

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	07/11/2018
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
<p>Applicant: Atworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee Project Title: Improve Heating and Insulation in the village hall</p> <p>View full application</p>	£1701.44
<p>Applicant: Atworth Parish Council Project Title: New benches for the village of Atworth</p> <p>View full application</p>	£499.00
<p>Applicant: Melksham Without Parish Council Project Title: Age Friendly Community Outdoor Seating Project</p> <p>View full application</p>	£1250.00
<p>Applicant: Read Easy Melksham Project Title: Read Easy Melksham. Lap Top and Printer for the Coordinator</p> <p>View full application</p>	£500.00
<p>Applicant: Seend Lye Recreation Field Project Title: Seend Lye Recreation Field Play Area Equipment Replacement</p> <p>View full application</p>	£3000.00
<p>Applicant: Seend Parish Council Project Title: WW1 Commemorative Bench</p> <p>View full application</p>	£400.00

Applicant: Bulkington Parish Council Project Title: Storage of Emergency Planning Equipment View full application	£700.00
Applicant: West Wiltshire Group of the Ramblers Association Project Title: Bowerhill to Seend stile upgrade to kissing gates View full application	£3723.00

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 2018/2019 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
3080	Atworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee	Improve Heating and Insulation in the village hall	£1701.44
Project Description: To improve the heating in the village hall. Increase/install insulation above the false ceiling and to seal the loft door which leaks hot air. The heating via radiators is currently located on one side of the hall. In the winter months and especially in cold weather this is not sufficient to heat the hall adequately. The insulation above the false ceiling is either very low or non-existent and we need to increase/install insulation above the false ceiling up to the current recommended level of 200mm. Around the current loft door is large gaps all around the door therefore heat is lost up to the loft where it does no good. We need to replace and seal this area so that all heat is retained in the hall and corridors.			
Input from Community Engagement Manager: The application meets the 2018/19 Community Area Grants funding criteria.			
Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3048	Atworth Parish Council	New benches for the village of Atworth	£499.00
Project Description: The Village of Atworth wishes to take advantage of the very generous Area Board offer of grants towards additional seating for older people to encourage gentle exercise by purchasing two new benches one to be located at the Neston Park bus stop and one in the Recreation Ground adjacent to the Children's Play Area.			
Input from Community Engagement Manager: The application meets the 2018/19 Community Area Grants funding criteria.			
Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3045	Melksham Without Parish Council	Age Friendly Community Outdoor Seating Project	£1250.00
Project Description: Following consultation with local actions groups in the parish both BRAG Bowerhill Residents Action Group and CAWS Community Action Whitley Shaw have recommended sites where they believe outdoor benches would most benefit an Age Friendly community.			

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The application meets the 2018/19 Community Area Grants funding criteria.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2430	Read Easy Melksham	Read Easy Melksham. Lap Top and Printer for the Coordinator	£500.00

Project Description:

Read Easy Melksham is in its 4th year expanding with enquiries from local adults for free coaching by our own trained volunteers giving a free service for 2 half hour sessions a week. There have been encouraging results with help from local agencies a committed committee and coordinator.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The application meets the 2018/19 Community Area Grants funding criteria.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3036	Seend Lye Recreation Field	Seend Lye Recreation Field Play Area Equipment Replacement	£3000.00

Project Description:

Replacement of end-of-life play park equipment with new safety compliant equipment and play surfaces.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The application meets the 2018/19 Community Area Grants funding criteria.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3062	Seend Parish Council	WW1 Commemorative Bench	£400.00

Project Description:

We would like to purchase a special bench commemorating the 25 soldiers from the Parish who died in WW1. This will be placed next to the War Memorial in the Churchyard. This is instead of the Wilts CC tree planting project to plant trees for every soldier who died in WW1. Seend PC could not find a suitable location.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The application meets the 2018/19 Community Area Grants funding criteria.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3004	Bulkington Parish Council	Storage of Emergency Planning Equipment	£700.00

Project Description:

In consultation with Renate Malton Bulkington Parish Council has formed an Emergency Planning Committee and produced an Emergency Plan. We now need to purchase a number of items to support the Plan as well as a storage unit to house these items securely. The storage unit will be located by the bus shelter which is central to the village. Bulkington is at high risk of flooding and therefore these precautions are deemed necessary.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The application meets the 2018/19 Community Area Grants funding criteria.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3067	West Wiltshire Group of the Ramblers Association	Bowerhill to Seend stile upgrade to kissing gates	£3723.00

Project Description:

West Wiltshire Ramblers would like to carry out improvements to the Public Rights of Way network around Melksham Without and Seend Parishes. This project would replace 17 stiles with kissing gates between Bowerhill and the Kennet and Avon Canal. The paths include MELW65 SEEND18 MELW36 SEEND20 MELW37.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The application meets the 2018/19 Community Area Grants funding criteria.

Proposal

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

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