

Report To	Marlborough Area Board
Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 11 January 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 2021/22	£ 31,669.00	£ 17,780.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 21,350.00	£ 0.00	£ 4,279.16
Current Balance	£ 10,319.00	£ 17,780.00	£ 3,420.84
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 4,221.50	£ 280.00	£ 870.84

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG350	Area Board Initiative	Marlborough Town Council	Marlborough Area Youth Support	£23600.00	£17500.00
<p>Project Summary: While typically regarded as an affluent area, many young people in and around Marlborough face challenges such as lack of support for positive activities, poor mental health, and ongoing disruption to education from Covid. Social skills have suffered, and a higher level of anti-social behaviour is evident. We all know that having 'nothing to do' is a common complaint of the young but by encouraging our youngsters to be active participants in their own lives, taking responsibility for themselves and others, building confidence and a sense of belonging while having fun, is a key way forward to address some of the issues they face. Marlborough Youth Club goes a long way to meet these needs but to be sustainable Marlborough needs a Youth Worker and for that we need a vehicle through which they can be employed and to manage the grants and fund raising that will be required to support their work going forward. Funding is required to attract and retain an individual to start in the role</p>					
ABG228	Community Area Grant	Marlborough Tennis	Marlborough Tennis Defibrillator	£2195.00	£1097.50

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<p>Project Summary: Marlborough Tennis is located within the Golf Club complex but far enough away from the golf club to be remote and independent. Our membership is growing in numbers and we have members of all age groups, with many member over the age of 60 who use tennis as their means of keeping fit. The age profile is such that we are conscious of the need to have first class first aid facilities should the worst happen. The golf clubhouse is a good 15 minutes round trip walk/jog and this is where a defibrillator is located - too far away to make any difference should it be needed. The tennis club is aware that responsible sports clubs are having defibrillators installed and we feel that with our age profile of membership we should do the same. The Lawn Tennis Association is encouraging clubs to seek support for purchasing a model of defibrillator they recommend. The defibrillator comes with a carry bag. NOTE -our postal address is the Golf Club.</p>					
ABG318	Community Area Grant	Textiles and Stitch Around Marlborough	The Red Dress presentation	£450.00	£300.00
<p>Project Summary: extiles and Stitch around Marlborough (TASAM) is a new group that has formed as a result of a split of the Marlborough branch of the Embroiderers Guild from the National body, who chose to no longer support the various branches around the country and froze their assets. Consequently, TASAM presently has no funding other than members' subscriptions. However, the group continues to provide a venue and a focus for approximately 45 mainly retired women with an interest in textiles and embroidery who are based around the Marlborough area; the group does not limit itself by either age or gender, but that is the current situation. In order to broaden their experience in their chosen field, the group meets regularly in a local hall to enjoy social activities, workshops and visits by speakers who have in-depth knowledge and experience of certain specialisations. Of necessity, the group currently limit the cost of these visitors to £100 up to a maximum of £150. A project called the Red Dress recently came to the attention of some group members; it was conceived by Kirstie MacLeod who is a well-known textile and fashion designer based in the South-West, who is supported by Arts Council England. The project is an award-winning global collaborative embroidery project centred around a red silk dress. A platform for women's voices to be shared and heard, uniting people from around the world without borders or boundaries. The project has taken 12 years and involved sending a number of pieces of red, silk material to appropriate organisations in various countries around the world and ask them to create a piece of artwork of their choice on the material. Upon completion, the pieces were returned to Kirstie who used them to create the Red Dress. TASAM members are very enthusiastic about the project and would very much like the Red Dress to be brought to Marlborough and displayed so that information regarding its creation as an art work can be explained in detail. However, the cost of arranging this visit is £450 which is currently beyond the group's means. This event would also be an opportunity for TASAM to publicise their activities and ambitions to a wider audience, perhaps attracting new members. The benefits that TASAM brings to the community include socialising for potentially lonely and vulnerable people, learning new skills and techniques from like-minded individuals, and arousing the interest of young people to the possibility of fashion and textiles as a career.</p>					
ABG354	Community Area Grant	Marlborough Festival	Marlborough Festival 2023	£288560.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: We are applying for funding that will cover the costs of preparing a detailed event plan from the professional, SW based festival production company, Judge Day, for the proposed Marlborough Festival. The detailed event plan (together with its Marlborough High Street site plan) would become a reference document and community asset for future years, and would be made available to the producers of future events in the town. Event Plan Stage 1 -Budget -Crowd safety -Licensing, -Traffic -General Town Impact (noise etc) Stage 2 Final Event Management Plan developed ready for discussion at an ESAG in February (pre-plan November 21).</p>					
ABG338	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Alzheimers Support	Marlborough Movement and Music for the Mind project to support local people with dementia	£4514.40	£2250.00

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<p>Project Summary: Engaging with people with dementia and their carers in the most humane loving way possible is Alzheimer's Supports core methodology, treating clients and their carers as distinct individuals with their own life stories - not just service users. One of our most popular services is our Creating Connections programme of community-based activities, including our Music for the Mind and Movement for the Mind projects that utilise the power of music and exercise. Research has shown the value of exercise in stimulating brain function, increasing confidence and combating memory and cognitive problems. Equally effective, singing together in a supportive friendly group is uplifting, enjoyable and hugely therapeutic for people living with dementia and carers alike. Usually, these projects are run separately but in Marlborough we have combined these two allied formats into a single programme: The Marlborough Movement and Music for the Mind Project. Sessions are run weekly at the Village Hall, Mildenhall (accommodating social distancing and PPE measures) that cater for 18 people at any one time. Each session is led by trained Instructors, supported by a Support Facilitator, and incorporates a range of exercises designed to benefit people with a wide range of physical needs including those in wheelchairs or unable to stand. These activities are interspersed with a music session, with a fully qualified music instructor. People with dementia often retain song words and melodies and well-loved classics are part of the mix evoking memories encouraging conversation and enabling them to reminisce, share stories and participate in this social activity and we see increased confidence social interaction and general wellbeing. Members also sing rhymes and action songs that help with physical co-ordination. And because people with dementia often remember lyrics, carers are able to reconnect with their loved one to reminisce and share memories as they sing along to familiar tunes. Carers tell us that it helps recharge their batteries by reducing stress and anxiety and also enables them to reconnect with loved-ones for whom they now care. Carers will also be able to attend as they too can benefit from the chance to de-stress in a warm friendly environment. Each combined session will last for approx. 90 minutes followed by refreshments and a chance to chat with each other and the volunteers who help out with each session.</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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