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**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**

	<b>Community Area Grants</b>	<b>Youth Grants</b>	<b>Older and Vulnerable People Grants</b>
<b>Opening Balance For 2024/25</b>	£ 24,876.00	£ 21,148.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 19,895.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,927.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 4,981.00	£ 19,648.00	£ 5,773.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ -9,744.00	£ 19,148.00	£ 3773.00

**Grant Funding Application Summary**

<b>Application Reference</b>	<b>Grant Type</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Requested</b>
<a href="#">ABG1893</a>	Area Board Initiative	South West Wiltshire Area Board	Intergenerational Big Band Christmas Party	£500.00	£500.00
<b>Project Summary:</b> <b>The Celebrating Age Programme is scheduled to deliver a regular activity in December 2024 for South West Wiltshire. We would like to make this a bigger style intergenerational Christmas event in partnership with St John's Primary School, Tisbury.</b>					
<a href="#">ABG1923</a>	Community Area Grant	Community Transport South Wiltshire	Community minibus replacement	£70000.00	£5000.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Our project is to replace an older non accessible bus used on our shopper services for our elderly and disabled users with a more reliable, up to date eco-friendly vehicle with wheelchair access. This will enable us to continue the service we provide into the future. The figures indicate that we have some funds put aside for this and are seeking a contribution from different sources to build on them. We at the Community Transport South Wiltshire charity have been serving the community for 28 years, making an average of 50k passenger journeys per year to provide transport for those most in need. We continually evaluate what we do, build on what we have learnt and move forward into the future in a positive way. We run 18 door-to-door minibus 'Shopper' services, a volunteer car service and a scheduled town bus service. We make our minibuses, with their qualified drivers available to community groups to enable them to achieve their objectives. The demand for our buses to be wheelchair accessible is increasing so the need to replace the non-accessible bus is imperative to reach all those in need. We work closely with other organisations both statutory and voluntary to ensure our services are well known. We want to continue doing this despite the rising cost of replacing vehicles.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1931</a>	Community Area Grant	Steeple Langford Childrens Play Area	New lawn mower for Steeple Langford Play Area	£2900.00	£1450.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  The Steeple Langford Children's Play Area owns an old, push lawn mower which is not suitable to cut the grass in the play park. This grant is to allow the SL play area committee to purchase a sit on mower which is more appropriate for the size of the play park and will (I hope) attract more willing volunteers to assist with the maintenance and upkeep of the park.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1935</a>	Community Area Grant	Swallowcliffe Village Hall Management Committee	Swallowcliffe Village Hall fire exit door replacement	£1875.00	£937.50
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  see above</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1939</a>	Community Area Grant	Broken Bridges Nature Reserve Ltd	Broken Bridges Nature Reserve purchase of land	£218000.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Fitzgerald Farm,36 acres of agricultural land known locally as Broken Bridges is currently for sale. It lies in the Parish of Netherhampton between two outlying area of Salisbury, Lower Bemerton and Harnham and is traversed by a public Right of Way. Broken Bridges Nature Reserve Ltd, awaiting confirmation of its status as a CIC(Community Interest Company) wishes to purchase this land for community benefit, to manage it in an environmentally friendly way, improve biodiversity, improve access for the public, and work with partners to provide activities that foster health and wellbeing and understanding of the environment.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1958</a>	Community Area Grant	Semley Village Hall	Semley Village Hall Kitchen Refurbishment and New Entrance Door	£4675.00	£2337.50

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  The kitchen at Semley Village Hall is used to provide food and drink at community and private events. However, the ageing small cooker is faulty and not fit for purpose, the radiant heaters are inefficient, and frosted glass windows need replacement with clear glass units. The wood entrance door is difficult to open and close during the wet winter months making it difficult for people especially those with disabilities to open and close the door. The project will replace the cooker with a larger unit, the heaters with more energy efficient units, two undershelf cabinets with new smaller cabinets to allow the cooker to be installed, frosted glass windows with clear units; and replacement of the front door with a more secure wheelchair accessible UPVC unit. This will provide fit-for-purpose kitchen facilities to meet the increased demand for food and drink due to increased numbers of community events at the hall where food and drink are served including screenings by Semley Film Club attended by a wide range of local people, fund raising events for the local branch of Royal British Legion, fund raising for extra-curricular activities at Semley School, and community Quiz nights. These are in addition to private events where the kitchen is also used. The new entrance door will also make access to these events much easier for those with reduced mobility or those who rely on wheelchairs.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1943</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£10809.00	£1500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Celebrating Age Wiltshire is a Creative health and wellbeing project that delivers high quality professional creative arts, music, theatre and heritage events and activities on a monthly basis for older, vulnerable adults in local daytime settings.</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 person's 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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