

Report to	Melksham
Date of Meeting	04/03/2020
Title of Report	Community Youth Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Melksham Area Board.

Application	Grant Amount
Applicant: 1st Bowerhill Scout Group Project Title: Scouts on the Go	£4500.00
Applicant: Melksham Cricket Club Project Title: New Cricket Nets	£2500.00

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2019/20 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Cabinet member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2019/2020.

Community Youth Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

Community Youth Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

3. The applications

<p>Applicant: 1st Bowerhill Scout Group Project Title: Scouts on the Go</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £4500.00</p>	
<p>This application meets the grant criteria 2019/20.</p> <p>Project Summary: New Scout minibus. In 2014 the group successfully applied for a grant for a minibus. Thousands of miles and 6 years later our bus is tired and needs replacing. The group has used this for camps trips visits to space centres, surfing, Dartmoor, indoor skydiving, snowboarding, abseiling, zip wire and all manner of adventures. In addition we have been able to lend our bus to other groups and parts of the Scout association such as Broughton Gifford and Holt Scouts, Wiltshire District Explorer Scouts for their winter challenge and Enigma.</p> <p>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: The Scout group helps young people to enjoy new adventures to experience the outdoors interact with others gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential. We provide activities for every young person whatever their physical and emotional ability. We support young people by providing a fulfilling programme that develops empathy skills teamwork and a community understanding by activities that breakdown boundaries and treats everyone equally whether able bodied or those with visual impairment, hearing loss, Aspergers, Tourettes, ADHD or autism, to name but a few conditions within the group. This project will replace our existing minibus to continue our ability to provide life skills outdoor experiences and access to activities for the Young People of Melksham and the surrounding. With the valued support from the Melksham Area Board for our existing minibus back in 2014 we have increased our outdoor activities and increased our membership from last year to over 70 young people between the ages of 6 and 18 supported by a team of 15 adult volunteer leaders. We now are seeking to replace our old minibus to keep Scouts on the Go. The young people in the Scout movement will benefit from an outdoor experience that will help them prepare for their future and build their social skills teamwork ability leadership ability and confidence. Specifically the Scouts on the Go project will allow us to continue to build on the success of our existing minibus with trips ranging from Basingstoke for indoor sky diving, to Hemel Hempstead for snowboarding, Weymouth for hikes, Bournemouth for camps and local trips to explorer camp and to be outdoors, we recognise the benefit of keeping everyone together and building the team ethos.</p>		

Applicant: Melksham Cricket Club Project Title: New Cricket Nets	Amount Requested from Area Board: £2500.00	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.</p> <p>Project Summary: We wish to install a new cricket batting lane surface and nets cage and to reuse the previous fence from the net salvaged from King George V Playing Field. This will act as security to it and not make it subject to vandalism.</p> <p>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: Since the fire our youth numbers have dropped off. We have spent the last three years rebuilding the club both youth players and adult players. The net is the next step in making our facilities grow the club in players and give the players a safe environment to practice the sport. We don't just teach the kids sport, we teach them respect, inclusion and social skills. They have fun, meet friends and hopefully get healthy.</p>		
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