

Report To Marlborough Area Board
Date of Meeting Tuesday, 21 March 2023
Title of Report Marlborough Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Marlborough 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
Opening Balance For <u>2022/23</u>	£ 15,835.00	£ 17,786.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 15,835.00	£ 16,646.00	£ 4,610.81
Current Balance	£ 0.00	£ 1,140.00	£ 3,089.19
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 0.00	£ 140.00	£ -0.81

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1111	Area Board Initiative	Marlborough Area Youth Forum	Local Youth Organised Summer Event	£2500.00	£1140.00
<p>Project Summary: 6th Formers at St John's, Marlborough will work with the Marlborough Area Youth Forum (the Forum), to organise a summer event for the 13 - 17 age group to 'mirror' that organised annually by Marlborough Area Poverty Actions Group (MAPAG) for primary school age children, with a focus on attracting disadvantaged young people. St John's 6th Formers are looking for opportunities to volunteer and proposed this initiative for which funding is sought to keep the costs for those attending as low as possible.</p>					
ABG1082	Community Area Grant	Alzheimers Support	The Marlborough Dementia Project	£1180.00	£590.00

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<p>Project Summary: Our project comes in two parts: our Marlborough Memory Café (based in the Coronation Hall on the Green at East Grafton) provides a welcome and much-needed space where local people living with dementia and their carers can socialise with others in a similar position and also receive advice and support from trained volunteers and staff members – as well as the all-important tea and cake! We would now like to install 4 planters at the Café to improve the space and make it more attractive to potential members. The planters will be made by our colleagues at our Corsham-based Memory Shed which provides a creative outlet for people who like working with their hands. They have quoted us £75 per planter. As noted in our previous successful application, whilst we of course recognise that East Grafton itself is sited in the adjoining Pewsey Area Board catchment area, half of its users come from within the Marlborough area: out of a total of 14 couples who use the East Grafton Memory Cafe, 7 couples come from within the Marlborough area, with the remaining 7 couples coming from as far away as Tidworth, although the bulk are from the Pewsey Area Board catchment – a 50% / 50% split. We would also like to help our local weekly Music for the Mind project, based at the Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge, that brings joy to people with dementia. Music is a powerful connector that helps people with dementia communicate, express feelings and share moments of joy, poignancy and remembrance by unlocking parts of the brain that retain lyrics and melodies. In addition to singing, the group are also keen to offer the opportunity to play musical instruments – an opportunity that would also aid manual dexterity and physical co-ordination as well as the joy of re-vitalising old skills – or learning new ones! We would therefore seeking funding to enable us to purchase some more instruments for our Music group members. We have 6 couples from the Marlborough area who take part in our Music group, once again representing half of the total membership. Given this equal split across both groups, we are asking the Board for £590 towards this project - 50% of the total costs.</p>					
ABG1007	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Arts Together	Arts Together Projects for Isolated and Vulnerable Older People	£6995.00	£2500.00
<p>Project Summary: Arts Together is a Wiltshire charity that runs a support group for isolated and vulnerable older people in the Marlborough area, offering meaningful creative activities that build trust, confidence and friendship and support them to stay living at home within their community. In 2023 we will run 6 art projects in Marlborough, led by local artists and supported by local volunteers and a professional carer. Each project takes place over a 5-week block at a weekly art group held in the Bowls Club lounge, Marlborough. Assisted transport is arranged for the group members, the majority of whom would be unable to attend otherwise. We also provide refreshments, a hot lunch and a warm accessible place to be at each weekly project session, increasingly important for frail older people during this cost-of-living crisis. Our art tutors are professional artists fully insured and with DBS checks, and our volunteers and support team (also DBS checked) are trained in supporting members who might have barriers to taking part either through poor health, disability or mental health issues. This year our costs have increased enormously. The transport costs alone are set to more than double from our budgeted amount due to increased need from members and increased running costs from our service provider. The food and materials costs have also greatly increased. We are constantly fundraising and request £2500 from Marlborough Area Board towards the cost of running 3 of these engaging, confidence building and life enhancing 5- week projects in 2023 for some of the most vulnerable members of our community.</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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