

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	15/11/2017
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Area Board Grants Budget			
Opening balance 2017/18	Spend to date	Current balance	Balance if all grants are agreed in Nov. 17'
£46,710.00	£18,028.00	£28,687.00	£15,628.66

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: St Mary's School Building Management Committee Project Title: St. Marys Old School Railings Restoration View full application	£5088.50
Applicant: UK Shotokaido Project Title: New Children's Karate Club in Melksham View full application	£650.00
Applicant: Carer Support Wiltshire Project Title: IT Training for Carers View full application	£2319.84
Applicant: Wiltshire School of Gymnastics Project Title: Wiltshire School of Gymnastics - New Tumble Track View full application	£5000.00

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.

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

2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

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

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

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.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2582	St Mary's School Building Management Committee	St. Marys Old School Railings Restoration	£5088.50
Project Description: To renovate and restore stonework and metal railings at the front of the old St Marys School Building High Street Steeple Ashton. The building is now used as a non-profit community building. The old school is a Grade 2 listed building and the work required is specialised especially the stonework. The building was previously managed by Wiltshire Council when the school was open until some thirteen years ago. The railings have since deteriorated and could soon pose a safety risk as the stone is crumbling away in places.			

Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2017/18 grants criteria
Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2478	UK Shotokaido	New Children's Karate Club in Melksham	£650.00

Project Description: To set up a new Karate club aimed at 6-13 year olds in the Melksham area. The Grant will be used for initial club set up in particular the purchase of Mats to practice on 20 x 1m square Focus Pads and strike pads x 4 of each and to provide a starter pack to each student.
Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2017/18 grants criteria
Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2536	Carer Support Wiltshire	IT Training for Carers	£2319.84

Project Description: We would like to provide an IT training course for carers in Melksham. One of the biggest challenges facing carers is loneliness and social isolation. Many carers do not have access to or use IT on a regular basis - a tool which can help to reduce feelings of isolation. From speaking with carers who attend our support groups we know that many are afraid of new technology or feel that they do not possess the necessary skills to use it. We would like to offer an Introduction to IT course to help to tackle isolation and improve carer wellbeing.
Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2017/18 grants criteria
Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2546	Wiltshire School of Gymnastics	Wiltshire School of Gymnastics - New Tumble Track	£5000.00

Project Description: With over 1500 children the Wiltshire School of Gymnastics is a gymnastics and trampolining educational charity serving Wiltshire and the surrounding areas. By purchasing a new tumble track we will be able to offer a more comfortable and
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safer experience for the children we teach. We believe in teaching local people of all ages and abilities as we see not only an improvement in health and well-being but also a significant impact on self-belief team work and attitude.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The grant application meets the 2017/18 grants criteria

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

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

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