

Wiltshire Council**Corsham Area Board****20 July 2023****Corsham Area Grant Report****Purpose of the Report**

- To provide details of the grant applications made to the Corsham Area Board. These could include:
 - community area grants
 - youth grants
 - older and vulnerable people grants
 - area board initiatives
- To document any recommendations provided through sub-groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2022-23	£ 16,527.00	£ 13,816.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 3,500.00	£ 6,213.00	£ 3,116.66
Current Balance	£ 13,027.00	£ 7,603.00	£ 4,533.34
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 7,827.00	£ 6,578.00	£ 4,533.34

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1241	Area Board Initiative	Corsham Area Board	Climbing Wall at Thingley Travellers Site	£950.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Wiltshire Council's Engagement and Partnerships Team is working in partnership with The Open Blue Bus Charity and other services at the Council including Libraries and Public Health to deliver a multi-agency family fun event at Thingley Caravan Park to coincide with Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month. The event will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 20th June. Following consultation with residents on the site including young people, it was agreed a climbing wall would be a positive activity that would engage all age groups at the event. Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team will provide the climbing wall.</p>					

ABG1255	Community Area Grant	Corsham Orcas	Corsham Orcas Timing blocks	£20000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: we are currently looking for grants and doing some fundraising towards some timing pads for the club to own these are essential for our sim meets! These cost around £20,000 so would be fab if we could start off with a good lump sum- our most recent meet funds will be going towards this too and our meet in December! currently we have to rent these timing blocks which cost £1000 a time and have a times not been that reliable but unfortunately not many places rent them, so we have to stick with this supplier. it would be great if we could be a self sufficient club. Our most recent gala meet brought 150 swimmers from as far as Tiverton.</p>					
ABG1258	Community Area Grant	1st Neston and Box Scout Group	Establishment of new Scout Troop in Box	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: The background to this request is that 1st Neston and Box Scout Group has two Cub Scout packs, one at Neston and one at Box. Cubs are aged 8 to 10.5 years old. Both Cub packs are highly successful with 35 Cubs in Box and 40 Cubs in Neston. Cubs move on to become Scouts. We currently have only one Scout Troop covering young people aged 10.5 to 14 years old. Over the past few years, the Scout troop has been highly successful at retaining young people as members, and hence has grown to 41 scouts. Our predictions show that the continued success of Scouting in the Neston and Box area would result in a Scout troop of nearly 120 young people - clearly an unsustainable number for one Scout Troop, and hence we have been investigating forming a second scout troop. We are now in the position where we have secured enough adult leader help to launch the new Scout Troop, and also been able to secure the weekly use of the Selwyn Hall in Box - but what this new Troop does is place an additional burden on the equipment the Scout Group has. We are looking to formally start the new Troop from 8th Sept 2023. This Area Board Funding request would support: (1) Purchase of a new ceremonial flag for the troop (used during Scout Investitures and also at events such as Remembrance Sunday) - cost is £300, (2) one extra camping/hiking tent to support the increased numbers of scouts (£200).</p>					
ABG1253	Youth Grant	The Stay Safe Initiative CIC	The 2024 Digital Empowerment Programme	£1450.00	£725.00
<p>Project Summary: To help address the ever-growing issue of online harm / abuse and the impact social media is having on young people. The Digital Empowerment Programme has been designed to be delivered in secondary schools to enable us to reach hundreds of our communities young people and families and will not only help them to stay safer online, but will also allow them to have a bright and positive digital future.</p>					

Background

3. 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.
4. 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)
 - Youth Grants (revenue)
 - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

Main Considerations

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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.

7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
8. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

Safeguarding Implications

9. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Public Health Implications

10. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Environmental & Climate Change Implications

11. 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.

Financial Implications

12. Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

Legal Implications

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

Workforce Implications

14. There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

Equalities Implications

15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
16. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils equal opportunity to receive funding towards community-based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

Proposals

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.