
Westbury Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Westbury 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 2023/24	£ 15,716.00	£ 12,892.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 543.50	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 15,716.00	£ 12,348.50	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 9,889.00	£ -950.00	£ 7,700.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1321	Community Area Grant	Leigh Park Community Centre	Replacement tables	£4055.51	£2000.00
Project Summary: We are in need to replace the folding tables we bought 10 years for the community centre, the tables we have left have deteriorated significantly. We would normally of purchased these tables from our saved reserved but with the covid impact we have very little reserves left after continuing to pay utility bills, insurance, furlough leave etc with zero income and are still seeing the impact post covid on revenue. The tables we are looking to buy have a 10 year guarantee and have a 100% recyclable frame					
ABG1337	Community Area Grant	Bratton Community Brass Bands	Bratton Brass Roots	£7654.00	£3827.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p>Project Summary: In 2015 we set up a training band to teach beginners how to play brass instruments. This has been very successful and the band (now renamed Bratton Brass Band) is now able to perform at concerts and community events. Covid restrictions affected our ability to recruit new players and this combined with a lack of music education and brass teaching in schools means that children are losing the opportunity of benefiting from the wider advantages of learning an instrument. We now have the opportunity to make a difference by starting an additional new group utilising the musical expertise of players within our organisation to teach primary school aged children to play music in a Brass Roots club. We wish to purchase suitable instruments for them which are specifically designed to be comfortable for younger players.</p>					
ABG1301	Youth Grant	4 Youth South West	Detached Youth Work and Counselling support for Westbury	£31411.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: We would like to continue to deliver our Detached Youth Work and Counselling work in Westbury as we have seen a considerable demand over the past 12 months and have built some great relationships with the young people in the community. Our detached youth workers are working in the community every Tuesday and Thursday evening visiting areas where young people congregate, whilst our counsellor provides 1-2-1 counselling support for young people based at The East Wing Practice in Church Street.</p>					
ABG1312	Youth Grant	Westbury Youth Club	Westbury youth club core costs	£9202.00	£3298.50
<p>Project Summary: A weekly youth club during term time running every Wednesday 6-7:30pm for young people aged 11-19 and up to 25 with SEN. We offer the young people support on challenges that they are facing such as sex, drugs, LBGTQ+ money, friendship, bullying and family issues. We offer weekly session offering an informal education from cooking and baking to arts and crafts to celebrations for end of term, Easter, Halloween and Christmas.</p>					
ABG1320	Youth Grant	Leigh Park Community Centre	Skills for personal development and employment 2023	£10478.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Project purpose: To further develop opportunities for young people to access programmes that develop their practical and social skills, provide further educational attainment, open doors and support careers and employability, provide recreational and sports outlets, learn about and conserve the natural environment, and engage as full members of their communities.</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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