

Bradford On Avon Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Bradford On Avon 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 2024/25	£ 14,160.00	£ 11,528.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 14,160.00	£ 11,528.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -840.00	£ 4,528.00	£ 2,700.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1521	Community Area Grant	Bradford on Avon Cricket Club	BoA Cricket Club 2 lane Artificial Practice Facility	£45700.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: We have a thriving youth section (with over 150 children from School Reception Year through to u15s) with the club running four u11 teams (incl one girls-only team), three u13 teams and one u15s team creating a pathway into the club's 3 men's league teams, 1 women's team, and a social midweek team. However, our players lack a permanent place to safely practice away from the cricket pitch and so a practice facility is required in the 4th tennis court location at Culver Close to improve practice quality and increase the training opportunities for youth and adult players.</p>					
ABG1674	Community Area Grant	St Nicholas PCC Winsley	Winsley Church Hall New Roof	£23000.00	£5000.00

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<p>Project Summary: Winsley Church Hall is a meeting space which serves the community of Winsley and beyond as well as the local parish church (St Nicholas). The building is on a geographically separate site from the church, with its own car park, and was originally a classroom for the old village school. The current felt roof covering is at the end of its life with extensive cracking and leaks occurring; it now needs complete replacement together with the associated gutters and fascia boards. The purpose of the project is to ensure the continuing existence of the hall to provide a meeting space for the village. Its functions and uses include: a polling station, a venue for Parish Council meetings; a community cafe and a lunch club - Kettle's On and Soup's Up (each fortnightly) - to provide residents with social support and a warm space (approx. 40 people each); Sunbeams - a mother & toddlers group; the Winsley Mens' Group; four different arts groups, Canzona (local choir), exercise class (Pilates, Morris dancing); fundraising events for local charities; and a venue for families to use at funerals. The plan for this year is to replace the existing felt roof with either an EPDM rubber covering or, following discussion at Winsley PC about the possibility of improving insulation, insulated steel panels. Investigation of the insulated panel option shows that it is a bit more expensive initially, but would have improved durability with a guaranteed life of 30 years, and would reduce energy usage by 25-30% to provide significant through life cost saving. Looking further ahead, the single glazed windows and doors of the hall are also in a very poor condition and will need to be replaced soon. The new windows and doors will be double glazed and more energy efficient. This will be the second phase of the refurbishment of the hall but is not part of the immediate project.</p>					
ABG1704	Community Area Grant	Staverton Social Club	Staverton Social Club Disabled and Accessible Facilities	£22000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Staverton Social Club does not have a disabled toilet and at present one of the two fire exits does not meet existing requirements. We are proposing to add a disabled toilet and baby changing facility within the current footprint of the club and also update the fire exit with a wider fire door and ramp to replace the existing door and steps. This upgrade will enable those with disabilities or mobility issues to safely use the club and will hopefully encourage more groups and clubs to utilise the facility.</p>					
ABG1814	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Arts Together	Arts Together Projects for Isolated and Vulnerable Older People in Bradford on Avon	£14398.00	£5000.00

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<p>Project Summary: Arts Together is a Wiltshire charity that has been running creative support groups for isolated and vulnerable older people in six areas of Wiltshire for 24 years. We provide regular, meaningful activities that build trust, confidence and friendship, supporting group members within their community and combatting the damage caused by isolation. From September 2024 to August 2025 we will run 6 art projects for lonely and vulnerable older people in Bradford on Avon. Each project is led by a different artist and supported by a team of local volunteers. Projects are stimulating and challenging and adapted specifically so that they are accessible to all. Each project will take place over a 5-week block, in the community lounge at Aldhelm Court in Bradford on Avon. This venue is provided as an in-kind donation, free of charge, by Selwood Housing Association. 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 group manager and volunteers (also DBS checked) are trained in supporting members who might have barriers to taking part, be it through poor health, disability or mental health issues. An accredited carer is at each group session as the dedicated emergency first-aider and for any personal support needs. The group manager has extensive experience and offers wellbeing support to each group member beyond the weekly sessions to enable them to keep attending the group. Transport, food and materials costs continue to increase, particularly impacting vulnerable older people who often must make choices between food or heat. The Bradford on Avon group is at capacity with a waiting list due to increased need and referrals. The group has become a place of immense support and friendship for the members. Some of them stay on after the group has finished to play games and chat with each other, having made friends with people they had never met before joining the group. The group members recently worked together to design and make a collaborative mosaic celebrating what they love about Bradford on Avon, under the guidance of mosaicist Joanna Dewfall. The members were excited to share their mosaic with the wider community at Made in Bradford on Avon and are over the moon that their mosaic will soon be on permanent display at St. Margaret's Hall. What a sense of pride and of belonging this has engendered! We are constantly fundraising and request £5000 from Bradford on Avon Area Board towards the cost of running six of these engaging, confidence building and life enhancing 5-week projects for some of the most vulnerable older members of our community.</p>					
ABG1160	Youth Grant	4 Youth South West	No Limits SEN Youth Club	£16362.63	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: We are looking for a grant to contribute to the running of our Monday night 'No Limits' youth club throughout 2023 - 2024. This youth club supports between 25-40 young people aged 13-25 years with a range of special educational needs and disabilities.</p>					
ABG1749	Youth Grant	Bristol Avon Rivers Trust	River Detectives	£154950.00	£2000.00

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<p>Project Summary: The project involves volunteers from local communities conducting monthly water quality monitoring of key sections of rivers and streams throughout the Bristol Avon catchment. BART River Detectives will have an important role to play in filling the gaps in water quality monitoring and reconnect people with their local watercourse by empowering local communities with a sense of ownership, which we hope will create a legacy. BART River Detectives will supplement BART's annual RiverBlitz citizen science project, providing us with a more frequent and in-depth data set within our catchment. Volunteers will be fully trained and provided with their own easy-to-use testing kits, which analyse temperature, total dissolved solids, phosphates and nitrates. Each volunteer is allocated a sampling site where they will take these measurements on a monthly basis, and the data collected will be displayed on an interactive map hosted on BART's website, alongside the data BART have collected through our annual RiverBlitz project, which will provide a more extensive data set and understanding of river health within the catchment. By getting involved in this citizen science project you will be helping BART to monitor the health of our local rivers and helping protect and enhancing them for the benefit of both people and wildlife.</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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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.