applicant: Lark Rise Community Farm Project Title: Lark Rise Community Farm - Sensory Classroom Project View full application	£3875.00
Applicant: Iford Arts Project Title: Gingerbread - Iford Arts Education Outreach 2018 View full application	£925.00
Applicant: Trowbridge Amateur Swimming Club Project Title: Starting Blocks for Trowbridge Swimming Club View full application	£5000.00
Applicant: Friends of Larkrise School Project Title: Larkrise School - Interactive Floor projector School Community Project View full application	£3200.00
Applicant: Frogs Studley Green PTA Project Title: PTA funding for garden project View full application	£946.03

Cllr Led Initiative- Cllr David Halik- Neighbourhood Watch Signs - £79.00

Residents around Pitman Avenue have setup a neighbourhood watch group and have requested that signs be placed in and around the area to indicate that the area is now such.

Police and Highways have been informed of the group and been supportive, as has Wiltshire Council.

The group have no funding for any signage hence this request to enable signs to be purchased and placed within the area.

Confirmation has been received that there is no longer any funding to support provision of signage from Wiltshire Police nor from Public Protection at Wiltshire Council.

The total cost is £79 for which quotations have been received. Signs will be erected by the parish Steward to ensure health and safety requirements are met.

Health and Wellbeing grant application

Trowbridge Town Council- Walking Sports requested £2684

Recommendation from HWB group to area board.

In recognition of the potential benefits of the project, that support for older people and promotion of physical activity are key priorities in our JSA, **the HWB recommends to the area board to part fund £1,342** on a pilot project on condition that

1. Early discussions take place with members of the HWB group and organisations supporting older people e.g. Alzheimer's Support, WSUN, Care Co-ordinators, Health Trainers, Wiltshire Mind etc, to ensure that the project is promoted widely and is developed to best meets the needs of older people
2. Concessions are available for older people on low incomes

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](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 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 had been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

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 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
2731	Trowbridge Sports Forum	Active Trowbridge new Vehicle	£4600.00
<p>Project Description: Over the last year Active Trowbridge has increased its project delivery within Trowbridge the next 12 months will continue this trajectory of project development launching walking sports for older people and expanding our support to the Studley Green Doorstep project to include the 5 weeks of the summer holidays. In order to continue to maintain the sustainability of our current commitments and to further increase delivery we require an additional vehicle to transport large equipment to sites across the town. All our vehicles are currently deployed on existing projects and additional vehicle will give us the flexibility to develop new projects alongside existing ones.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not for profit community organisation, this is a Capital project and match funding is in place. The project is to provide an additional minibus to support delivery of Active Trowbridge key projects, including summer holiday sports for children and young people in Studley Green, over 5 weeks of the Summer holidays. Over the last year Active Trowbridge has increased its project delivery within Trowbridge and the next 12 months will see further project development with walking sports for older people. An additional vehicle is required to transport large equipment to sites across the town all other vehicles being deployed on current projects. The total project cost is £10,051.23, match funding of £5,421.23 is in place leaving a shortfall of £4600 which is the amount applied for to the area board. Active Trowbridge advises that match funding includes a contribution from the Town Council.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2741	Friends of Southwick Country Park	Tools for use by new volunteers	£800.00
<p>Project Description: We are fortunate to have recruited new volunteers to the Friends of Southwick Country Park team. To enable work to progress it is very useful to have enough tools to go around.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not for</p>			

profit community organisation, this is a Capital project and match funding is not a requirement for project under £1,000.

The project is to provide additional equipment to supply the friends with the tools necessary to maintain the park as a community amenity including loppers, gloves, forks and other tools.

The friends team of volunteers is growing and additional tools will mean that more of them can get actively involved in maintaining the park environment.

The total project cost is £812.83, match funding of £12.83 is shown leaving a shortfall of £800 which is the amount applied for to the area board. There is a large amount of volunteer labour also going into the project, not shown in the project costs.

The applicant was advised to approach their parish council for support with this project.

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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2706	WWMFF. (West Wilts Multi Faith Forum)	Computers for growing English classes and expansion of project	£900.00

Project Description:
WWMFF runs English classes for immigrants/refugees/asylum seekers with aim of removing isolation, lack of confidence, loneliness barriers encouraging these disadvantaged women/men to participate in the life of their new communities e.g. by volunteering. Helps access to medical services, schooling, housing and employment. Encourages social inclusion we educate, empower and engage these stigmatised vulnerable, fearful new incomers into Trowbridge. Due to growing numbers in English classes we need 2 more computers/speakers as sharing computers slows learning considerably and is awkward. We also need a lockable cupboard now for safe computer storage.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:
The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not for profit community organisation, this is a Capital project and match funding is in place. The project is to extend provision of English classes for BAME community members. The application was considered at the March meeting of Trowbridge area board and was deferred pending WWMFF contacting Trowbridge Town Council, about the possibility of securing their surplus computer equipment. Following this meeting, Trowbridge Town Council has confirmed that it does not have any suitable surplus computers, therefore the application needs to be reconsidered by the area board. The total project cost for computers and storage facilities is £1950.00, match funding of £1050 is shown, leaving a shortfall of £900 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2825	Friends of the down cemetery	Friends of the Down Cemetery nature project	£798.00
<p>Project Description: the preservation conservation education sympathetic restoration and recording for the public benefit of The Down Cemetery to include the monuments buildings standing structures landscape wildlife and burial records. This grant will allow us to engage with local schools and the general public in the conservation and study of the wildlife that is in the cemetery grounds. Also, we will be able to publish studies of wildlife with other organisation e.g. Wiltshire Wildlife bat conservation trust etc.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not- for-profit community organisation, this is a Capital project and match funding is not a requirement for project under £1,000. The Friends of the Down Cemetery promote the preservation, conservation, education, sympathetic restoration and recording for the public benefit of The Down Cemetery, including its monuments, buildings, standing structures, landscape, wildlife and burial records. The project is to conserve and support the wildlife using the Down Cemetery and to use enable local schools and the local community to study and learn from it. There is an additional aim to publish studies of wildlife with other organisations e.g. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. The total project cost for the purchase of bird and bat boxes and other equipment, is £838. Match funding of £40 is shown leaving a shortfall of £798 which is the amount applied for to the area board. The applicant has been advised to contact Trowbridge Men’s Shed who have expertise in making bird/bat boxes and may be able to supply these at a reduced rate. The applicant has also been asked to confirm that all necessary permissions are in place from the land owner, to allow the project to go ahead and that measures are in place for the safe erection of bat and bird boxes.</p> <p>Comments from Countryside Officer, Wiltshire Council The Down Cemetery is one of Wiltshire Council’s cemeteries. The ‘Friends of The Down Cemetery’ volunteer group formed to help look after the cemetery, and Wiltshire Council supports them by providing advice on nature conservation, H&S, risk assessments, EL and PL insurance cover, as well as some previous grant assistance. Over the last 18 months the Friends have been clearing damaging vegetation from gravestones and structures, recording the information on headstones, enhancing the cemetery in terms of aesthetics, and also enhancing its nature conservation value. We would support this application, being in line with their aim of enhancing nature conservation in the Cemetery and raising the public’s awareness of it, subject to the Countryside and Technical Services Teams agreeing on the siting of bird/bat boxes and hedgehog houses, and the manner in which they are to be secured.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2677	Lark Rise Community Farm	Lark Rise Community Farm - Sensory Classroom Project	£3875.00
<p>Project Description: We wish to transform the classroom area of our busy animal care and agricultural learning setting to make it a welcoming and more sensory area. The classroom area is used daily by a wide range of age groups all from our Wiltshire catchment area and is in desperate need of refurbishment and redecorating.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: Lark Rise Community Farm applied to the March meeting of Trowbridge area board for £3,875 towards delivery of a sensory room, the applicant also applied to Melksham and to Westbury area board for a contribution of £1875. Trowbridge area board agreed to award £3,875 on condition that Westbury area board also awarded the full amount requested. Westbury area board subsequently advised that it had made an award of half the sum requested, £937.50, owing to more limited funds. Trowbridge area board is therefore asked to reconsider the award and any conditions to be placed upon it.</p> <p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2779	Iford Arts	Gingerbread - Iford Arts Education Outreach 2018	£925.00
<p>Project Description: At Iford Arts Education we use our expertise to inspire local children and their teachers. We aim to extend children's experience of the world through music language and storytelling. During June 2018 Gingerbread based on Engelbert Humperdinck's fairy-tale opera Hansel and Gretel will provide a high-quality learning opportunity for 240 children to access and participate in live music. Children from Trowbridge schools will attend the launch day at the Wiltshire Music Centre participate in a series of singing composition and drama workshops in school and watch and become part of a professional woodland trail performance in Hidden Woods.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not-for-profit community organisation, this is a Capital project and match funding is in place. Iford Arts is a registered charity which aims are to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education and the appreciation of the performing arts, particularly in the gardens of Iford Manor. Iford Arts Education aims to extend children's experience of the world through music, language and storytelling. During June 2018 Gingerbread, based on Engelbert Humperdinck's fairy-tale opera Hansel and Gretel, will provide a high-quality learning opportunity for 240 local children to access and participate in live music. Children from Trowbridge schools will attend the launch day at the Wiltshire Music Centre participate in a series of singing composition and drama workshops in school and watch and become part of a professional woodland trail performance in Hidden Woods. The project links to Trowbridge's local area priorities for Children and Young People, including supporting mental emotional health and participation in the arts</p>			

and culture. The aim is to improve children's musical appreciation, composition, singing and performance and within this, to raise their self-esteem, confidence, communication and team building skills.

For 2018 Iford Arts Education has re-focused its work to include some of the most disadvantaged children, prioritising Trowbridge, which is less than 5 miles from Iford Manor. Six Trowbridge schools have already confirmed their involvement including Studley Green in the 10 most deprived neighbourhoods in the country and Newtown where 27 percent of pupils first language is not English.

The applicant highlights the benefits of such projects, citing the national Sing Up Programme which demonstrated that singing in schools has a positive impact on children relating to health and well-being, it improves confidence and self-esteem and develops social skills leading to greater social cohesion.

Comments from Wiltshire Council Arts officer

I have known this organisation for a number of years and can confirm that they have delivered high quality projects during this time. Their creative learning and outreach programmes provide communities with music opportunities and experiences that they might not otherwise have had. Their targeted approach to this project indicates their desire to provide and broaden opportunities/experiences for children and young people who may have had limited experiences in this artform. I can confirm that there is a lot of evidence to indicate that music is beneficial to health and wellbeing (self-esteem, confidence, team-building etc) resulting in a positive impact on learning. I am aware through my conversations with Wiltshire Music Connect (Wiltshire's education music hub) that their approach to evaluating and monitoring this project is strong.

I am also aware that they are extending their education work and working closely with the Trowbridge Music Cluster co-ordinator to develop and build on partnerships in Trowbridge and beyond. This project will give teachers and children access to experienced high quality professional musicians. The school buddy scheme is also a positive element of this project. I have no doubt that the DVD and resource pack will be extremely useful, valuable and relevant to school teachers and provide a legacy for the project, enabling teachers to involve more children and young people in future years.

The total project cost is £19,905, match funding of £18,980 is in place, leaving a shortfall of £925 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2746	Trowbridge Amateur Swimming Club	Starting Blocks for Trowbridge Swimming Club	£5000.00

Project Description:

Our current blocks are very old going back maybe over 10 years and are not repairable do not meet current swim competition standards. They will be used by Trowbridge Club but will be available for other pool users e.g. schools diving club.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not for profit community organisation, this is a Capital project and match funding is in place.

The project is to replace and increase swimming blocks at the club. The existing blocks are over 10 years old, are not repairable and do not meet current swim competition standards. 12 blocks are required, six at each end of the pool. The facilities will be available for other pool users e.g. schools diving club.

The club has 220 members, mainly young people but this also includes adults and special needs swimmers. Some members of the club engage in competitions and the oldest member is 71 and a regular swimmer.

The sports centre has agreed to take over the upkeep of the swimming blocks to ensure they are always maintained in a safe condition.

The total project cost is £18,000. Funds of £13,000 have been raised from grants and fundraising with a sum also shown from income. This leaves a shortfall of £5,000 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

The club does show reserves however these are earmarked for equipment, training and to meet good practice requirements.

The applicant was advised to contact the Town Council also for support with this project

Comments from Wiltshire Council, Sports development department
Sports Development fully support this Grant Application, Trowbridge Swimming Club is a long standing and established club. The approval of this grant to secure high quality starting blocks will help with the various tiers of participation and aid talent development within the club and the local community users.

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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2876	Friends of Larkrise School	Larkrise School Interactive Floor Projector School Community Project	£3200.00

Project Description:

The Friends of Larkrise School are trying to fund an interactive floor projector for use by both the children at Larkrise School and the local community including Stepping Stones District Specialist Centre local nursing homes and Alzheimer Support. The Interactive floor projector responds to gesture and movement creating dynamic images on any surface including floors and tables and is a great sensory experience for everyone regardless of age or ability. We hope to be able to use it in a variety of different locations throughout the local area and are very excited about it.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not for profit community organisation, this is a Capital project and match funding is in place.

The Friends of Larkrise School wish to fund an Interactive floor projector for use by both the children at Larkrise School and the local community. The Interactive floor projector responds to gesture and movement creating dynamic images on any surface including floors and tables and is a valuable sensory experience. They hope to be able to use it in a variety of different locations throughout the local area and have already liaised with partners in relation to this.

The total project cost is £6400, match funding of £3,200 is shown leaving a shortfall of £3200 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

Proposal
That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2882	Frogs Studley Green PTA	PTA funding for garden project	£946.03

Project Description:
Horticultural cultivation educational purposes we would like to raise money for a greenhouse plants planters soil under cover area and paint for all planters and fencing around school

Input from Community Engagement Manager:
The application meets the community grants criteria, the applicant is a not- for-profit community organisation, this is a Capital project and match funding is not a requirement for projects under £1000.

Studley Green School PTA is applying for funds for a greenhouse, plants, planters, soil, under cover area and paint for all planters and fencing to enhance the outdoor learning and social environment. The project will to provide opportunities for pupils to learn about the natural world, engage in growing food, and to have quiet reflective spaces, this will help support a number of children with special educational needs and their families. Parents and teachers will clear the space for the greenhouse and help with all aspects of the project.

The project links to local area priorities as set out in the JSA. Studley Green is a recognised area of deprivation, with associated levels of child poverty, this project will provide children with new and positive learning experiences and support their social and emotional development and confidence in the school environment. The total project cost is £996.03. A donation of £50 has been provided, leaving a shortfall of £946.03 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

Proposal
That the Area Board determines the application.

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

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