Wiltshire Council

Report to	Westbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	11/02/2021
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:
To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Community Area Grants	
Applicant: Leigh Park Community Centre **Project Title**: Fogger Machine View full application	£346.75
Applicant: Bratton pcc **Project Title**: Bratton church bells and tower restoration and refurbishment View full application	£5000.00
Applicant: Open Westbury Foodbank **Project Title**: Open Westbury - Westbury Area Foodbank View full application	£5000.00
Local Youth Network Grants	
Applicant: Matravers School **Project Title**: Wellbeing support for pupils returning from second school closure View full application	£4000.00
Westbury Area Board Initiatives	
Applicant: Westbury Area Board – Cllr Gordon King **Project Title**: HWB Group - Digital Literacy Connectivity Project View full application	£3700.00
Applicant: Westbury Area Board – Cllr Suzanne Wickham **Project Title**: IT Support for Westbury Area Heads group View full application	£4600.00

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

[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 2020/2021 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 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
4106	Leigh Park Community Centre	Fogger Machine	£346.75

Project Description:
We would like to purchase a fogger machine for the community centre to help reduce the risk of spreading of the covid virus. A fogger is ideal for use with disinfectants the particles are atomized meaning they travel up to 4.5m away and settle more evenly. The fogger would be available for others to use in the community in the event of a covid outbreak.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:
This application fulfils the necessary criteria for a Community Area Grant.

Proposal
That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
4090	Bratton pcc	Bratton church bells and tower restoration and refurbishment	£5000.00

Project Description:
The bells and belltower at St James church are in need of major repair and refurbishment following detailed reports from Bell hanger engineers and the Quinquennial report produced by the Architect in 2019. The Church is reputedly the oldest building in the village and the bell tower and the bells rung from the tower have provided considerable pleasure to many generations of Bratton inhabitants. A public right of way footpath BRAT 35 runs through the churchyard past the Bell tower - and many visitors and walkers have commented on the splendour of the tower often prompting a desire to find out more about the local history and significance of the church and its location to the village. The bells are not only rung for services and weddings but on special national and local occasions and are very much a feature of the village. There are six bells in the tower and a sanctus bell. The bell frame dates from 1897 although several of the bells were cast prior to that date including no 6 bell in 1617. For several years it has been acknowledged that the bell frame needs removing for refurbishment and repair as well as the bells lowered and removed in order to be treated. However it was not until the outcome of the Architects report that the damage to the floor of the bell tower was highlighted to be in such a precarious and dangerous situation. Thus the onset of lockdown as well as the health and safety implications of this damage has necessitated the Belltower to be closed since March last year until further notice. In addition there is external work required to the masonry with two of the Louvres in serious need of repair. Authority for the work to be done as well as the tendering process is now complete and Covid dependant it is hoped to start work in the Summer 2021. The work will be done sequentially - initially involving the removal of the bells and bell frame to be taken away for repair and refurbishment. Once the bell tower has been cleared of the bells work will be carried out internally on the belfry floor and internal louvres with scaffolding erected to carry out the external repairs and stonework. The refurbished repaired frame and bells will then be returned and re housed to the tower. The unique nature of the bell tower as well as the selection of bells provides a special opportunity to bring the local community together. It is hoped that following the lockdown constraints and refurbishment of the bells we can arrange open days to provide visitors the opportunity to explore the bell tower and improvements as well learn some history of the village and enjoy the amazing view from the tower. Opportunities exist in particular to resume interest amongst the village Guide and Brownie packs as well as other youth organisations within the

village. It is hoped that the close links with the primary school can be developed to include learning about bell ringing and its history and role through research visits and bell ringing lessons. This could hopefully lead to a weekly after school Bells club for young people and children. Wider afield the bells have regularly attracted campanologists from across the county and elsewhere which has always been encouraged by our active bell ringing team. This external interest has traditionally been good for the village and we are confident that the refurbished project will not only rekindle but also increase interest. Bratton bellringers are aligned to and maintain close links with both the Central council for Bellringers as well as the Salisbury Diocese of Bell ringers. Fundraising is now in its third year for the project and whilst a considerable amount has been raised through fundraising donations and grants there remains a shortfall and it is very much hoped that Westbury board will support this much needed worthy historical and community project.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:
This application fulfils the necessary criteria for a Community Area Grant.

Proposal
That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
4098	Open Westbury Foodbank	Open Westbury - Westbury Area Foodbank	£5000.00

Project Description:
The project seeks to set up a registered charity to operate a Foodbank to serve the area of Westbury and surrounding villages taking on the current work being carried out by volunteers under the auspices of Westbury Town Council.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:
This application fulfils the necessary criteria for a Community Area Grant.

Proposal
That the Area Board determines the application.

Local Youth Network Grant Applications

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
4118	Matravers School	Wellbeing support for pupils returning from second school closure	£4000.00

Project Description:
We wish to extend our wellbeing and mental health offer to reach further than pupils with high profile or critical needs. Wed like all pupils to have the opportunity of support.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:
This application fulfils the necessary criteria for a Local Youth Network Grant.

Proposal
That the Area Board determines the application.

Westbury Area Board Initiatives

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
4114	Wiltshire Council	HWB Group - Digital Literacy Connectivity Project	£3700.00

Project Description:
To provide hardware laptop tablets and data packages to identified isolated and lonely community members particularly the elderly vulnerable. To provide training for those identified so that they are able to make full use of their devises.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:
This application fulfils the necessary criteria for an Area Board Initiative.

Proposal
That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
4115	Westbury Area Board	IT Support for Westbury Area Heads group	£4600.00

Project Description:
To provide funding to Westbury Area Heads Group to support disadvantaged families with IT equipment and or data packages for home schooling.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:
This application fulfils the necessary criteria for an Area Board Initiative.

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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