

Report To Melksham Area Board

Date of Meeting Wednesday, 22 June 2022

Title of Report Melksham Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Melksham Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young person's grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through subgroups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
Opening Balance For 2022-23	£ 22,309.00	£ 18,349.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 3,000.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 19,309.00	£ 18,349.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 16,172.00	£ 17,349.00	£ 6,400.00

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Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG652	Community Area Grant	Keevil Village Hall	Keevil Village Hall Sound System	£6774.00	£3137.00
<p>Project Summary: The existing sound system is old and the hearing loop system doesn't work. We have quotes to supply and install an updated sound system including new hearing loop</p>					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG653	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Carer Support Wiltshire	New Carer Cafe in Melksham	£2601.00	£1300.00
<p>Project Summary: Carer Support Wiltshire are applying for funds for a new Carer Café in Melksham. The Café is due to start on the 5th May at the Kings Arms Hotel in Melksham. It is a monthly group open for all carers to take a break from their caring role, make new friends, enjoy some tea and cake, and chat with others in relaxed, friendly surroundings. There is always a volunteer on hand to help and discuss issues carers face. Tea, coffee and cake is provided at each café, up to £6.50 per carer and we expect an average of 6 carers to attend every month. We will publicise the Carer Cafe using a multi-platform approach: posters, social media, newsletters and local media. Costs also include staff, including our Volunteer Manager who is responsible for the setting up and running of the cafe such as finding and booking the venue, recruiting and training the volunteer/s who run the Carer Cafe, and ensuring it works logistically, occasionally providing cover if volunteers are unable to attend. Our communications staff are responsible for designing and distributing marketing materials to promote the new Carer Cafe within the local community. The Admin team take bookings for the group, answer questions about it and encourage carers they speak with to attend the group. Overheads are calculated automatically given the staff time associated with this project. Carers who are unable to attend the Carer Cafe, as a result of transport or respite issues, will be supported by our Operations team who will help them understand the benefit and funding options available to them.</p>					
ABG698	Youth Grant	AFC Melksham	AFC Melksham Disabled football teams coaching	£2217.00	£1000.00
<p>Project Summary: Each year AFC Melksham run weekly coaching sessions for disabled people aged 11 upwards. These sessions are free to users with FA Qualified, DBS cleared coaches giving their time free of charge. We also enter the teams in Wilts FA Ability Counts leagues and they play 5 tournaments a season across Wiltshire. Most players cannot afford fees or kit, so we support this need from kind grants such as this This meets a need in Melksham and surrounding areas that otherwise is not in place. We also actively encourage parents and carers to come along to make it a family weekly event</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 person's 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 subgroups 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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