

Report to Melksham Area Board
Date of meeting 05.09.2018
Title of report Melksham Wellbeing Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below together with the recommendations of the Health and Wellbeing Group.

Applicant	Amount requested	Health and Wellbeing Group recommendation
Wiltshire and Service Users Network – The Singing Group, Neurological Choir	£3,990.00	£1,980.00
Age UK Wiltshire – Fitness and Friendship Club	£1,725.00	£1,000.00

1. Background

The recommendation from the Health and Wellbeing Group has been made in accordance with the following guidelines:

- **Health and Wellbeing Groups Spending Guidelines**

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Group have considered this application and identified it as a priority for Area Board funding.

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that Health and Wellbeing Groups awarded in the 2018/2019 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be assured that carers, older and/ or vulnerable people will benefit from the funding being awarded. The money must be used to invest in projects that will support adults living within a community area. While not exclusively restricted to older people, the investment should be made in such a way as to make the maximum impact on health and wellbeing within a given community area.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to ensure measures have been taken in relation to safeguarding older and vulnerable people.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Health and Wellbeing 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

- 4.1. Melksham Area Board was allocated £7700

- 4.2. The Melksham Area Board Health and Wellbeing Funding balance for 2018/19 is £6,440.00.
- 4.3. All decisions must fall within the Health and Wellbeing Funding allocated to Melksham Area Board.
- 4.4. If funding is awarded in line with the Health and Wellbeing recommendations outlined in this report

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

Ensuring that Community Area Boards and Health and Wellbeing Groups fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in designing local positive activities for young people is essential to meeting the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children and young people. The Community Engagement Manager has assessed this application agreed it meets safeguarding requirements.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Wiltshire and Service Users Network	Wiltshire and Service Users Network	Seend Singers – (Neurological Choir)	£3,900.00
<p>Project description</p> <p>The health and wellbeing benefits of singing together as a group have been increasingly documented over the past few years. This project will set up a singing and social group for people with neurological conditions and their carers. People taking part may have a range of conditions including (but not exclusively) Parkinson's, Huntington's, Motor Neurone diseases, Multiple Sclerosis and stroke.</p> <p>Benefits to the group members will include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved wellbeing • Improved Communication • Increased skills and feeling valued as part of a community 			
<p>Recommendation of the Health and Wellbeing Group</p> <p>That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £1,980.00 from the 2018/19 budget.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Age UK Wiltshire 2	Age UK Wiltshire	Fitness and Friendship class	£1,725.00
Project description			
<p>To set up a fitness and friendship club for older people in Bowerhill Melksham. Fitness and Friendship is a well-established programme in Wiltshire providing a social outlet for older people with an emphasis on physical and mental wellbeing. The club will run fortnightly for 2 hours. This will include a formal exercise session of LIFT (Low Impact Functional Training) a time for refreshments and social interaction and informal games. Volunteer instructors will be deployed to lead the club with support from our Active Ageing staff. Volunteers will be supported to achieve a recognised qualification in physical activity and First Aid.</p>			
Recommendation of the Health and Wellbeing Group			
<p>That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £1,000.00 from the 2018/19 budget.</p>			

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

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