

South West Wiltshire Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the South West Wiltshire 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	£ 24,876.00	£ 21,148.00	£ 8,200.00
Awarded To Date	£ 24,617.02	£ 7,664.88	£ 4,500.00
Current Balance	£ 258.98	£ 13,483.12	£ 3,200.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 258.98	£ -5,516.88	£ 1,000.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1599	Area Board Initiative	South West Wiltshire Area Board	South West Wiltshire Youth Partnership Forum start up fund	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Area Boards are required to work with an existing, or set up a Youth Forum to facilitate a strong partnership approach to youth engagement. The forum's responsibilities will be insight and evidence gathering of the scale and location of needs, developing a programme of events to supplement and support existing community led activities, to facilitate youth voice and influence in board decisions, and to strengthen the local offer of positive activities for young people.</p>					
ABG1520	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Music Centre	Creative Conversations	£2484.00	£1200.00

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<p>Project Summary: A 6 week Creative Conversations series of sessions for isolated, vulnerable, older adults who live in the Steeple Langford area and surrounding villages. The sessions will be targeted towards those who are not currently engaging in much social activity and with the support of local volunteers and Wiltshire Council Housing Community Engagement team will be encouraged to attend. Sessions will involve bespoke conversation topics, gentle creative activity, time for talking, light refreshments and peer support, led by a highly experienced creative facilitator and supported by a local volunteer who knows the participants.</p>					
ABG1585	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Sounds Better 2022 CIC	Sing and Breathe Mere	£2860.00	£1000.00
<p>Project Summary: Sounds Better wish to expand their singing for breathing project to support the residents of Mere and surround areas. The project would support people with lung health conditions, breathlessness and long covid, to learn how to manage their breathing more effectively through singing, voice and breathing exercises and gentle movement. We will pilot 18 hour-long singing sessions with a trained singing for lung health facilitator between April and October at the Mere Lecture Hall. We will work collaboratively with local organisations (such as the GP surgery and foodbank) to recruit participants in addition to the local people who have already shown interest in the project. We anticipate participants will have learned specific breathing techniques to enable more effective breathing, gained social and peer support from others in similar situations, and improved their quality of life. We will signpost participants to other organisations as appropriate for additional support.</p>					
ABG1563	Youth Grant	The Chalke Valley Fete Committee	Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show 2024	£3750.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: To provide leisure and recreational activities as part of the Fete programme. This may include archery, climbing wall, tennis and other come and try it activities</p>					
ABG1576	Youth Grant	Dinton Cricket Club	Dinton Cricket Club Non Turf Wicket	£11067.60	£3000.00
<p>Project Summary: In 1996 Dinton Cricket Club laid down a non-turf playing wicket. After 28 years it is no longer useable and in desperate need of replacement. Dinton Cricket Club offers the ECB's All Stars and Dynamos (4-11 year olds). For the last two years 60 boys and girls have taken part in the programme at our club, one of the highest in the county. These programmes provide a fantastic first experience of cricket for all children and having run these programmes for two years we are now able to start our own colts section within the Club. Doing this will mean we can continue the development of those that are too old for All Stars and Dynamos but not yet old enough to be playing adult cricket. To ensure the provision of a safer player surface we for the colts it is essential that we replace the non-turf wicket that we currently have which due to age is no longer safe to play on. A non-turf wicket also means that the usual rainy English summer will not prevent us from playing fixtures and conducting training, meaning that we can continue to keep the youngsters engaged in the sport throughout the summer regardless of the weather.</p>					
ABG1577	Youth Grant	Seeds4Success	Open Access Youth Work Drop In and Outreach activities	£21433.48	£5000.00

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<p>Project Summary: We would like to continue to deliver and develop our open access youth work offer to young people living in South West Wiltshire. This includes our Tuesday evening youth club in Wilton and our Friday Night 'drop in' sessions in Mere (with transport provided from a range of location in the Mere and Tisbury community areas) as well as our twice monthly 'workshop' session at Mere.</p>					
ABG1581	Youth Grant	Seeds4Success	Young Peoples Health and Wellbeing Project	£16090.90	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: This project provides a weekly health and wellbeing session for young people on Monday evenings at the Nadder Centre in Tisbury. Young people are able to participate in a range of sports and games, access the fitness suite and also engage with other health and wellbeing activities such as art therapy and cooking. To ensure the project is accessible to as many young people as possible we provide transport with a minibus coming from the Wilton Community Area and one from the Mere community area as well as making no charge for any our activities.</p>					
ABG1591	Youth Grant	Semley Music Festival Community Group	Semley Music Festival	£21038.50	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: This is a community not-for-profit event aimed at young people and families. It is an outdoor event held on Church Common in the centre of our village. This will be our third festival. It provides a showcase for both emerging young local musicians and also international, established artists. This year we are working with and supporting local youth charity Seeds4Success by involving their students and want to be able to make a financial contribution to the charity after the event.</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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