

Report To	Chippenham Area Board
Date of Meeting	Monday, 14 March 2022
Title of Report	Chippenham Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Chippenham 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 <u>2021/22</u>	£ <u>67055.00</u>	£ <u>30500.00</u>	£ <u>7700.00</u>
Awarded To Date	£ <u>45678.98</u>	£ <u>30341.00</u>	£ <u>5500.00</u>
Current Balance	£ <u>21376.02</u>	£ <u>159.00</u>	£ <u>2200.00</u>
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ <u>1216.02</u>	£ <u>159.00</u>	£ <u>1200.00</u>

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG390	Community Area Grant	Heritage Trails Project	Heritage Trails Leaflet Reprint	£2600.00	£420.00

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<p>Project Summary: Back in early 2019 the Heritage Trail Project approached both the Corsham and Chippenham Community Area Boards for grants to support the development of a series of eight Heritage Trails to encourage the local community and visitors to appreciate the historical environment and experience the natural beauty of our North Wiltshire countryside. Since then, the Project has delivered the eight way marked Trails, improved the Public Rights of Way, with the assistance of the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens and Northwest Wiltshire Ramblers, and has had two print runs of the eight Trail leaflets totalling 32,000 leaflets. We are now down to our last box of each of the eight Trail leaflets, approx. 360 of each. We believe the continued delivery of these of Heritage Trails aligns well with both the Chippenham and Corsham Town Council Strategic Plan to promote health and wellbeing. Especially over the past 2 years when the Trail leaflets have enabled our local communities to explore their local environment due to the necessary travel restrictions. In addition, the project has supported both directly and indirectly several other organisations and programmes that include, but not limited to: Walking for Health, Corsham Walking Festival, Walkers are Welcome (Corsham is a member of this Association and the Heritage Trails have been mentioned and commented on in the last two annual returns) and the Cotswolds National Landscape. Therefore, we would like to apply for funding for an update to the trail's information and a third print run of 2000 leaflets for each of the eight trails. We have obtained costings from Pear Tree Studio's for the printing which comes to £2450 and await their costs for minor updates to the leaflet information which I estimate at £150. Total cost = £2600. The breakdown of funding is proposed below: Heritage Trail Project - £520 Cotswold National Landscape, Wardens Countryside Fund Grant (yet to be applied for) - £400 Leaving £1680 to be split between grants from the CABs of: Corsham CAB - £1260 Chippenham CAB - £420 The CAB figures are based on that ¾ of the leaflets are linked to the Corsham CAB and ¼ are linked to the Chippenham CAB.</p>					
ABG527	Community Area Grant	Sheldon Road Methodist Church	Sheldon Road Methodist Church Energy Saving Project	£29983.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: The project is to install solar panels and battery on a roof of the church and to install secondary double glazing in the older windows.</p>					
ABG529	Community Area Grant	Chippenham Cycle Network Development Group	Cycle path chicane barrier removals	£6000.00	£3000.00
<p>Project Summary: Please note: This application is for a portion of the £10,000 grant funding set aside for capital projects to tackle climate change. Transport is the biggest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in Wiltshire. Cycling represents a low-cost alternative to the car for many short journeys, for those who are able to. To get more people cycling their short journeys in Chippenham, we need a network of safe car-free or quiet routes that will be attractive to all potential users. Unfortunately, some of Chippenham's existing cycle routes have chicane barriers in them (see image attached to funding application for an example). These hinder or exclude certain (potential) users of the paths, thereby making it less likely that these people will make journeys by bicycle/tricycle. These barriers are in some cases also illegal under the Equality Act 2010, meaning Wiltshire Council could face thousands of pounds in damages if a disabled person was to take it to court. The Chippenham Cycle Network Development Group has been working with Chippenham CATG to have all chicane barriers removed from Chippenham's cycleways, and replaced where necessary with bollards or other safety interventions that protect path users, but importantly, do not exclude any legitimate path users in the way chicane barriers do. CATG terms of reference stipulate that CATG funds can only be spent on works on land under the control of Wiltshire Council's Highways department. Of the 10 chicane barriers we have identified, 6 are on Highways land, and we have secured funding and approval for these to be removed, including via CATG. The remaining 4 are on land under the control of Wiltshire Council's Rights of Way (RoW) department. CATG rules mean that CATG funds cannot be used to fund the barrier removal works on this land, since it is not 'highway'. We therefore need to raise the funds for the removal of the remaining barriers, to enable us to complete this vital accessibility project, and thereby make Chippenham's cycleways significantly more inclusive and attractive. The total cost of this project includes: * Removal of the chicane barriers * Replacement with bollards * Other safety measures to protect people walking, wheeling and cycling, on a site-by-site basis. This includes tactile paving, surface markings and signage</p>					
ABG530	Community Area Grant	Chippenham Town Council	Chippenham Town Centre CCTV System	£37763.00	£3500.00

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<p>Project Summary: Chippenham Town Council has this year invested £34,264 into upgrading the CCTV infrastructure and is keen to work with partners to build upon further CCTV coverage in areas needed. Chippenham Youth Council has raised concern regarding young people feeling safe around the Olympiad and the installation of refreshed cameras at Monkton Park would be beneficial to the local community.</p>					
ABG546	Community Area Grant	Spero community food bank	Spero Food Bank	£6000.00	£3000.00
<p>Project Summary: To provide better facilities for our community food bank. We need a storage shed, an awning to protect from the weather and better community notice boards.</p>					
ABG551	Community Area Grant	Avon Needs Trees	Protecting 10000 trees in a biosecure way	£2500.00	£1250.00
<p>Project Summary: This new project is to protect the 10,000 trees recently planted at Stanley Lane, which was supported by Chippenham Area Board and Chippenham Town Council. This involves mulching around the trees to protect them. This is a smaller operation than at Hazeland as we have used mulch mats, but a smaller amount of mulch is needed to help control weeds (without chemicals), to retain moisture to help tree survival and to prevent soil erosion. To ensure biosecurity a combination of purchased pre-treated mulch and donated mulch is used. Donated mulch needs received limited treatment on site.</p>					
ABG550	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Chippenham Library	Chippenham Library Pause and Relax activities	£11729.00	£3990.00
<p>Project Summary: A 2021 survey revealed that 50% of the customers considered that the Chippenham library supports their health & well-being. As part of the team plan to create of a vibrant communal high street location where customers can meet, learn, develop skills and engage in culture we are aiming to provide a more welcoming 'Pause and Relax' area where customers will stop, stay and socialise. The area can also be used for informal health and wellbeing drops-in by practitioners and local partners to assist in alleviate social isolation, improve community cohesion & support social mobility. The grant would also enable purchase of storage equipment for a new Lego club to assist the development of STEM physical and mechanical skills in a library setting. It is proposed that this will be a multi-generational activity engaging teenage volunteers to support children and parents at the club.</p>					
ABG554	Health and Wellbeing Grant	OUR TIME PROJECT	Movement and inspire film for elders Chippenham	£1000.00	£1000.00
<p>Project Summary: Film for elders Chippenham : To deliver a high quality interactive film for elders in a residential home Seymour House Order of Saint Johns care trust in Chippenham working closely with Hayley the activities coordinator encouraging physical and mental stimulation in these times of isolation. Working closely with the home of Saint Johns care trust and continuing a good relationship with the home the bespoke film will be interactive and creatively sensitive ; working to the needs and different levels of residents taking into consideration their physical abilities and mental cognitive abilities. The aim is to inspire and stimulate both physically and mentally using visualisation and theatrical creative themes working through gentle movement . Working with active elders, less active and bed bound elders who require sensitive stimulation and breathing exercise specially after covid. Working through creative stimuli written, produced and delivered by the Our Time Project experts. Ultimately the work will be uplifting , and reaching out in these times of isolation. The film can be used on numerous occasions reaching as many elders as possible. Based in Wiltshire, OUR TIME PROJECT Company delivers high quality theatre and movement workshops to elderly communities. We specialise in working with very frail elders (both physically disabled and active), those who have endured strokes, and those who suffer from dementia. Each workshop is a unique experience, tailor-made to the needs and requirements of each group. It is the ethos of the company to have an innovative approach to ensure life-enhancing interactive creative work See website www.ourtimeproject.com</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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