

Trowbridge Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide details of the grant applications made to the Trowbridge Area Board. These could include:
 - community area grants
 - youth grants
 - older and vulnerable people grants
 - area board initiatives
- 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	£ 34,670.00	£ 30,464.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 34,670.00	£ 31,833.62	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 16,925.78	£ 20,268.62	£ 2,281.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1645	Community Area Grant	Trowbridge Town Football Club	Floodlights for Trowbridge Town Football Club	£65840.00	£5000.00

Project Summary:

The project will provide the floodlights required for Trowbridge Town FC to play in Football Association (FA) leagues higher than their current Wiltshire League which is at Step 7 of the FA ladder. In order to be promoted, TTFC need floodlights and other ground improvements including new dugouts and changing rooms (the latter having already been provided). The club is hoping to gain promotion from the Wiltshire League to the Western League Division One at Step 6. In the 2022-23 season the first team won the Wiltshire League but the lack of floodlights and other facilities prevented them being promoted. For comparison, Bradford on Avon, Warminster and Devizes play at Step 6, Corsham at Step 5, Melksham and Westbury at Step 4 and Chippenham at Step 2. The lights will also enable the Under-18 team of 16- and 17-year-olds to play in the Wiltshire U18 Floodlit League. In enabling these two developments, the lights will mean that the club's hundreds of younger players from the age of nine upwards can aspire in time to play for Trowbridge Town FC in the higher leagues rather than opting to play their football elsewhere.

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1654	Community Area Grant	Studley Green Community Association	Studley Green Community Centre refurbishment phase 2	£4344.44	£2172.22

Project Summary:

This is now the second phase of our refurbishment, We have funded painting the whole community centre from top to bottom, now we are making energy efficient changes to the ceiling and lights.

ABG1708	Community Area Grant	HELP Counselling Services	New Laptop and Office Equipment for New Member of Staff	£1384.00	£692.00
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Project Summary:

Our organisation, with its longstanding commitment to serving the community, has been at the forefront of providing essential mental health support services for 40 years. As trusted stewards of community well-being, we understand the importance of equipping our team with the necessary tools to continue our work effectively. The heart of our organisation beats with the desire to alleviate the deep suffering experienced by hundreds of individuals grappling with mental health challenges. With each passing day, the need for our services grows more urgent as more people seek support. The addition of a new team member signifies hope and progress in our efforts to reach and assist even more individuals in need. To facilitate the expansion of our services and empower our new team member in her vital role, we are seeking funding to acquire essential equipment. A new laptop, monitor, stand, keyboard, office chair, and mouse are indispensable tools that will enable our staff to work efficiently and comfortably, maximising her productivity and effectiveness. By investing in this equipment, we are not only investing in the growth of our organization but also in the well-being of the individuals we serve. Our project aims to equip our new team member with the necessary tools to help our organisation grow and reach more people in need of mental health support. With your support, we can ensure that our team is equipped to continue our vital work and make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

ABG1819	Community Area Grant	Hilperton Village Hall	New roof at Hilperton Village Hall	£7500.00	£3750.00
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Project Summary:

Remove current roof covering, also current brickwork parapet around roof. Fit new boarding to roof, cover with rubberised coating to seal the roof, install new guttering, remove all waste materials. The roof section is at a second floor level to the front of the building.

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1829	Community Area Grant	Avon Valley Runners	Avon Valley Runners running track refurbishment	£2265.00	£1130.00

Project Summary:

The running track for Avon Valley Runners is in need of repair due to the ever changing weather and water pooling on the track. It is in continual use by members of the running club and the public. Interval sessions are organised and take place there, as well as training sessions for Avon Valley Runners Youth. Exact works needed are - Install piped drainage in strategic positions on North-east bend and eastern length of the running track to reduce volume of water running down straight and inundating the NE corner. Soakaway to be installed at each "interceptor" point, around perimeter of Pitch 4 (outside floodlight pylons)

ABG1850	Community Area Grant	Equinox Explorer Scout Unit	Accessible ramp for Equinox ESU Paddle sport project	£18156.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Since launching this project we have been fortunate to gain support from Cereal Partners UK, Staverton. They have kindly allowed us to use their riverside location as the base for our project. In our effort to ensure that we make paddle sports accessible to as many users as possible we have opted to install a ramp that will provide safe access to the water. The ramp will be installed by a professional company, who have taken into consideration our needs, users with accessibility needs and the environment to design the structure that will suit us best.</p>					
ABG1678	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Trowbridge Debt Advice Service	Financial budgeting for all	£805.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Provide budgeting advice and training for those who are in debt or who have little disposable income. This will cover Maximising income, minimising expenditure, prioritising regular bills and other techniques to create a sustainable budget.</p>					
ABG1827	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Families Out Loud	Trowbridge Client Support	£10071.00	£4919.00
<p>Project Summary: Families Out Loud (FOL) is a Wiltshire charity working with families challenged by someone else's drug or alcohol dependency, supporting them to bravely build a better life. We currently support 30 families in Trowbridge. Having recently been awarded a National Lottery Salary Funding Grant to employ a P/T Fundraiser and a P/T Marketing Coordinator for 3 years, combined with a steady increase in referrals from external agencies such as Turning Point, schools, social services etc, means we anticipate higher growth over the next 12 months than seen previously. So this year we aim to reach a further 13 adults and 10 teenagers in Trowbridge.</p>					
ABG1508	Youth Grant	Wiltshire Wildlife Trust	Blue Influencers Scheme	£29200.00	£4600.00
<p>Project Summary: We have received funding from #iwill Ernest Cook fund to host a Blue Mentor who will enable young people to champion blue environments within their communities. The Blue Mentor will work with local partners to engage with young people (In years 7 & 8 of secondary school) to identify actions and activities they would like to take to increase awareness and take action for freshwater habitats within their communities. The mentor will also help to establish the groups and enable them to access funding for their projects and community activities.</p>					
ABG1743	Youth Grant	Youth Adventure Trust	Supporting Disadvantaged Young People in Trowbridge	£10751.00	£4000.00
Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested

Project Summary:

We would like your support to help fund the programme costs of the 12 young people from Trowbridge currently on Years 3 of the programme and the Youth Support Worker salary costs associated with the support of these 12 young people. Our specially designed three-school-year Youth Adventure Programme includes three residential camps (Mountain, Coastal and Forest) , an Explore Day, 3 Activity Days and 4 Pathway Days, all supplemented with the ongoing support, mentoring and guidance of our skilled programme team, who are in constant contact with the young people throughout, offering them support in between camps and activity days. The main programme is followed by a Mentoring and Bursary Scheme to ensure all of the young people have the best chance of getting the maximum benefit from our long-term intervention.

ABG1809	Youth Grant	Sustainable Image Lab CIC	Colour and Light Youth Art Programme	£4980.00	£2460.00
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Project Summary:

SILT will deliver a series of 6 art sessions with attendees of Trowbridge Future Youth, culminating in a professionally curated exhibition at the SILT project space in Trowbridge town centre. These sessions will be focussed on sustainable image making using plant based colour and photo-sensitive surfaces. The sessions will cover: Making plant based emulsions and light sensitive papers for anotype prints, cyanotypes, exploring camera obscuras, a plant identification and colour-finding walk, exploring gradients and colour use and a collage session incorporating sustainable materials from the SILT studio and the previous art sessions. The exhibition will have an accompanying text and poster, and following the workshops and exhibition a pair of legacy books will be produced to be housed at the Trowbridge Future Youth premises and at SILT.

ABG1832	Youth Grant	Wiltshire Youth for Christ	Summer holiday pop up youth week in Stallards Park	£1010.00	£505.00
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Project Summary:

We will be setting up our youth pop up café on Stallards Park, Trowbridge for the week 12-16 August 2024. This will provide a range of diversionary activities for young people during the school holidays. Activities will include board games, console games, football, badminton / volley ball and a climbing wall for some of the days (this is already arranged with the Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team). We will provide soft drinks and snacks free of charge.

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.

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.