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**Westbury Area Grant Report**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Westbury 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 2024/25	£ 15,716.00	£ 12,892.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 5,182.50	£ 7,132.20	£ 3,270.00
Current Balance	£ 10,533.20	£ 5,759.80	£ 4,430.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 4,553.20	£ 759.80	£ 4,430.00

**Grant Funding Application Summary**

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1870</a>	Community Area Grant	YMCA Kingfisher Nursery of the YMCA Brunel Group	YMCA Kingfisher Nursery outdoor play area	£2063.97	£1000.00

**Project Summary:**

**YMCA Kingfisher Nursery is based on the Bitham Brook School site and supports many families in the local community. Our families have been coming to the nursery for many years and the setting is well-regarded in the area. The nursery has a Good Ofsted judgement and a dedicated small team who do their best for every child. We have a large outside area and this year we would like to replace some of our equipment and to provide some new equipment for the children. We know that children, particularly boys, learn best outside and we want to give the children more opportunity to use better quality equipment to spark their imagination and natural curiosity.**

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1938</a>	Community Area Grant	Bratton Jubilee Hall Management Committee	Solar Panels for Bratton Jubilee Hall	£15500.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The village hall committee is determined to keep the hall financially viable while keeping hire costs as low as possible. Installation of a solar array and battery will reduce our electricity bills markedly and also provide some income in the summer months by contributing to the national grid.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1986</a>	Youth Grant	Westbury Parochial Church Council All Saints Church	Friday Fun Youth Club	£12468.60	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The Friday Fun Youth Club is a weekly club running for approximately 48 weeks per year for 11 - 19 year olds and held in Westbury Parish Hall. The sessions are held on Friday evenings from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. The project is a partnership between All Saints' Church (Westbury PCC) and 4Youth (SouthWest).</b></p>					

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

## Main Considerations

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

## Safeguarding Implications

- 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

- 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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