

Report to	South West Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	01/02/2017
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Fovant Village Hall Management Committee Project Title: Fovant Village Hall new kitchen View full application	£2829.50
Applicant: Mere Footpath Group Project Title: Mere Footpath group - equipment View full application	£370.33
Applicant: Mere PCC Project Title: St Michaels church toilets View full application	£1000.00

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2016/2017 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

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.

4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

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

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

8. Safeguarding Implications

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

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2213	Fovant Village Hall Management Committee	Fovant Village Hall new kitchen	£2829.50
Project Description: Strip out old kitchen units and cooker modify plumbing and electrics as required for new units. Fit new kitchen base units sinks and wall cupboards. Fit new ovens hob unit fridge and dishwasher.			
Input from Community Engagement Manager: The applicant gave a presentation requesting a community area grant for this project at the Area Board meeting on 7 December 2016, and it was agreed in principle that the Area Board would fund £2,144 towards the project subject to the necessary information being provided. Since that meeting the costs of the project have increased and therefore this application is to consider an increased contribution of £2,829.50. This is a capital project and the applicant has committed to paying 50% of the project cost, meeting the community area grant criteria.			
Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2167	Mere Footpath Group	Mere Footpath group - equipment	£370.33
Project Description: Now that we have repaired or replaced many of the stiles in Mere we are able to			

spend more time keeping the many footpaths clear. This is supported by many walkers, do look at our facebook page. We need another piece of equipment, a petrol hedge-trimmer which would speed up our work and enable us to keep more paths clear during the growing months of the year where the incursion of plants like bramble obstruct paths and stiles. Our regular team has grown and quality secateurs and gauntlet gloves are needed for the new members.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

Mere Footpath Group have fully engaged in the Area Board's Public Rights of Way Improvement Programme and Circular Walks initiatives.

This is a capital project and the applicant has committed to paying 50% of the project cost, meeting the community area grant criteria.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2128	Mere PCC	St Michaels church toilets	£1000.00

Project Description:

At the western end of mere there is the library, which is also a museum, and information centre with links to Wiltshire Council. Next door is the Grove Building used by clubs and societies including the Cubs, Scouts and Guides and many meetings. Opposite is the parish Church, grade 1 listed and visited by people from all over the world. The nearest toilets are 400 metres away. It is proposed to install a disabled and an ordinary toilet in the base of the church tower. The church is usually open from dawn to dusk. The church is used increasingly for concerts and meetings as well as the church services and is very much a focal point of the town. Many visitors do of course bring trade to the shops restaurants and public houses.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

It is intended that the toilets will be open and available to members of the general public, not just for users of the Church.

This is a capital project and the applicant has committed to paying more than 50% of the project cost, meeting the community area grant criteria.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

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

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