

Report To Marlborough Area Board
Date of Meeting Tuesday, 11 October 2022
Title of Report Marlborough Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Marlborough 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 2022/23	£ 15,835	£ 17,786	£ 7,700
Awarded To Date	£ 4,118.81	£ 0.00	£ 500
Current Balance	£ 11,716.19	£ 17,786	£ 7,200
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 8,479.19	£ 11,936	£ 7,000

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG833	Area Board Initiative	HandWB Group Jubilee Centre	HandWBG tea party costs	£200.00	£200.00
Project Summary: We are relaunching our H&WB Group in order to; • To publicise the role of the HWB Group • To seek new members for the Group • To promote the availability of HWB grants • To facilitate networking between attendees • To receive an introduction to the 'Live longer better' Programme • To develop a future work programme					
ABG810	Community Area Grant	St Michaels School PTA	Outdoor play and learning enhancement for St Michaels School Aldbourne	£6575.00	£3237.00

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<p>Project Summary: The resilience and wellbeing of the school children of St Michael's School, as with so many other schools, was found to have deteriorated following the COVID lockdowns. Our school identified a decrease in social wellbeing and interaction, the children were less able to be independent and risk taking was significantly affected, they showed reduced coping skills and attention spans were dramatically decreased. Many of our children are displaying significant mental health issues with an increasing number of children struggling with anxiety. St Michael's School prioritise the happiness and wellbeing of all their children and it weaves its way through all that they do. We know that anxious and unhappy children can't learn; it affects their educational outcomes - if we don't address this in primary school this can have a significant affect on their educational outcomes as they move through the education system and on towards adulthood. This academic year one of the school's priorities is to address the mental health and resilience of our children. This project is part of a bigger picture - every member of staff in the school is part of a pilot scheme run by Wiltshire Council called 5 to Thrive which is giving us strategies to support children who have experienced high levels of anxiety or emotional trauma. The school have already invested £5000 to take part in the OPAL project (Outdoor Play And Learning - an international scheme). Their vision is that every child in every school has an amazing hour of high quality play every day – with no exceptions. If one child is not enjoying playtimes, then things still need improving. A child spends 1 year and 4 months of their primary education at play. Therefore we need to equip our children with the skills we can by ensuring that play is of the highest quality on each and every day. To support the school to facilitate OPAL successfully it would benefit from a bespoke "Large Loose Parts Store" - this storage shed has been designed by Michael Fuller, the founder of OPAL. The children will have access to a whole range of different resources to enhance their play every day. Not only will they have access to the resources but it is easily accessible by them all, thereby promoting independence. The children can easily move the storage carts containing the resources to the area they wish to play in, leaving free space in the bays of the shed for creative and imaginative play.</p>					
ABG814	Youth Grant	Sustainable Marlborough	Eco Anxiety to Eco Action Talk plus Q and A	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Clover from Force of Nature will deliver a talk to Y13 (with an open invitation for Y12s who are free at the time of the talk). The talk will acknowledge how overwhelming it can be to confront the reality of the Climate Emergency and the feelings of anxiety that we all feel when we think about the enormity of the challenge that we face in tackling this crisis. The talk will then focus on how we can turn these feelings of anxiousness and overwhelm into positive action. What we can do as individuals, why it matters and the positive benefits that are going to come from building a greener future.</p>					
ABG815	Youth Grant	Sustainable Marlborough	Climate Convos for year 11 to 13 pupils	£350.00	£350.00
<p>Project Summary: Carbon Literacy Training - "An awareness of the carbon dioxide costs and impacts of everyday activities, and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community and organisational basis." This sounds very boring, but the course is really engaging, inspiring and motivational. Participants will gain a wide knowledge, communication skills and a sense of community and citizenship. The course comprises 4 sessions: 1. The Science 2. The Impact 3. Future Possibilities and 4. Action. Learners will be engaged with group enquiry, discussion, reflection and brainstorming as well as completing individual tasks and exercises. There will be time between the weekly sessions to explore suggested reading, articles, videos, podcasts etc, as well as access to course materials to recap and for future use.</p>					
ABG818	Youth Grant	Manton Fest	Manton Fest a Family and Community Charity fundraising event	£23755.00	£5000.00

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<p>Project Summary: Manton Fest is an annual community music festival involving a range of members of the community. It is a fundraising event for local charities which in the past has included the Jubilee Centre, The Air Ambulance, The Brighter Futures unit at the Great Western Hospital, Environmental projects, Manton Village Hall. etc. The Music is the focus but all attendees enjoy it in different ways, volunteering, performing musicians and audience participation. The young people (13-19) are involved in a variety of ways from learning about stage management and production, sound engineering, merchandising, solo and bands performing in front of an audience, meeting friends and voluntary participation. It is the intention to involve local schools music departments in the 22/23 preparation to improve performance experience for many. The younger children have fun meeting friends, enjoying the music playing together in a safe environment. The vulnerable and older generation attend either with families or with carers or as members of the Jubilee centre enjoying the music and refreshments. The festival has been running 12 years, events around the Covid 19 pandemic Spring 2020 have created financial difficulties for putting on Manton Fest. Manton Fest had to be cancelled summer 2020. The plans for the June 2020 Manton Fest were well under way, publicity, bookings of both bands, equipment and resources had been made, paid deposits were lost. Tickets had been sold and customers were given the opportunity for ticket rollover into 2021 or refunds were given. We were able to put on a Manton Fest 2021, heavy rain did reduce gate sales. We have held Manton Fest 2022. Increased costs reduced profit, we were unable to support charities and have a minimal rollover in preparation for 2023. We are currently seeking financial sponsorship and planning additional fundraising events to support being able to put on the event 2023. Financial support from the Area Board would support us and enable Manton Fest to be put on in 2023 enabling us to support charities etc.</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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