

Report To	Malmesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 06 June 2023
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 person's grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through subgroups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
Opening Balance For <u>2023/24</u>	£ 17,219.00	£ 14,679.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 17,219.00	£ 14,679.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 1,636.00	£ 1,539.00	£ 7,700.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1140	Older & Vulnerable Adults Funding	M and VCAP	Cost of Living Crisis Support	£1266.24	£630.24 *

Project Summary:

MVCap have been supporting a cross community project, to help alleviate the 'Cost of Living' crisis in recent months. The Mayor of Malmesbury, Cllr. Kim Power, together with the Malmesbury Wiltshire Councillor and Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Gavin Grant, ourselves and others, have been liaising with local groups, organisations and churches to consolidate a plan to make warm spaces and free or subsidised food available. This has been either through the provision of additional sessions or to expand what already takes place and often with the additional option of food. Those involved are Malmesbury Abbey, The King's Church, The United Reformed Church, St. Aldhelm's Church, Luncheon Club at the Town Hall, Riverside Community Centre, groups from the Library and the Activity Zone, Malmesbury Seniors Group, Saturday Friends. Information has been supplied online with details as to where help and support is available, including the Foodbank, Community Fridge and a new Community Wardrobe. The aim has been to provide a free warm place to be outside of the home and also free food, to help local people cope with the crisis. Funds were sought and granted by the Area Board at the end of 2022 to cover up to the first three months of this year. Sadly, the Cost of Living has risen even further, with interest rates and inflation continuing to rise, causing mortgages, loans, utility, food and clothing bills to increase too. We know from our local Foodbank that usage there has also increased significantly. We are now seeking additional funds to cover at least a further month of local support and to provide additional help for the Community Wardrobe which has been used extensively and grown in size, requiring further storage. This grant is required urgently. So we are requesting one further grant, which will be dispersed that would be support for the following: Malmesbury Abbey - additional costs of providing food and drink and a warm space. N.B. No Volunteer time is included as currently volunteers are already in the Abbey for visitors, however more volunteers are required to support their offering. United Reformed Church – 'Thermal Thursdays' mainly aimed at older people, but all welcome to come along 9am to 1.30pm on Thursdays, costs of providing free food and drinks for lunches and extra heating charges. Riverside Community Centre - Community Wardrobe, which is being organised by HEALS of Malmesbury. This was set up free of charge and Riverside Community Centre have and are continuing to provide free space for this. Added storage

provided, costs to provide free drinks and food.					
ABG1130	Youth Grant	The RISE trust Youth	Detached Outreach and Safe Spaces for Young People	£2405.00	£1000.00*
<p>Project Summary: Our project is a requested piece of work from Malmesbury councillors to support the uprising in ASB from local young people. The aim is to engage and support Malmesbury young people to understand the impact of their behaviors and to gain informal youth work education to ensure that they have better understandings of behavior and access to support that may be required. The youth workers who will deliver detached outreach will then be able to signpost young people to our safe space project on Friday nights at the town hall,</p>					
ABG978	Youth Grant	The Last Baguette theatre company CIC	Arts workshops for young people in Malmesbury in 2023	£4000.00	£1000.00*
<p>Project Summary: We are applying to support 3 free arts projects for young people in Malmesbury in 2023: - During May half term we will lead a play-in-a-week theatre project for 20 young people aged 11 to 18. We will work with the young people to create a performance about issues and themes that are important to them. - In August we will work with HEALS to lead 2 days of theatre and radio workshops in their summer programme for young people from disadvantaged families. - In August & September we will work with Malmesbury Carnival to offer free workshops for young people to create an outdoor performance for the procession. The workshops will involve big craft sessions over 3 days, using recycled materials to make fun, colourful mobile structures to parade in the procession. These projects will build confidence in speaking, performing and teamwork, & will provide affordable cultural activity for young people during the school holidays. We expect to work with a total of 40 young participants during these projects.</p>					
ABG1138	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Malmesbury and District Foodbank	Additional Citizens Advice Wiltshire funding	£3000.00	£1000.00*
<p>Project Summary: A rising trend because of the "cost of living crisis" has meant an exponential rise in people obtaining Foodbank vouchers that entitle them to come to the Foodbank for free food. The Malmesbury and District Foodbank is current seeing more than twice as many people seeking support compared with the same period last year. In February 2023 the Malmesbury and District Foodbank started a (Trussell Trust funded) project to provide Citizens Advice Wiltshire (CAW) support at our day-time sessions so that those receiving free food can also obtain crucial advice, mostly in respect of benefits, such as universal credit, carers allowances, how to cope with debt, utility, rent and mortgage arrears and help to find other support. The long term aim is that with the support from CAW, they will no longer need to come to the Foodbank. The current situation has not only affected people's ability to afford essentials, but has detrimentally affected their physical and mental health and brought on hopelessness and despair. In the five weeks since the project started there have been 21 requests for CAW interviews, whereas the expected level was just 9. In order to cope with the workload, CAW are now having to limit the number of new clients that they can take on. This means that many people will be disadvantaged and not receive crucial advice which is so desperately needed. If anything, our recent experience has shown that there is an urgent need in our area for this type of support from CAW. Therefore, the Malmesbury and District Foodbank are seeking additional funds to pay CAW to provide an additional advisor for those with free food entitlement vouchers, so that as many people as possible coming to the Foodbank can receive this very much needed help. We are also seeking funds from other sources, as we envisage this to be a situation that will need ongoing financial support for some time.</p>					
Applications marked * have been awarded via Delegated Authority from the 2022/23 budget and need to be ratified at this meeting.					
ABG1144	Community Area Grant	Ashton Keynes Indoor Bowls Club	New Bowls Mat for Ashton Keynes Indoor Bowls Club	£1200.00	£600.00
<p>Project Summary: The Ashton Keynes Indoor Bowls Club was formed in 1990. Our current bowls mat was purchased in 2006 and is now showing its age. The backing is breaking down producing a very uneven bowling surface which is affecting the enjoyment of the members playing. Since lockdown ended, member numbers have increased and we expect this trend to continue. With membership continuing to increase the club has decided that now is the time to invest in a new mat.</p>					
ABG992	Community Area Grant	Oaksey Playing Field Trust	Oaksey Playing Field Pavilion Project	£70000.00	£2500.00
<p>Project Summary: We have planning approval to convert the loft space of this building into a recreation/sports club room and to open up the east side roof to create a large balcony for viewing both sports ie cricket and football.</p>					
ABG1166	Community Area Grant	Sherston Magna Cricket Club	Provision of Solar Power at Sherston Magna Cricket	£21000.00	£2500.00

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<p>Project Summary: Sherston Magna Cricket Club does not have any electrical power at it's ground or in the pavilion. We are looking to install an Off Grid Solar Power System at our ground in order for us to have sufficient power to run a tea urn, fridge, lighting and sockets for additional requirements.</p>					
ABG1179	Community Area Grant	Movies at Malmesbury	Modern cinema equipment	£40000.00	£2500.00
<p>Project Summary: For 11 years we have been using secondhand equipment which has reached the end of its useful life and suffers frequent breakdowns. We wish to replace this with up-to-date equipment which is more energy efficient.</p>					
ABG1188	Community Area Grant	Caerbladon CIC	Malmesbury Area touring exhibition display panels	£4000.00	£2000.00
<p>Project Summary: Caerbladon is a Community Interest Company (CIC) to offer North Wiltshire area residents of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to see and be inspired by the work of local artists and makers, and to get creative themselves by participating in artist-led workshops, creative walks, talks and events. From our gallery/community hub on Market Cross in the town centre, we organise exhibitions, events and activities all year round in venues across Malmesbury, working in partnership with the Abbey, Athelstan Museum, WOMAD, schools and community organisations. Many of the venues we work with do not have exhibition display facilities and we are therefore proposing to acquire a modular exhibition display system which can be adapted to suit different spaces and contexts. The exhibition display system will be managed by Caerbladon and made available to a wide range of community users at little or no cost. These include in 2023 Malmesbury School and Athelstan Museum, Malmesbury Abbey, Malmesbury Carnival, Malmesbury Library and the Flying Monk Art Trail. Malmesbury Carnival has offered free storage facilities when the exhibition display system is not being used. The system has been designed and built by Isaac Owen, a local maker. The aim is to bring into productive artistic use community and educational spaces that are not regularly staging exhibitions and events, and by sharing this resource and cultural asset with the wider community we will reach a large audience in a cost-effective and environmentally sustainable way.</p>					
ABG1189	Community Area Grant	Malmesbury Live Arts CIC	New Sound and Lighting Technology Capital Investment	£11083.00	£2483.00
<p>Project Summary: Malmesbury Live Arts (MLA) is a collective of promoters whose aim is to deliver high quality productions that are accessible to all in the locality. We have delivered a very successful foundational programme, and this project is about building on our momentum to deliver high quality second, third and fourth seasons. To date, our tech providers have been willing to provide equipment at well below market rates – this is clearly unsustainable and suboptimal. We therefore now wish to invest in suitable new lighting and sound tech that can be used in a variety of our eclectic local venues, reducing production costs so that individual events can become commercially viable, enabling us to maintain accessible ticket pricing into the future. We have identified the equipment that we would like to purchase via a thorough audit of local venues regularly used against the needs of a diverse set of production types: from a multitude of music genres through to Theatre and Comedy Club evenings. The gap analysis generated a long list of desired equipment, for which we are seeking funding for a prioritised bundle of kit totally £11,083. Our programme diversity is important to appeal to a wide cross-section of our local population, young and old. Diversity also increases the cultural richness of our local arts offering, bringing evocative, inspiring experiences to the citizens of Malmesbury that people would otherwise have to travel far to enjoy. Humbly awarded Malmesbury's "Organisation of the Year" in 2022 for the transformation of the Live Arts scene in North Wiltshire, MLA have been on a mission to "build back better" post Covid. This investment in modern sound and lighting tech will enable us to continue to offer a high-quality programme that local residents rate and enjoy. Indeed, our 2022 Public Consultation and Review found conclusively that bringing people together for Live Arts gives individuals opportunities to connect and cultivates pride in our community and local life.</p>					
ABG1194	Community Area Grant	The Last Baguette theatre company CIC	Lighting equipment for rural touring performances and youth projects	£900.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: We are applying for £500 to support the purchase of LED lighting equipment for rural touring theatre performances and youth projects. New LED lighting equipment would help us become more self-sufficient, as it would avoid the expense of renting lights for each project. It would also help us reduce our carbon footprint and become more environmentally sustainable, as LED lights are much more energy efficient than traditional theatre lights. They would be able to be used outdoors and indoors. We regularly organise performances and youth projects in the Malmesbury area, and these lights would be useful for all of our projects. We could also make them available to lend to local community groups, for example Malmesbury Town Band.</p>					

ABG1149	Youth Grant	The Last Baguette theatre company CIC	Arts workshops for young people in Malmesbury in 2023	£4000.00	£500.00
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ABG1170	Youth Grant	Sherston Arts Festival	Sherston Arts Festival Scrapstore Workshop	£180.00	£180.00
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Project Summary:

Sherston Arts Festival runs every two years. This year, November 3rd-11th. One of the events is a scarecrow trail. In order to prepare scarecrows, Wilts ScrapStore runs a workshop for families, including teenage youths, providing materials and expertise to build the scarecrows. The families who attend will have children of all ages, bringing older siblings over 13. The ScrapStore charge £180 for their attendance.

ABG1191	Youth Grant	The RISE trust Youth	RISE Detached youth outreach	£29880.00	£4960.00
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Project Summary:

Our aim to reach young people in parks and car parks and where they hang out, to offer support, guidance and signposting to our RISE sessions or other youth sessions in the town. Offering this in numerous towns allow us to see young people who go across towns.

ABG1196	Youth Grant	HEALS of Malmesbury	Heals of Malmesbury 2023 Summer Activity Programme	£7050.00	£2500.00
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Project Summary:

The HEALS of Malmesbury Summer Programme consists of a series of day and half day physical, cultural and environmental activities provided free of charge to vulnerable young people in the Malmesbury area. Participants are drawn from HEALS service user families, others nominated by Malmesbury School and or youth social services. The numbers of young people on the list to take part has increased significantly in the last 12 months. The activities also include two residential camps aimed at the age group covered by the Local Youth Network funding. Costs such as transport, venue entry and food are covered by the programme

ABG1197	Youth Grant	The RISE trust Youth	Malmesbury Friday night safe space	£35280.00	£5000.00
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Project Summary:

The aim of RISE safe space is to reach young people aged 13-18. To offer them a space to access outreach and to meet with peers. Our safe space sessions offer access to food such as toasties and personal hygiene items. The sessions are open to all young people in Malmesbury and is on a Friday night. The sessions also welcome PCSO engagement. These sessions offer themed topics such as awareness of substance misuse, healthy relationships, mental health etc.

ABG1175	Community Area Grant	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Parents and Friends Association	St Joseph's Library Refurb	£12500.00	£2500.00
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Project Summary:

St Joseph's School was built in 1932 and since then thousands of children from Malmesbury & nearby villages have passed through its doors. It is an excellent school with great staff and highly motivated children. Due to the age of the school, some facilities are in need of an upgrade. Wishing to nurture a love of books with all of our children we have prioritised upgrading the library. We have a design completed by a school library provider and are now seeking donations to help deliver it. The library will not only be used by children seeking books, it will also be a valuable break-out area for teachers to use for smaller learning groups. Not only that, but there are also a number of volunteers from the local community that come to St Joseph's to help children with their reading. The library will be a modern and inviting space that will be of great benefit to children, staff and volunteers. It will also be a functional area that will allow members of the Malmesbury community to give talks, hold crafts sessions or share their talents with children of the school. Not many schools have a library and we at

St Joseph's feel privileged to have such a space that we can dedicate to books and learning and would like to make the most of it by refurbishing it so that it can be used to its fullest potential.

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 person's 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 subgroups 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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