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## Warminster Area Grant Report

### Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Warminster Area Board. These could include:
  - community area grants
  - youth grants
  - older and vulnerable people grants
  - area board initiatives
2. 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 2023/24	£ 21,559.00	£ 19,457.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 10,203.35	£ 2,280.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 11,355.65	£ 17,177.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 3,857.87	£ 12,233.50	£ 4,700.00

### Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1345</a>	Community Area Grant	Grovelands Countryside and Wildlife Volunteers	Grovelands Countryside and Wildlife Site Mowing Project	£5400.00	£2500.00
<b>Project Summary:</b> The funding is required for the purchase of a Walk-behind Field Mower/Brush Cutter. The Grovelands Countryside and Wildlife site is 17.85 acres of public open space maintained by local volunteers. This piece of equipment is urgently needed to extend our ability to keep the footpaths and extensive meadows under year round control, and accessible to all.					
<a href="#">ABG1348</a>	Community Area Grant	Warminster Action Group	Warminster Community Shed	£9997.78	£4997.78

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  The Warminster Community Workshop, an extension of the Warminster Action Group (WAG), aims to be a multi-generational sanctuary for creativity, skill-sharing, and emotional well-being. Designed as a member of the UK Men's Sheds Association, this initiative will provide a communal space that tackles prevalent issues such as loneliness, mental health, and intergenerational skill gaps. We intend to equip the workshop with a range of tools and technologies that cater to both traditional craft like woodworking and modern, tech-driven activities. This project will not only act as a catalyst for community cohesion but also offer a safe haven where people can work on projects, foster connections, and contribute to a more unified, skilled, and mentally resilient local population.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1268</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£10455.00	£1500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW) will use arts &amp; heritage activities to reach the most isolated older people in the Warminster area, helping to tackle loneliness and aiming to improve their health and wellbeing through creative and artistic engagement. In particular CAW will target those people who are vulnerable and socially isolated due to frailty, ill health, dementia, poor mobility or caring responsibilities. Our programme has developed four different strands of both live and online activity to meet the needs of this group. CAW is a partnership of community organisations across the county with Wiltshire Music Centre as lead organisation.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1329</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Warminster Area Health and Wellbeing Forum	Digital inclusion in the Warminster Area	£730.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  The aim of the project is to reduce the impact of digital exclusion by raising awareness of services designed to help older and vulnerable people have fair and equitable access to the digital world. There is a growing need for people of all ages and capabilities to use many services through a digital portal. While for some this is seen as an advantage, for others; particularly those who are older, who have additional physical or mental needs or who lack friends and family support - the digital world can be a confusing and alienating space. We aim to use two face to face events at Wiltshire libraries, along with an ongoing communication campaign, to support people by showcasing the range of various service provider that support digital inclusion in a cohesive and accessible way. Thus allowing people to more easily access the services that will directly (and indirectly) have an impact on their physical and mental health and wellbeing.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1343</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Longbridge Deverill Parish Council	Defibrillator	£2800.00	£1000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Longbridge Deverill Parish Council currently has a defibrillator located at The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill this was installed under a South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT) scheme in May 2016, the scheme was renewed in 2020, however SWASFT have advised they will no longer be able to provide the scheme free of charge. The scheme SWAST provides is for four years, which includes annual training for members of the public, replacement of any used items, replacement if damaged or vandalised. With the busy A350 running through the parish the Council feel it is a vital piece of equipment and would also like to provide one at the Bath Arms, Crockerton – this second one would be at a reduced cost of £1000 plus VAT. Defibrillators have proven to be life saving in the event of a cardiac arrest.</p>					

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<a href="#">ABG1313</a>	Youth Grant	Warminster youth club	Warminster youth club core costs	£8827.00	£4093.50
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We are a youth club for 11-19 year old's and up to 25 with SEN. We run every Thursday during term time 4:45-6:15pm. We offer young people support with LGBTQ+, Bulling, Sex. alcohol, drugs , friendships and family issues. We offer an informal education running weekly activities such as low level sports cooking baking and arts and crafts. Were possible we offer extra sessions as well as a young leadership course.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1339</a>	Youth Grant	2238 Warminster Squadron Air Cadets	Warminster Air Cadets MTA Kits	£1734.00	£850.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We are looking to purchase a MTa Team kit from Experiential Learning. This is a building kit that will be used to teach predominantly teamwork and leadership skills to our cadets aged 12-18.</b></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

6. 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.