

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	11/04/2018
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Melksham Air Cadets Project Title: Minibus for 2385 Melksham Squadron View full application	£5000.00
Applicant: Wiltshire Mind Project Title: Purchase of new meeting/training room chairs View full application	£768.00
Applicant: Acreshort Community Park Committee Project Title: Acreshort Community Park Project View full application	£5000.00
Applicant: Primrose Residents Action Group Project Title: Development of Primrose Drive Nature Reserve View full application	£975.52

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
2705	Melksham Air Cadets	Minibus for 2385 Melksham Squadron	£5000.00
<p>Project Description: Melksham Squadron Air Cadets require a new minibus as our current bus is very old and in dire need of replacement. We are looking to purchase a new or nearly new replacement bus.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2018/19 grants criteria</p> <p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2747	Wiltshire Mind	Purchase of new meeting/training room chairs	£768.00
<p>Project Description: Wiltshire Mind would like to purchase 16 new chairs for use at our Head Office in Melksham. Over the years we have been given/accumulated various different</p>			

types of chairs which are non-matching and in need of replacement. We need to create a nice environment for visitors/clients who use our venue for support groups counselling and for other meetings/training sessions. The new chairs will help present a smarter image for the charity.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The grant application meets the 2018/19 grants criteria

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2751	Acreshort Community Park Committee	Acreshort Community Park Project	£5000.00

Project Description:

Acreshort Community Park is a project that is focussed on the health and well-being of all Steeple Ashton residents through opportunities for play fitness and social activities. The park will ensure a safe picnics area for families play equipment for the older children of the village and adult outdoor sports equipment that will ensure residents have somewhere sheltered to go to get some fresh air and focus on their own fitness goals either alone or as part of a small group.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The grant application meets the 2018/19 grants criteria

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2773	Primrose Residents Action Group	Development of Primrose Drive Nature Reserve	£975.52

Project Description:

We are looking to continue the volunteer development at Primrose Nature Reserve by installing a kissing gate creating a new pathway and providing new litter bins. We have made significant improvements to the nature reserve over the past 2 years through the efforts of a few key local volunteers and at no cost to statutory organisations. Due to this there has been a dramatic increase in the wildlife activity and also in the number of local residents who make use of the area. The new pathway will enable access from Primrose Nature Area to Rosemary Way and the green space beyond and the kissing gate will ensure that only suitable and slow access is allowed. The current bins are badly damaged and there are only two which is contributing towards a dog fouling issue. We would like to install 4 bins two to replace the damaged ones and two new bins at strategic locations to help reduce litter and dog fouling. We will contribute towards the emptying of the new bins.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The grant application meets the 2018/19 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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