

Report To	Westbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	Thursday, 17 February 2022
Title of Report	Westbury Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Westbury 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	£ 31,433	£ 12,892	£ 7,700
Awarded To Date	£ 11,075	£ 5,325	£ 1,620
Current Balance	£ 20,358	£ 7,567	£ 6,080
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 3,239.90	£ 2,567	£ 6,080

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG384	Area Board Initiative	Westbury Area Board	Bitham Brook Phase 2	£3370.00	£1870.00
<p>Project Summary: Following Phase 1 of the improvements which took place in 2021, we would like to extend the improvements to the surrounding of the Bitham Brook to beyond The Mead and around the Mead Lakes Area of the brook.</p>					
ABG464	Area Board Initiative	Westbury Area Board	Westbury Community Area Pollenator Friendly Areas	£4000.00	£4000.00
<p>Project Summary: To assess potential spaces around the Community Area for suitability for making pollenator friendly spaces. To include but not limited to Wildflowers and similar. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) have been consulted and are keen to work with us on the project, and will provide advice on suitable areas. They will also advise on how to make them pollenator friendly e.g. which species of plant would work well in each particular area. Further advice will be given by WWT on ongoing maintenance and management of the recommended areas. Volunteers to implement these management plans will be sought before any action taken.</p>					
ABG230	Community Area Grant	Dilton marsh and Brokerswood PCC	Holy Trinity church Projector and Screen with sound system upgrade	£16814.00	£5000.00

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Project Summary: Installation of fixed retractable screen and fixed projector for presentations. Upgrade of present sound system					
ABG344	Community Area Grant	Wiltshire Digital Drive	Wiltshire Digital Drive	£9600.00	£4800.00
Project Summary: Wiltshire Digital Drive is a non-profit making organisation and every penny raised, or laptop donated, goes directly to support the community in Wiltshire. Our vision is to bridge the growing digital divide in Wiltshire. To make sure that everyone in the county benefits from the opportunities that technology affords us. Just like a bee brings pollen from flower to flower to help the environment, we bring technology from person to person to enable education and bridge connectivity between communities. Recycling, refurbishing and re-using unwanted machines					
ABG404	Community Area Grant	Westbury Heritage Society	Westbury Heritage Society moving forward	£450.00	£450.00
Project Summary: Having moved into our new location at Westbury Library, WHS is looking at ways raise our profile, bring more visitors into the centre and also to continue to fund raise. The society has decided to rename the space it occupies at the library to "Westbury Museum run by Westbury Heritage Society" to give visitors a clear indication of what can be found there. A forward plan is being developed which will guide our steps over the next three years but it is important to maintain what is a real community asset to the town by providing flexible exhibition space which will inspire and excite interest in the town's heritage. We encourage visitors, and especially provide a space for those who have lived and worked here to reminisce on their lives within the community. This enables the society to collect those historical "nuggets" of times gone by which will form part of a forthcoming "Voices of Westbury" project.					
ABG427	Community Area Grant	Edington Parish Hall	Carpet bowls	£998.10	£998.10
Project Summary: Purchase of suitable carpet bowls equipment for community use. This equipment would offer many opportunities for fun social interaction between people of all ages and would also enable people with limited mobility to join in as carpet bowls can be played sitting down. It would also give the opportunity for people to learn new skills The bowls target mat would offer a fun activity for those who did not want to play the full version. This project has been instigated following initial research among villagers who consider it to be a valuable addition to the facilities available in the Parish Hall.					
ABG382	Youth Grant	4Youth South West	Detached Youth Workers and Counselling support for Westbury	£29102.00	£5000.00
Project Summary: We would like to continue to deliver our Detached Youth Work and Counselling work in Westbury as we have seen a considerable demand over the past 13 months and have built some great relationships with the young people in the community. Our detached youth workers are working in the community every Tuesday and Thursday evening visiting areas where young people congregate, whilst our counsellor provides 1-2-1 counselling support for young people based at The East Wing Practice in Church Street.					

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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