

Report to Malmesbury Area Board
Date of meeting 5 March 2019
Title of report Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Malmesbury Town Council	£2,500.00
Friends of Riverside	£500.00

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 2018/19 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.

If all grants are awarded as below, Malmesbury Area Board will have a balance of £3,279.81 remaining in the 2018/19 Community Area Grants fund.

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 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
ID 3199 (hyper link)	Malmesbury Town Council	Reinstatement of external public toilet facilities	£2,500.00
Project description: The aim is to install two external toilet units with disabled access, baby changing facilities and an external water refill station. This project will hopefully enhance Malmesbury's aim to achieve coach friendly status thereby increasing the attractiveness of the town to visitors.			
Input from Community Engagement Manager: The public toilets in Malmesbury were closed about 8 years ago because of regular acts of vandalism. In subsequent years, improvements have been made to the design of toilets such that they are less susceptible to wanton damage. Malmesbury Town Council has regularly received criticism from many sections of the community for decommissioning the toilets. Consequent upon the improvements in design, Malmesbury Town Council has decided to reinstate these public facilities, thus providing two external public toilets which will be fully accessible to disabled people, families, locals and visitors.			
The total project cost is £56,000 of which Malmesbury Area Board is being asked to provide a grant of £2,500. Malmesbury Town Council will provide the remaining funds from its precept.			
Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Malmesbury Town Council for £2,500.00			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 3203 (hyper link)	Friends of Riverside	Garden Improvement Project	£500.00
Project description: To improve the garden areas outside Riverside Community Centre for those using the Centre with some colourful sensory planting close to front doors which would be especially enjoyed by the many elderly visitors some with infirmities and/or living with dementia.			

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This is a project that will connect many users of Riverside Community Centre to nature and their surroundings, providing a hands-on sensory experience particularly for elderly people and/or people with dementia which is proven to be beneficial for physical and emotional wellbeing. There are also plans to enter Malmesbury in Bloom which would create a sense of pride and achievement for those involved, and overall would create a visually pleasing and attractive entrance to the community centre for all who use it.

The total cost of this project is £795.20, of which £295.20 will be donated in-kind via volunteer time. Therefore, a grant of £500.00 is being requested from the Area Board. Provision is in place for the Riverside Community Centre to manage the ongoing maintenance of the garden and planting.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Friends of Riverside for £500.00

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

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