

Report To Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting Thursday, 07 July 2022
Title of Report Trowbridge Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Trowbridge Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young persons grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

| | Community Area Grants | Young People | Health and Wellbeing |
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| Opening Balance For 2022/2023 | £ 34,670.00 | £ 30,464.00 | £ 7,700.00 |
| Awarded To Date | £ 0.00 | £ 0.00 | £ 0.00 |
| Current Balance | £ 34,670.00 | £ 30,464.00 | £ 7,700.00 |
| Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations | £ 14,670.00 | £ 30,464.00 | £ 7,200.00 |

Grant Funding Application Summary

| Application Reference | Grant Type | Applicant | Project | Total Cost | Requested |
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| ABG577 | Community Area Grant | The Amber Foundation | Ambers Bedroom Refurbishment Project | £20520.00 | £5000.00 |
| <p>Project Summary: For many of our young people, Amber is the first safe and secure place they have lived for years. These young people have often experienced family breakdown, leaving care, childhood trauma, poor mental health, addiction, prison release or losing a job. Before arriving at our centre, young people have often been living chaotic lives and do not know how to take care of themselves properly, often lacking the confidence and self-belief they need to live fulfilling lives. We therefore want to ensure that our centres are inviting, comfortable and homely places for them to regroup, deal with their past traumas and be supported by our trained staff to move on to bright, independent futures. Our Wiltshire centre, provides a home for up to 30 young people at a time. From February 2021- February 2022 we housed more than 75 young people, meaning the bedrooms get an awful lot of use. Our centre is now in need of repair and supporting young people with vital independent living skills is a key focus of Amber's development programme. The bedrooms and bathrooms are now in desperate need of redecoration and updating, along with window refurbishment.</p> | | | | | |
| ABG591 | Community Area Grant | North Bradley Peace Memorial Trust | Safe access for North Bradley Peace Memorial Trust recreation ground | £18525.00 | £5000.00 |

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| <p>Project Summary: The need for more parking is often apparent. User groups such as youth football, Brownies and Guides and our older people's club always require far more safe, onsite parking than is available. This is also the case for large functions and events such as the annual fete. We need to be able to provide sufficient safe parking onsite. Parking on Westbury Road is not a safe option. Our proposal is for rubber mat surfacing that would allow safe parking without spoiling the sports pitches as grass grows through & it cut as normal. We would also like to provide some bike storage racks. We will purchase the matting & soil & sand for levelling & self install with committee members & volunteers from user groups & local residents. Our part time handyman will help & oversee the project.</p> | | | | | |
| ABG713 | Community Area Grant | Studley St Johns Rainbows Brownies Guides and Rangers | Studley Rainbow Brownies Guides and Rangers new building to store equipment | £19988.00 | £5000.00 |
| <p>Project Summary: Studley units are wishing to purchase a wooden store/building to store their equipment , this building needs to be strong secure dry and vermin free to store canvas tents and other essential equipment which is used by all groups. Studley units have been in existence for many years and an average over 50 young people attend every week from the local community. Currently all the tents and equipment are stored in our own homes and garden sheds, the marquee is also used by the local local community in the summer months for events . Other equipment is stored in private sheds in gardens which is not easy to access when needed, the current store / shed is over 25 years old and shows wear and tear, the roof is constantly having to be replaced. All units meet in Studley St Johns church hall weekly and all units are run by volunteers . All units store a small amount of the weekly equipment in a cupboard in the hall which is shared with other organisations that use the hall which is not an ideal solution.With all the equipment in one secure location this would make insurance simpler . the units are all attached to St Johns Church who are very supportive of Girlguiding and joint activities are often undertaken in association with the church such as barbecues, fundraising activities and other community joint activities. The proposed store would be located in an area at the back of the church hall where all units meet, on this basis all units would have equipment easily accessible and available when needed, and provide a long term facility for storage. Young people from the age of 4 to 18 will benefit as all units would have equipment where they meet, the store will provide easy access to the community and units to access equipment . We have already been granted planning permission for the store.</p> | | | | | |
| ABG714 | Community Area Grant | Trowbridge Future | Longfield Portakabin | £26000.00 | £5000.00 |
| <p>Project Summary: Establish a dedicated youth and community space on Weavers Drive in the heart of the community of Longfield. Trowbridge Future will use this funding to contribute towards the purchase and installation of a portakabin. Trowbridge Future have been delivering youth work from the community centre and school, as well as detached youth work in the community for many years. We have also recently started hosting our Longfield Community Fridge (re-distributing un-sold food items from supermarkets) from the community centre. As part of our work we recently completed a survey that identified that local people are interested in running a local craft group, a mother and toddler group and want to see more activities for young people on the Estate, amongst other things. Unfortunately there is no available space in the community centre and there is a desperate need for more community space for local people to connect and build peer support. We have also recognised that the main hall in the community centre is not appropriate for running the types of youth activities with the level of need of the young people we support. In Seymour and Studley Green, our other priority areas, we have managed to secure a portakabin that offers a dedicated space for youth and community activities. We would like to replicate this model on Longfield and feel confident that we will be able to deliver a rich portfolio of activities based on the needs of the community. We are keen for the portakabin to dovetail with the community centre and support a synergy of activities over time.</p> | | | | | |
| ABG487 | Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding | Trowbridge Womens Shed | Trowbridge Womens Shed Publicity Campaign | £901.45 | £500.00 |

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| <p>Project Summary: The Trowbridge Women's Shed aim's to enhance the health and wellbeing of women in the Trowbridge area, by providing a safe space, the opportunity to meet up, make friends and join in with a range of activities including DIY, arts, crafts, and other interests. We are welcoming and inclusive, and we aim to create a connected community where women are empowered to pursue their interests. We wish to reach out to more women in our community and to enable that to happen, we request a grant for publicity and advertising materials.</p> | | | | | |

1. Background

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.

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)
- Young People (revenue)
- Health and Wellbeing (revenue)

The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. 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.

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

2.3. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

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

Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

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.

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

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