

<b>Report to</b>	Bradford on Avon Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	28/11/2019
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grant funding

**Purpose of the report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Bradford on Avon Bowls Club  <b>Project Title:</b> Organic Maintenance and Improvement Programme for Bowling Green</p> <p><a href="#">View full application</a></p>	£2340.00
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Bradford on Avon Town Council Christmas Lights Committee  <b>Project Title:</b> Bradford on Avon Christmas Lights Switch on.</p> <p><a href="#">View full application</a></p>	£2000.00
<p><b>Applicant:</b> West Wilts Gymnastics and Fitness  <b>Project Title:</b> West Wilts Gymnastics and Parkour Safety Pits</p> <p><a href="#">View full application</a></p>	£1000.00
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Monkton Farleigh Village Hall  <b>Project Title:</b> Monkton Farleigh Village Hall window replacement</p> <p><a href="#">View full application</a></p>	£800.00
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Wiltshire Music Centre Trust Ltd  <b>Project Title:</b> My Science Fair 2019</p> <p><a href="#">View full application</a></p>	£2500.00

## **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 2018/2019 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. The budget shows current uncommitted expenditure of £18,653 in 2018/19.

## **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
<a href="#">3071</a>	Bradford on Avon Bowls Club	Organic Maintenance and Improvement Programme for Bowling Green	£2340.00
<p><b>Project Description:</b> Purchase of equipment to set up an Organic Maintenance and Improvement Programme for the Bradford on Avon Bowls Club bowling green. This organic work will be carried out in future by Club members which will reduce the dependence on outside contractors and reduce the annual cost by 2.5 to 3k pa thus ensuring the long term financial sustainability of the Bowls Club.</p> <p><b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b> The beneficiaries of the project will be local people, both existing members and new, and will provide a welcoming facility to visitors and local families for their events. All members, particularly seniors, will be actively involved in sport and socially integrated at modest prices. Events are run for young people, such as the Scouts, and the facility is available for public hire with equipment and instruction coaching provided. The Club is a progressive modern club with Men, Ladies and Youth sections and is a member of Bowls England and the Wiltshire Bowls Association.</p> <p>The Club has decided to change to an organic system of grounds maintenance and to have more members carrying out the work. The savings to the Club will be 2.5k to 3k pa from year three of this new programme. We plan to make our experience available to other sports clubs in BoA and in the county of Wiltshire.</p> <p>The BoA Bowling Green is now in the ownership of BoA Town Council following the asset transfer of Culver Close recreation ground. The Club receives a grant of £ 4,000 per annum from the Town Council towards its total bowling green maintenance costs of approx.£ 8,000 per annum, so the Area Board would be contributing towards a 3-way funding partnership with the Club and the Town Council.</p>			
<p><b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3093</a>	Bradford on Avon Town Council Christmas Lights Committee	Bradford on Avon Christmas Lights Switch on	£2000.00
<p><b>Project Description:</b> Every year the Christmas Lights committee organises the annual Christmas Lights Switch-On which is facilitated by the Town Council for the benefit of the town, local villagers and visitors to the town alike. The event is important in the annual</p>			

calendar and features the lights switch-on together with entertainments and refreshments. As well as helping to sustain a good community spirit, some of the local shops stay open late and the crowds attending provide a spending boost for the local economy. The event is co-ordinated by local businesses and community groups in association with the Town Council, and is the traditional start of the countdown to Christmas and the celebrations of local restaurants, pubs and other businesses.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

In previous years the Town Council has hired in much of the infrastructure however the event has grown such that they have now agreed to procure their own infrastructure to ensure the event is sustainable. The Town Bridge lights have recently been removed and replaced in time for the new Christmas LEDs to light up the town.

The Town Council has contributed funding from revenue streams and its reserves and has secured business sponsorship and sales income towards this £ 12,000 project. An Area Board contribution of £ 2,000 towards capital items would be a one-off contribution towards set-up costs and more modest event costs in future years will be covered by the Town Council.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2989</a>	West Wilts Gymnastics and Fitness Club	Gymnastics and Parkour Safety Pits	£1000.00

**Project Description:**

We are looking to fund the installation of safety pits filled with foam for safe Parkour Gymnastics and Trampolining training. This new installation will also make Gymnastics more accessible for people with specialist needs due to the increased safety it will give participants.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

Many individuals will benefit from this project including existing members and those who will be recruited as a result of the project. The installation of the safe landing pits will mean that the club’s existing gymnasts, trampolinists and parkour members will be able to learn more difficult skills in a safer environment and this will increase their skill levels. This in turn will be evident at the events, competitions and displays they attend which will draw new participants to these sports and the club as people see what our members can do.

The new facility will mean that we can expand our Adult Programme and Pre-School Programme as it will provide a safer environment in which participants can learn. We currently have programmes both for Home Educated children and for Autistic Adults, the latter in partnership with the National Autistic Society. We would also hope to expand both these provisions and reach out to other Disability groups once we can offer the soft landing pit as an additional facility for learning.

As we draw more participants into the facility as a result of the publicity the new soft landing area receives, we will be able to cross-sell our existing activities both to young people and to adults to increase their up-take as well. The club already provides Pre-School daytime and weekend classes, Recreational Gymnastics and Trampolining, evening and weekend Parkour sessions, School daytime and after-school bookings, fitness classes, a fitness suite and Parties. This means we will constantly be encouraging more individuals to take up physical activity especially in our target groups of 7-16 year olds and adults.

Towards the £ 10,000 costs of the installation, the Club has raised £ 3,000 from the Trowbridge Area Board, £ 1,000 from the Westbury Area Board and the balance from activities including competitions, sponsorship, a Bar B Q and raffle.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3057</a>	Monkton Farleigh Village Hall Committee	Village Hall window replacement	£800.00

**Project Description:**

Replacement of rotten wooden frames in the 1990s extension, where the windows are in kitchen toilets and storeroom.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The whole village community would benefit from this project. The hall is used by organisations such as the Parish Council and Womens Institute as well as Knit and Natter and a fortnightly community Coffee Morning which provides social contact for the members of our community who may find it difficult to get out of the village. Commercial hirers include a weekly Pilates class and weekly Martial Arts classes for children - if these were not running in the hall the participants would have to travel to Bradford on Avon to access similar facilities. Also the hall acts as the village place of safety in our Disaster Plan and we need to be able to keep it dry and warm should the occasion arise.

The village hall committee has very limited means and serving a small community they have difficulty in making ends meet. They are taking steps to reduce their fuel expenditure and have other maintenance issues that need addressing. They need to be prudent and keep some reserves for unplanned situations.

A grant of £ 800 from the Area Board can be made without the need for match funding from the applicant.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3095</a>	Wiltshire Music Centre Trust Ltd.	My Science Fair 2019	£2500.00

**Project Description:**

My Science Fair is a free interactive day of performances workshops and presentations aimed at engaging young people in music and science. Returning for its seventh year the Fair invites participation from c.400 children and their families from Bradford on Avon and the surrounding area. This free inclusive event aims to excite and stimulate young minds by providing outstanding cross-curricular experiences including experiments and exhibitions, performances and workshops led by professional musicians. Prior to the Fair we will support c.30 school pupils aged 5-11 to plan and develop their own science experiments as part of a My Science Fair competition.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

My Science Fair is a free inter-generational event which attracts over 400 children and their families from Bradford on Avon and the surrounding area including pupils from Christchurch Primary School. The Fair provides an educational, fun and inspiring opportunity for young people to engage in scientific exploration and music-making, enhancing their knowledge of these subjects and supporting educational and personal development outcomes. Children feel a sense of ownership of the projects that they create, gain in confidence and enjoy new experiences as part of the Fair. These outcomes are supported by high quality activities led by professional musicians and scientists from leading universities and institutions. Activity leaders and panellists for My Science Fair 2018 included engineers from Bath and Durham Universities, engineers from Anthony Best Dynamics and top musicians Adriano Adewale and David Garcia. The Fair is also focused on encouraging community cohesion and involvement across all ages and abilities. Through fundraising the organisers are able to make participation in My Science Fair free to all to support participation from young children from low income households.

Throughout the lead up to the fair the organisers will keep accurate records of data to aid with evaluation. They will ask those pupils who are designing a science experiment to answer a short series of baseline questions in order to assess their prior experience of science activities outside the classroom. On the day of the fair the organisers will create displays which encourage those attending to give their feedback in a creative way so as to be inclusive for people of all ages and abilities. They will also have volunteers on the day to take feedback in person. Furthermore all participants will be asked to complete a questionnaire during or post event in which the organisers will gather more in depth feedback to evidence whether or not the project achieved its stated aims.

The Wiltshire Music Centre has fundraised £ 4,749 from sponsorship and grants towards project costs of £ 7,249. My Science Fair is an annual project and the organisers aim to reduce their dependency on grant funding by continuing to develop income for the project from Corporate Sponsorship - previous sponsors include Anthony Best Dynamics and Ebeni.

A one-off contribution by the Area Board could be considered this time, but for ongoing annual support a more appropriate funding source would be the Colonel Llewellyn Palmer Educational Charity.

**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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