

South West Wiltshire Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the South West Wiltshire 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	£ 24,876.00	£ 21,148.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 12,217.02	£ 968.88	£ 3,000.00
Current Balance	£ 12,658.98	£ 20,179.12	£ 4,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -3,812.90	£ 12,983.12	£ 3,200.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1403	Area Board Initiative	South West Wiltshire Area Board	Health and Wellbeing at the Lakes	£900.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: To facilitate a simple day of wellbeing activities at Langford Lakes for older people, including those living with frailties such as dementia. Activities will include a volunteer led, age suitable, arts and craft session and a Celebrating Age led musical activity. This will be the third health and wellbeing event of this nature held at Langford Lakes which has a very suitable venue in a beautiful natural setting.</p>					
ABG1404	Area Board Initiative	South West Wiltshire Area Board	Silent Disco	£500.00	£500.00

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<p>Project Summary: Silent Disco's are one way in which older people can be encouraged to get active and socialise in a fun enjoyable setting. Partners, supported by Pound Arts, Corsham have formed a small organisation to deliver silent discos in the county. Mere's "Mere-kits Women's Institute" are a new group who would like to host a Silent Disco in spring 2024. The disco's involve older people being supported to come and dance, or to sit and sing, toe-tap and simply enjoy time together with mocktails and friendship. The head-sets can play a range of appropriate music and attendees could be listening - none-the-wiser - to a totally different piece of music to the person dancing next to them. Dancing, listening to music and sharing a space in this fun way can definitely lift the spirits for a moment.</p>					
ABG1405	Area Board Initiative	South West Wiltshire Area Board	Tech Savvy Sessions Round 3	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: To deliver a third series of digital inclusion sessions for older people, following on from the success of the first two rounds and the ongoing demand.</p>					
ABG1375	Community Area Grant	Hinton Hall Management Committee	Refurbishment of the East Window of Hinton Hall Tisbury	£8000.00	£4000.00
<p>Project Summary: Hinton Hall was the old village school, date 1843. The window to the kitchen is in desperate need of refurbishment. The window is a large area of thin glass in a poor and dangerous state and the kitchen gets very cold. Replacing the current single glazed windows with double glazing will also improve the security of the building.</p>					
ABG1396	Community Area Grant	The Fonthill Gifford Recreation Hut	The Fonthill Gifford Recreation Hut Disabled Toilet Installation	£5000.00	£2500.00
<p>Project Summary: The current toilets are not accessible for disabled or less able users and generally require repair and modification. We propose removal of the existing dilapidated gents toilets, repair of the female toilet which will become a unisex toilet and the creation of a new unisex accessible toilet. This modification will ensure the Hut continues to provide a community space which is inclusive and accessible by all.</p>					
ABG1417	Community Area Grant	Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall	Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall New Usage	£9943.76	£4971.88

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<p>Project Summary: The Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall serves the villages of Ebbesbourne Wake, Alvediston and Fifield Bavant. It has funded itself over the past 25 years through renting out its space during the daytime to a nursery, fitting in village functions in the evening, weekends and holidays. This provided a regular income and contributions to heating and electricity which financed the upkeep of the hall. The nursery has closed in July 2023 and the hall needs to find new revenue streams and needs to make the hall usable for new daytime use options. The hall has been built in 1987 as a community effort and has not had any major renovations since then. In September, the village hall committee has consulted the villages on how they would like to see the hall used in the future and is now preparing the hall infrastructure to meet the demand for more social functions during the day time, sports classes and attractiveness for function hire. Income from these will be essential in addition to the regular fundraising activities throughout the year that the committee is organising. The work will include changes to the outdated and not properly functioning lighting with more flexible lighting options, making do of wall surfaces after the works, replacing broken toilet infrastructure and replacing the flooring across the toilet and kitchen areas with a new surface that covers broken floor areas, is safer and easier to keep hygienic. It will also include investing in new and more comfortable seating to cater for the aging population and make the hall usable for smaller community interest groups that would like to use the hall. The village hall committee will carry out other works through community effort to update the hall, but a major investment is required now to ensure the viability of maintaining the hall for a very remote community and give it a new lease of life for new daytime hires. The village hall is lucky to have reasonable reserves at the moment, however, it covers a large site with a playing field, a pavilion, a playground and a car park in addition to the large hall itself which all require investment into aging infrastructure and to cope with the change of use. These total costs exceed the means of the village hall committee. Ongoing maintenance of this is high, but essential to provide amenities in a remote section of the valley for all ages groups.</p>					
ABG1418	Community Area Grant	Zeals Village Hall	Zeals Village Hall Rebuild to coping stones and gables	£15357.60	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Dismantle, supply and rebuild, fix new corbels, kneeler, brickwork section and coping to both sides of gable in lime</p>					
ABG1384	Youth Grant	Fovant Youth Club	Fovant Youth Club Furniture	£4392.00	£2196.00
<p>Project Summary: To improve the use of the building which we own, we would like to increase the number of chairs (60) and replace/ enhance the number of tables by 10. Additionally we would like to increase our outside storage area with a shed not exceeding 8ft x 6ft.</p>					
ABG1420	Youth Grant	Seeds4Success	Leisure Credits Scheme	£22719.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Leisure Credits is a social action initiative delivered by Seeds4Success, where young people aged 12+ carry out a range of volunteering jobs within the local community that are of benefit to the environment or others and in return young people earn credits for their work. Sessions run on alternate Saturdays throughout the year as well as on most Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school holidays. This project benefits the young participants, through developing a range of social and practical skills as well as the wider community, through young people helping with community events, improving the large network of rights of way or enhancing local play areas.</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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