

Marlborough Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Marlborough Area Board. These could include:
 - community area grants
 - youth grants
 - older and vulnerable people grants
 - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub-groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2023-24	£ 15,835.00	£ 17,786.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 10,834.95	£ 10,030.00	£ 3,800.00
Current Balance	£ 5,000.05	£ 7,756.00	£ 3,900.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -999.95	£ 2,756.00	£ 920.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1680	Area Board Initiative	Marlborough Health and Wellbeing Group	Health and Wellbeing Group Networking and Engagement event Summer 2024	£500.00	£500.00

Project Summary:

In order to raise awareness about both itself and the many voluntary and community sector organisations working in the local area, Marlborough Health and Wellbeing Group will host a showcase and engagement event in Summer 2024. Lots of different organisations will be invited to meet and share information with each other and the public. There will be activities and bitesize sessions for people to take part in and find out about what's available in the area.

ABG1557	Community Area Grant	Greatwood Charity	Purchase of horsebox	£38400.00	£3000.00
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Project Summary:

Currently Greatwood does not own a horsebox and therefore the charity must hire transportation whenever required. Over the last three years the need for transportation has increased considerably to the point that it would now be more cost effective to purchase our own vehicle and it is for this, that we seek capital funding for. The reason that our transportation needs have increased is due to the continuation and expansion of our care home project, in which we take our former racehorses to local care homes to interaction with residents with the aim of reducing their social isolation and loneliness. The transportation costs have now become so prohibitive that it is putting the viability of the project at risk.

ABG1700	Community Area Grant	Aldbourn War Memorial Hall Trustees	Aldbourn War Memorial Hall Re-roofing	£19440.00	£3000.00
Project Summary: The Hall roof is original (100years old) and the front section facing the road is in need of replacement.					
ABG1703	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Rethink Mental Illness Wiltshire Mental Health Inclusion service	Marlborough Happy Cafe	£500.00	£500.00
Project Summary: A Happy Café is one which has agreed to be part of the Happy Café Network, which is being set up by members of the Action for Happiness movement. Happy Cafés provide a warm welcome for anyone interested in happiness and wellbeing, encouraging people to meet together for a drink and friendly chat. The Marlborough Happy cafe meets once a week on a Thursday from 10.30-12 at Mustard Seed Book & Coffeeshop (Hillier's Yard). The cafe is facilitated by a staff member who is an inclusion coach and a volunteer, who offer a positive a welcoming space for people to gather who may be struggling with social isolation, however the cost of refreshments for the people attending can sometimes be a barrier for people attending and the reason why we are applying for some funding towards the costs of drinks					
ABG1617	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Monday Club	Monday Club	£3120.00	£480.00
Project Summary: We provide a safe environment for adults with learning disabilities to socialise in a safe, warm, friendly, relaxed setting. They play Poole, sing karaoke, listen to music, puzzles, art, chat and have a great fun socialising. Support workers have told us that their clients /members have grown in confidence since attending Monday Club and it has helped many to deal with loneliness as there are no other groups like ours available in Marlborough. We make tea and eat lunch together. We have 25 members ages range from 24-67. It also provides a great opportunity for carers (paid and unpaid) to get together and socialise as this can be an issue for carers and it can be a lonely time.					
ABG1618	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Marlborough Town Council	Marlborough Community Support Forum	£3000.00	£1500.00
Project Summary: In response to the cost of living crisis, Marlborough Town Council partnered up with community organisations and outside agencies to create the Marlborough Community Support Forum. This is essentially a networking forum working to ensure the co-ordination and communication of support and services for residents who find themselves in need as a consequence of the cost of living challenges and the associated impact on health and wellbeing. The forum meets every 6 weeks and has identified an ongoing need for additional capacity to support and co-ordinate the work and actions arising from this group over the coming year. If awarded, a job description will be created by Marlborough Town Council and Wiltshire Council Area Board and an enhancement to an existing Marlborough Town Council officers post will be agreed to undertake the duties specific to this additional work/role.					
ABG1494	Youth Grant	Manton Fest	Manton Festival a family and community fundraising event 2024	£31850.00	£2000.00
Project Summary: Manton Fest is and annual community event involving a range of members of the community in a variety of ways. It is a fundraising event for local groups/charities including the Jubilee Centre, Air Ambulance, Kids Meals, local environment projects etc. We have expanded our role into supporting young people gain experience in What it means to set up and run a Music Festival. Young people often have unused skills and talents, we endeavor to support the young and vulnerable to utilise those skills by taking this opportunity to maybe experience a range of tasks during the year and especially during the week/day of the festival. The music is the focus but all attendees enjoy the fest in a different ways volunteering, performing musicians and audience participation. The young people are involved in a variety of ways from learning/being trained in sound and lighting, stage management and production, advertising, merchandising and stewarding etc.					

ABG1726	Youth Grant	Marlborough Area Youth Forum	Friday night youth club	£17010.00	£3000.00
<p>We work with children age 10+ on a Friday night. This includes activities, games and cooking lessons. We have around 40 to 80 kids on a Friday night which we help support them and without us they would be so bored and complain they have nothing in the area for them.</p>					

Background

3. 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.
4. 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)
 - Youth Grants (revenue)
 - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

Main Considerations

6. 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.
7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
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Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub-groups of the Area Boards.

Safeguarding Implications

9. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Public Health Implications

10. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Environmental & Climate Change Implications

11. 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.

Financial Implications

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

Legal Implications

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

Workforce Implications

14. There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

Equalities Implications

15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
16. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils equal opportunity to receive funding towards community-based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

Proposals

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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