

Report to	Westbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	05/12/2019
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Westbury Town Council Project Title: Community Fridge	£412.65
Applicant: Westbury Walking Netball Group Project Title: Volunteer host training course	£100.00
Applicant: The Independent Living Centre Project Title: ILC - Benefits Advice Service View full application	£3000.00

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 2019/2020 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
	Westbury Town Council	Community Fridge	£412.65
Project Description: To purchase a new fridge to replace the old one which has come to the end of its useful life.			
Input from Community Engagement Manager: The reason for this being approved between meetings was because the old fridge broke unexpectedly so the community fridge organisers needed to buy one quickly in order for the service to remain ongoing immediately for those families in need.			
Proposal That the Area Board notes the award of this amount			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
	Westbury Walking Netball	Volunteer host training	100.00
Project Description: The Westbury Walking Netball group has enjoyed a successful first few weeks. Around 20 ladies, mostly of an older age have enjoyed taking part. In order for the session to be ongoing requires a volunteer group leader. One has been found but she needs to go on a course which costs £80, so it was agreed that the Area Board would cover the cost of this course and up to £20 in travel expenses.			
Input from Community Engagement Manager: The reason this was approved between meetings was because there was an appropriate course that took place the weekend before the Area Board meeting. Because it was a relatively small amount, it was felt that getting the volunteer group leader on the course so that the group could stay up and running, would be			

worthwhile

Proposal

That the Area Board notes the award of this amount.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3488	The Independent Living Centre	ILC - Benefits Advice Service	£3000.00

Project Description:

The Independent Living Centre ILC provides impartial advice to older people and their families living in Wiltshire through an on-site Occupational Therapist OT and a benefits advice service. However less than 13 of our annual income comes from local authority commissioned contracts. In 2018-19 we supported 29 people in the Westbury area with benefits advice that enabled them to access approximately 55k of benefits per annum. We would therefore like to request a grant of 3.0k from Westbury Area Board to enable us to enable more people and their families to access the benefits to which they are entitled.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This was approved between area board meetings due to a misunderstanding which meant that the ILC representative was not present in the room when this application was heard at the last area board meeting and the decision was taken to defer it. Any questions that the board had have been answered via email and the board members are now satisfied enough to award the grant.

Proposal

That the Area Board notes the award of this amount

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

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