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**Corsham Area Grant Report**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. 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
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 2024/25	£ 16,527.00	£ 13,816.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 13,000.00	£ 4,659.00	£ 2,500.00
Current Balance	£ 3,527.00	£ 9,157.00	£ 5,200.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 2,527.00	£ 7,227.00	£ 450.00

**Grant Funding Application Summary**

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1996</a>	Community Area Grant	Prospect Estate Community Defibrillator	Prospect Estate Community Access Defibrillator	£2400.00	£1000.00

**Project Summary:**

In 2022 permission was sort to install a pole on the street located on the corner of Woodborough Rd and Broadmead. A solar panel was installed to provide a source of power for a heated AED cabinet securely storing a defibrillator. Appendix A shows photos of the location and the pole. Unfortunately, the winter of 2023 proved that solar power was not a reliable source of power for the cabinet and it was damaged and a replacement sort. As a temporary measure the new cabinet was installed number 85 Broadmead. Funds would go towards purchasing a new pole and connection to an underground electric network. This would be an un-metered connection. The cabinet would then be moved and connected. Atkins Realis are working with the nominated contractor on setting up the adoption and connection agreement with Scottish and Southern Electricity Network (SSEN). The group has obtained an MPAN or Meter Point Administration Number, is a unique 13-digit number that identifies an electricity supply point in Great Britain. A copy of the certificate has been included with this application.

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1908</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Rural Music	Keep Music In Mind helping older people especially those living with dementia in the Corsham area	£1500.00	£750.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  'Keep Music in Mind' takes free live acoustic music and song sessions of 45 minutes to older people (especially those living with dementia). This can be in care homes or at dementia specific day clubs, and some day clubs for older people some of whom may have early symptoms. There are additional important benefits for carers. Music has medically proven well-being and health benefits for everyone, especially older people and those living with this dementia, a disease which sees a person slowly change and fade away. Our performances, delivered by experienced professional musicians, also really help carers (often older people themselves or working age family members) partly as if they get a much needed recharge if the session is at a day care club which looks after the person with dementia for a couple of hours, and also as they hear of/see the person they are slowly losing 'come back' for a short time when hearing the music and singing much loved songs. This provides a huge wellness boost and decreases feelings of isolation for carers in our community who carry out this invaluable and often thankless role. It also boosts resilience helping them to care for the person living with dementia in their own home. We developed this program in 2020 in conjunction with Alzheimer's Support Wiltshire, and it has been hugely successful. Keep Music In Mind is delivered to care homes and memory cafe's and day clubs in Wiltshire. The majority are dementia specialists but some benefit day clubs for older people many of whom are older and isolated. The application below will detail potential organisations which will benefit from this bid.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1951</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>					
<a href="#">ABG1991</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Inclusive Intergenerational Dance	Creative Lunch	£7660.00	£2500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Creative lunch provides a welcoming, safe and warm space for older adults, people living with long term health conditions including dementia and their carers to participate in a movement group, lunch followed by an art group. Which aims to help increase participants physical and mental health and wellbeing and lower feelings of isolation and loneliness. It currently runs every other week, 12 months of the year. The project has helped build connections and developed into a supportive group with friendships which reach beyond the sessions. We see improvement in physical health, strength, flexibility, stamina, coordination and balance as well as in mental health, we witness people's confidence growing and the connections and shared experiences the group enables peer to peer support, across a wider range of issues from rehabilitation post stroke to supporting those with loved ones moving into care or bereavement.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1997</a>	Youth Grant	SMASH Youth Project	After School Peer Mentoring Sessions	£3860.00	£1930.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We would like to provide wraparound after-school peer mentoring provision for secondary-age children at The Corsham School on 1 or 2 days per week. These sessions would follow our relational-based peer mentoring model, using our 8 mentoring standards, recognising that meaningful mentoring towards outcomes like improved confidence in education and self-worth can best be achieved through engaging expressive arts activities. To this end, using our knowledge base and experience with mentoring young people impacted by trauma, we would like to facilitate peer mentoring sessions in partnership with local art groups like Pound Arts or Rag 'n' Bone Arts. Facilitated artistic/expressive sessions will give young people at risk of not attending school, or for example on reduced timetables, the confidence to overcome barriers, mentoring each other by building connections and achieving a sense of belonging through reflection on overcoming common challenges. We envisage the sessions to be 90 minutes at the end of the school day.</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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