

<b>Report To</b>	<b>Trowbridge Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday, 20 January 2022</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Trowbridge Area Grant Report</b>

## Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Trowbridge 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
<b>Opening Balance For</b> <u>2021/22</u>	£ 69,341.00	£ 30,464.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 16,743.92	£ 14,865.00	£ 4,000.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 52,597.08	£ 15,599.00	£ 3,700.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 29,743.53	£ 7,093.00	£ 2,150.00

## Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG146</a>	Community Area Grant	Trowbridge Wanderers Football Club	Trowbridge Wanderers Equipment	£3466.60	£1733.30
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Trowbridge Wanderers Football Club is a grassroots club providing opportunities for all to play football, based in Trowbridge Wiltshire. The club would like to seek area board funding to purchases new equipment, provision of PPE for the upcoming season and to provide funding to support further training for volunteer coaches to allow the club to continue to grow. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the club has suffered a shortfall of revenue into the club due to reduced training sessions and a loss of tournament income we are seeking support from the area board.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG227</a>	Community Area Grant	Hilperton Village Hall	Village Hall Outside Lighting	£1710.00	£855.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We currently have 6 Lights outside totalling 1800W. The project is to replace these lights with more efficient more effective lighting totalling 700W.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG267</a>	Community Area Grant	YMCA Brunel Group on behalf of YMCA Green Shoots Nursery	YMCA Green Shoots Nursery Outdoor Area Renovation	£12991.00	£5000.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Our outdoor area at YMCA Green Shoots Nursery in Trowbridge is in need of renovation. The children in the Studley Green Area access the outdoors on a daily basis. The area is prone to flooding and the equipment is worn and has depreciated over time. We urgently need to improve drainage and excavate and re-level the area. We also need to use some artificial surfaces to allow all year round access and make parts of the garden useable.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG279</a>	Community Area Grant	Trowbridge Rugby Football Club	Trowbridge Rugby Club Play Park	£29000.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Trowbridge Rugby Football Club is a registered charity that fosters a sense of community for Trowbridge and the wider community area. The club has an extensive volunteer base who support the clubs growth and sustainability at all levels. The club has a small play park which has been in place for over 8 years with minimal investment and is in need of replacement. Since the rugby club moved to its current location in 2013 the clubs membership and usage by the local community has increased. The club is now working on a covid recovery plan and working hard to increase participation developing new teams, including a ladies and walking rugby programme but it does not leave enough funds to replace the play area. The play facility is a vital resource to the club where the young people in the clubs community can access it for free and spend quality time with their families. The club aim is to engage and inspire the Trowbridge community through rugby regardless of age. The development of the play park allows families and the wider community around the club to have access an outdoor space which is engaging for both users and non users of rugby who are both regularly users or visitors to the facility. The park would allow a community park in the area around the club and allow for a creative, inclusive play area which will engage children from 3 -12 years old.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG339</a>	Community Area Grant	Stepping Stones	Garden project Phase 3	£4440.00	£2000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  In June 2020 Stepping Stones embarked on an ambitious project to upgrade our current garden/outdoor play facilities. We have success fully completed phase 1 and 2 of this project. Phase 1 - involved the removal of the current real grass area and groundwork preparation necessary for it's replacement with a new artificial grass surface. Refurbishment and improvement of some exciting play equipment. Phase 2 - construction of an indoor/outdoor classroom. Phase 3 - for which funding is now being sought is a)The replacement/upgrade of the play panels in our garden "Pagoda" and b) Outdoor movable play equipment suitable for Pre-school children which will bring a new perspective to the children's world of physical exploration, social and communication skills and to begin to develop imaginative play experiences. The equipment will have a multi-rotational design and will be able to be arranged creatively ensuring play experiences are unique to every child. With these play blocks we will be able to create new and exciting play trails/seating so that child can discover and experience new physical play skills each time it is moved and used. Giving children the opportunity to improve balance and co-ordination and gain confidence in their physical abilities.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG343</a>	Community Area Grant	Trowbridge Debt Advice Service	Trowbridge Debt Advice Service expansion and upgrade	£5870.50	£2935.25
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Since its inception in 2017 the service has continued to grow to meet the client demands. Our original IT equipment has now reached its end of life expectancy and needs replacing. We have also increased the number of Debt Advisors to keep pace with the client demand. Currently we have 7 Advisors using 5 laptops and this is not an efficient way of working. We are therefor seeking to both upgrade the laptops and also increase the number from 5 to 7. 3 of old laptops will be reconfigured to become "Kiosk" machines (these will then be able to be used by the growing number of clients who do not have IT access to make their online applications for things like Council tax reductions and housing benefit whilst receiving advice, and because they will be separate machines they will not breach the integrity of our secure system.) The other 2 machines will be donated to Wiltshire Digital Drive to be refurbished for their charity use.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG351</a>	Community Area Grant	Trowbridge Environmental Community	Trowbridge Environmental Community GROW Toolshed	£330.00	£330.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Trowbridge Environmental Community runs GROW, a community project at Gloucester Road allotments. Participants work together to plant, nurture and harvest vegetables. GROW is open to the Trowbridge community and provides an opportunity to participate in planting, nurturing and harvesting vegetables. The group works collaboratively with individuals joining in at a pace that suits each person. GROW also reaches out to local groups and organisations eg., Sanctuary Housing. As part of its activities, the group aims to reuse and repurpose materials needed for example, as plant supports. The project in addition will be tending and maintaining a wildlife area on the allotments giving further chances to learn about biodiversity, the relationships between plants and humans. For this particular project, we wish to build a toolshed to manage and enhance our activities at the site.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG353</a>	Community Area Grant	Friends of Broadmead Pond	Repair and improve Broadmead Pond	£12395.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  To survey for Great Crested Newts as per wildlife legislation before investigating the issues surrounding the leak the pond has. The aim is to not only repair the pond, but remove the need for the tap (chlorinated water), desilt it to make it more suitable as a breeding pond for newts and other wildlife but also increase the accessibility for local residents and visitors to enjoy. We will lay a new disabled access path, install a notice board and life-saving equipment and ensure the group continues passed this grant to maintain the pond for future generations.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG349</a>	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Alzheimers Support	New flooring for Mill St Trowbridge Day Club supporting local people with dementia	£4750.00	£1550.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Engaging with people with dementia and their carers in the most humane loving way possible is Alzheimer's Support's 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 are our award-winning Day Clubs that follow our trademark formula of small group activities, a relaxed informal atmosphere and high staff ratios allowing everyone to follow their own preferences. A full day out in a supportive, stimulating environment is hugely beneficial to people living with dementia and provides a real break for family carers. Our clubs are run by specialist staff and trained volunteers who focus on the person rather than the dementia. Boosting confidence, building relationships and creating opportunities for social engagement are at the heart of their ethos. Inspirational is not a word automatically associated with dementia day care, but carers and professionals alike have used it to describe the thoughtful, person-centred and uplifting world of the Mill Street Day Club on Mill Street, Trowbridge. First opening its doors in 2014, this spacious, purpose designed Club is thoughtfully laid out with members' art on the walls, a snooker/table tennis table and an indoor garden area (complete with water feature) which provides a quiet space and allows members to experience more natural surroundings. No two days are the same at Mill Street, where recent activities have included art therapy, weaving, cookery, board games, reminiscence therapy including using the club's iPad, dance, poetry and prose and a wide range of visitors from the local community. The club uses its prime position to forge close links with the local community and has a well-established link with Holbrook Primary School. The Club is open 4 days a week for up to 10 people per day. Inevitably, after nearly a decade's service as a Day Club (and as an industrial unit before that), the flooring tiles are starting to degrade to the point where they will ultimately become a safety issue. Whilst we are not at that stage yet, we are keen to re-lay the floor now for both safety and logistical reasons: If we leave the tiles to degrade to the point where we have to replace them, we would inevitably have to close the whole club for a period of time whilst the builders worked across the entire floor area and then cleaned up. Far better, in our estimation, to replace tiles on a planned, incremental process, area by area, that will reduce disruption and ensure the long-term safety of our members. In addition, by having the work done out of hours (on a Monday), we can also significantly decrease the daily charge rate. We have been fortunate to secure more than 65% of the total cost for this project from charitable sources. We would be very grateful if the Board would now consider supporting the shortfall for this project which will make a very real difference to all our Mill Street members over many years to come.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG291</a>	Youth Grant	The Amber Foundation	Ambers Health and Wellbeing workshops	£7012.00	£3506.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>            At our centre in Trowbridge we look after up-to 30 young people at any one time. It is a safe and nurturing environment where we provide much more than a bed and board. Every young person receives a holistic package combining support, structure, new opportunities and relevant training designed to address what is holding them back, challenge their limited aspirations and equip them with the self-belief and resilience to move forward. Our objective is clear – young people leave when they are ready to move on to suitable accommodation with sustainable employment or education / training. Part of being ready is to ensure that the young people in our care have built up the necessary skills to live independently. Young people cook for each other, ensure the site is clean and help with the maintenance when necessary. This helps to build the 'life' skills needed to live independently. As well as practical skills, Amber runs workshops on a variety of topics that help young people to identify, understand and overcome barriers that previously stood between them and employment, education and sustainable accommodation. Examples of the workshops include: - Managing stress and uncertainty - Understanding healthy relationships - Safety and risk management in the home - Specific training in adult literacy and numeracy - Conflict resolution Over the course of their time at Amber (which is on average 6-9 months), young people are expected to complete at least 3-4 workshops a month, many of which result in qualifications. In reality, most complete far more, building up a substantial set of qualifications and skills to support them when they leave; and, often these will be the first formal qualifications that our residents will have attained. During the Covid-19 pandemic, we were fortunate enough to keep our centre open as the young people who stay with us had nowhere else to go. The past few months have been challenging, but we have stuck to our programme as far as possible, as providing routine, structure and stability to the young people at this time has been hugely beneficial. Many of the young people have been apprehensive about both the pandemic and how the future economic downturn will affect their already limited prospects. Given this, we have increased the number of workshops we have run that deal with coping strategies for anxiety and stress, and we have also helped the young people access online learning opportunities. We are looking for support towards the cost of development and delivery of these workshops. Each workshop takes our Team Leaders 6 hours to plan and deliver.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG310</a>	Youth Grant	Trowbridge Future	Trowbridge Future Apprentice	£21651.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>            During this exciting time in our organisation we have the opportunity to provide a local young person with an opportunity to undertake an apprenticeship within in our youth programme. We are looking for a contribution to support the salary, training and on-costs of a youth apprentice, for one year, recruiting someone who has grown up in these communities who understands the needs and concerns of young people. By doing this we will upskill a member of the community to become a trained youth support worker who will act as a positive role model for young people who come to our youth clubs. They will be able to support over 200 young people each year through the development of youth-led creative and issue-based activities based on the ideas of the young people themselves that help us learn and shape future activities. We are working with Bath University as external evaluators who will help us learning about the impact of this work and how it can support future positive activities for young people. We work closely with the Police, the local social housing providers, schools and social services to ensure we engage and support those most in need.</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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