

Report to	Marlborough Area Board
Date of Meeting	26/01/2021
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below:

Capital Funding

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Froxfield Parish Council Project Title: Froxfield Nature Reserve	£5,000.00
Applicant: Transition Marlborough Project Title: Marlborough Community Fridge	£500.00
Applicant: Area Board Initiative – Cllr Davies Project Title: Topographic survey, Forest Hill	£1,500.00
Applicant: Area Board Initiative – Cllr Dobson Project Title: Social distancing barriers, Kingsbury St.	£5,000.00

Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£12,000.00
Total capital funding allocated to Marlborough Area Board 2020/21	£33,264.00
Total amount awarded so far, 2020/21	£13,589.00
Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	£7,675.00

Youth Funding

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Marlborough Tennis Project Title: Supporting youth development	£2,698.00

Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£2,698.00
Total Youth funding allocated to Marlborough Area Board 2020/21	£19,634.00
Total amount awarded so far, 2020/21	£6,478.00
Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	£10,458.00

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 2020/2021 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

Capital

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3891	Froxfield Parish Council	Froxfield Water Meadow Nature Reserve Boardwalk	£5,000.00

Project Description:

The Froxfield Nature Reserve covers an area of former water meadow and includes new water courses and ponds which have been dug to encourage a greater diversity of wildlife, insects and plants; all created by teams of volunteers. Working with Action for River Kennet the group has restored the chalk stream river banks, planted wetland wildflowers and a new wildlife-friendly hedge. The vital next step will be to install a solid recycled plastic boardwalk winding through the wild area allowing access for all into the heart of the boggy nature reserve with a viewing platform at a pond.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The project to create the nature reserve so far has already created many opportunities for volunteers from the village to be involved in the work. By installing the new boardwalk, there will be easy access all through the reserve for everyone to enjoy. There is already interest from residents at The College and from nearby schools.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Froxfield Parish Council for £5,000.00

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3956	Transition Marlborough	Marlborough Community Fridge	£500.00

Project Description:

Marlborough Community Fridge with an aim to cut food waste build stronger bonds within the community and provide people with nutritious perishable food items. Community Fridges are one tried and tested way of stopping good food ending up in the bin a simple way of enabling communities and businesses to share good food that would otherwise go to waste.

Marlborough's Community Fridge has already been installed at a community room at George Lane car park. This grant will pay for equipment to start the wider project of allowing local people to share healthy food.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

Community fridges are a proven way to prevent food waste (from shops, markets, allotments and private homes) and get it out into the communities that need it most. Marlborough's community fridge will also provide a focus for providing help to those families and individuals who need help with e.g. healthy cookery, shopping on a budget, finance/budgeting or other support.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Transition Marlborough for £500.00

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
4004	Area Board Initiative – Cllr Davies	Topographic survey, Forest Hill	£1,500.00
<p>Project Description: A topographical study is required around the entrance to Savernake Hospital on the A4 as a precursor to a CATG project to improve road safety and pedestrian access in that location. This will hopefully improve pedestrian safety in the area and encourage walking both to the hospital and to the Savernake Forest.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: CATG supports this work to help increase safety around the junction to Savernake Hospital. This survey will be a pre-cursor to help support further speed reduction work or even a re-modelling of the current junction to support these aims</p> <p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Cllr Davies for £1,500.00</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
	Area Board Initiative – Cllr Dobson	Barriers for social distancing, Kingsbury St.	£5,000.00
<p>Project Description: The pavement at the bend in Kingsbury St, at the Town Hall, is particularly narrow. There has been a request from nearby businesses to find ways to create better social distancing for customers using these businesses and for pedestrians generally. During the current pandemic this is very important to allow people to keep a 2m space at this narrow pavement and sharp bend. These barriers have already been agreed through CATG and installed by Highways.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The barrier was installed in early December as Lockdown 2 was ending. It has proven to be popular and allows customers to wait safely outside the barber's and for customers to sit outside the café. Now we are in a new national Lockdown, the barrier allows pedestrians adequate space to walk round the narrow corner safely whilst keeping a social distance.</p> <p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Cllr Dobson for £5,000.00</p>			

Youth Funding

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
879	Marlborough Tennis	Supporting youth development	£2,698.00
<p>Project Description: This project will offer free tennis training to young people aged 13-16 targeted on</p>			

disadvantaged areas of Marlborough, including Marlborough East – north which ranks 33rd most deprived out of 285 in Wiltshire and is within easy walking distance of the tennis club. Phase 1 will provide free tennis training, balls and equipment on loan and facilities for 24 young people over 12 weeks. Phase 2 will transition half of the young people to a new programme of six weeks with equipment now made free. Phase 3 will move all the interested participants into a full annual junior's membership at the club for only £5.00 with the remainder of the membership costs subsidised by the club.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

Marlborough Tennis has new facilities at their new site and want to make the most of them. This project will open tennis to a new group of young people, it will give them coaching and for those that wish to continue, there will be a further 1 year's membership at a heavily subsidised price. This project can also be extended to a larger group of young people if there is more interest.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Marlborough Tennis for £6,298.00

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

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