

Report To	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	Wednesday, 23 June 2021
Title of Report	Melksham Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Melksham Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young persons grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
Opening Balance For <u>2021/22</u>	<u>44,617.00</u>	<u>18,349.00</u>	<u>7,700.00</u>
Awarded To Date	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Current Balance	<u>44,617.00</u>	<u>18,349.00</u>	<u>7,700.00</u>
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	<u>34,617.00</u>	<u>18,349.00</u>	<u>7,700.00</u>

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG20	Area Board Initiative	Melksham Hub	Melksham Hub Canopy	£15000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: We have completed the initial phase of the Melksham Station Hub utilising the previous grant awards to deliver the car park, electric vehicle charging and café. This application is for a canopy in the piazza area. The café is small and in consequence of Covid-19 it is better operated as a takeaway using outside seating. A large canopy has planning permission and we are seeking funding to supply and install the canopy.</p>					
ABG73	Community Area Grant	Shaw and Whitley Community Hub	Shaw and Whitley Community Shop Set Up	£20740.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Shaw and Whitley Community Hub is a new community organisation set up to develop and run a community shop to serve the villages of Shaw and Whitley. The group is a registered Community Benefit Society, advised by the Plunkett Foundation (a national charity). The group has agreed to lease space at the site of the Old Toast Office (116 Top Lane Whitley) to run a small community shop. We plan to be operational by September 2021. This bid is to support the costs of essential equipment to run the shop as part of our set up costs. The specific items we are seeking to be covered by the Area Board contribution to the project are covered in the attached document "Hub Set up Costs". This is: EPOS Till with IPAD, 1 Fridge, 1 Freezer, Wood for Shelving. We have included two quotes for any items over £1000.</p>					

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.

Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:

- Community Area Grants (capital)
- Young People (revenue)
- Health and Wellbeing (revenue)

The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young persons funding guidelines have been adhered to.

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

2.3. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

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

Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

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.

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

Report Author

Peter Dunford, Community Engagement Manager, Peter.Dunford@wiltshire.gov.uk