

Report To	Malmesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 30 November 2021
Title of Report	Malmesbury Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Malmesbury Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young persons grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
Opening Balance For 2021/22	£ 34,438.00	£ 14,679.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 12,000.00	£ 8,407.00	£ 2,623.90
Current Balance	£ 22,438.00	£ 6,272.00	£ 5,076.10
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 3,329.39	£ 4,647.00	£ 3,576.10

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG92	Community Area Grant	Little Somerford Parish Hall	Renewal of wall on disability ramp	£2995.00	£1495.00
<p>Project Summary: I am writing on behalf of our village hall committee to apply for funds for our village hall. The left hand section of our disabled ramp is made of internal block and as such is very wet and the render is falling off leaving the block exposed to frost and very unsightly as well as being a health and safety risk. We would like to replace it with a mixture of steel railings and fair faced external blocks that would not need annual painting. The blocks will be only used to get to the floor level of the ramp and above that will be the railings with a hand rail on the top. The railing will be resin bonded into the wall to provide a stable foundation. We believe that this offers a good long term solution to our problem as well as reducing annual volunteer maintenance time. Please note that covid restrictions have over the last 18 months meant we cant hold any fundraising events or receive much in the way of hire income.</p>					
ABG160	Community Area Grant	Malmesbury Town Council	CCTV in Malmesbury	£70000.00	£5000.00

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<p>Project Summary: There have been many incidents of vandalism to both private property, mainly cars where they have been deeply scratched and also Town & Wiltshire Council owned property. There has been over £3,000 worth of damage at the Cemetery, the toilets in the center of town have been repeatedly vandalised at great expense to the Council and therefore precept payers. The Town Council has received quotes and presentations from three companies which offer CCTV solutions and will provide cameras to cover the areas affected. The Station Yard Car Park and Cloister Gardens are target places for anti social behaviour and residents have expressed concerns over groups of young people gathering at these sites. The cost will be in the region of £70k and the Council hopes to receive partial funding from several organisations.</p>					
ABG196	Community Area Grant	Sherston Village Hall	Sherston Village Hall New Foyer including Double Glazed Doors and Windows	£254600.00	£10000.00
<p>Project Summary: This project will replace the rundown 1960s flat roofed foyer attached to our village hall with a new exciting entrance foyer, with new toilets and a servery, and far improved accessibility. We will open a community hub, aiming to attract the harder to reach members of our community. The village hall provides a great space for village events, sports clubs, parties, exhibitions, drama productions and music shows, but the existing entrance foyer and toilets are run down and urgently need updating. The proposed demolition and construction of a new entrance foyer and facilities are designed to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bigger brighter more welcoming foyer, enabling its use as a community hub in the heart of our village, for access by the general public and including space for temporary exhibitions such as local history, art, or community consultations. • Improved access to all to the village hall, but particularly for wheelchair users and those with mobility issues due to improved profiling of the ground and automatic doors. Modern toilet facilities including a larger disabled toilet, with improved wheelchair access and facilities. • Addressing the issue of the existing foyer's leaking flat roof that causes damp ceilings and walls particularly in the toilet. The new entrance foyer would appropriately insulated, with a pitched roof and heated with an efficient energy saving heat pump. • The new entrance foyer will incorporate a new servery to welcome visitors with hot drinks and allow interval refreshments to be served during our frequent drama productions. Because of its poor condition, hirers with access to transport are increasingly going out of our village to venues which have better facilities. Renovation would attract many back to our hall, reduce car miles and be particularly welcomed by village residents who do not have independent transport. We are requesting that the Area Board fund part of the new foyer project, specifically the new doors and windows required comprising the new foyer automatic aluminium double glazed door and windows, replacement aluminium double glazed doors between foyer and main hall, and the external doors to the village hall field. Drawings and photographs of the doors and windows are provided. </p>					
ABG257	Community Area Grant	HEALS of Malmesbury	Malmesbury and District Community Fridge	£4000.00	£2000.00
<p>Project Summary: This project will provide fresh fruit and vegetables donated by supermarkets and retail outlets to the needy in our community; these will be dispensed from a fridge freezer located in Malmesbury Town Hall</p>					
ABG259	Community Area Grant	Sustainable Sherston	Sustainable Sherston Community Thermal Heat Loss Surveys	£613.61	£613.61

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<p>Project Summary: Thermal imaging surveys can identify cold spots cause by a lack of insulation and gaps in windows and doors, causing draughts and energy loss from houses. Identification and rectification of these issues can reduce heating bills, lead to warmer homes, and lower energy use and associated greenhouse gases emissions. Sustainable Sherston are proposing purchasing a standalone thermal imaging camera and to lend the camera to householders so they can undertake a survey of their home, or for residents that are unable to survey their own house, volunteers will undertake the survey for them. The surveys are non-intrusive and are limited to surveying mainly the interior of the house. A charitable organisation in Bristol is undertaking similar, albeit more comprehensive, surveys of houses for a charge of between £135 and £260 depending on the house's size. Their surveys are only available in Bristol and for an extra cost in Bath but not in our village. We think that making this equipment available to our residents has the potential to educate householders where their houses are losing heat, and encourage the measures they can take to increase the energy efficiency of their homes, reduce energy wastage and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We are planning to request a voluntary donation of between £10 and £20 to be lent the equipment for half a day. Use of shared equipment makes it much more affordable, encourages more people to survey and insulate their houses and reduces the manufacturing emissions of several individual householder buying this equipment.</p>					
ABG304	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£10250.00	£1500.00
<p>Project Summary: Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW) will use arts & heritage activities to reach the most isolated older people in the Malmesbury area, helping to tackle loneliness and aiming to improve their health and wellbeing through creative and artistic engagement. In particular CAW will target those people who are vulnerable and socially isolated due to frailty, ill health, dementia, poor mobility or caring responsibilities. Responding to the Covid 19 crisis, our programme has developed four different strands of both live and online activity to meet the needs of this group. CAW is a partnership of community organisations across the county with Wiltshire Music Centre as lead organisation.</p>					
ABG165	Youth Grant	The Stay Safe Initiative CIC	The Digital Empowerment Programme Malmesbury	£1450.00	£725.00
<p>Project Summary: To help address the ever growing issue of online harm and abuse and the impact it is having on young people, we have developed a programme to tackle this head on. The Digital Empowerment Programme has been designed to be delivered in secondary schools and will not only help young people to stay safe online, but will also allow them to have a bright and positive digital future. This programme is aimed at three very important target audiences: Yr7's 'Keeping up with my growing digital life', Yr9's 'Building a positive digital future' and Parents and carers 'Parenting in the digital world'. It's by reaching these audiences, that we are able to provide advice, direction and support (both in school and at home) throughout their secondary school lives as they grow into young adults, building Safe, resilient and empowered digital lives. We address and discuss issues such as, online grooming, online sexual harassment, cyber bullying and online abuse, sexting, digital resilience, online personal branding, self image and identity, county lines, social media V's reality and more. We plan to be able to run and deliver this programme for the young people and families at Malmesbury Secondary School.</p>					
ABG266	Youth Grant	Malmesbury Abbey	Malmesbury Abbey Skate 2022	£2700.00	£900.00
<p>Project Summary: Malmesbury Abbey Skate provides youth and children with an opportunity to try skateboarding and scootering, or to practice and develop skills they may already have. The community event inside Malmesbury Abbey over 3 days in February half term attracts people from Malmesbury and the surrounding areas. As part of the event we have youth volunteers from the area who help to run the sessions (tailored to age and skill), there are wheelchair sessions for anyone wishing to try the ramps who might not be able to ride a skateboard, and we have a competition on the final day where the community comes together to support those who have put in so much practice during the previous days. Some sessions sell out in a matter of days (we pre-release a certain number of tickets) but are priced accessibly to accommodate all incomes (tickets are sold mainly to ensure commitment to sessions). Malmesbury Abbey Skate is a non-profit event, so income from grants, ticket sales, etc. is only used to offset the cost of running the event. It is an exciting event, after numerous Abbey Skates in the past, which creates a buzz in the community and provides youth and children with an opportunity to try something new or to practice skating with their friends and to meet new people.</p>					

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.

Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:

- ♦ Community Area Grants (capital)
- ♦ Young People (revenue)
- ♦ Health and Wellbeing (revenue)

The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young persons funding guidelines have been adhered to.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

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

Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

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.

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

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