

Report To	Bradford On Avon Area Board
Date of Meeting	Wednesday, 14 July 2021
Title of Report	Bradford On Avon Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Bradford On Avon 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>	£ 28,320.00	£ 11,528.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 28,320.00	£ 11,528.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 19,595.02	£ 9,078.10	£ 3,025.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG2	Community Area Grant	Staverton Parish Council	Staverton Play Area Disabled Basket Swing	£1149.96	£574.98
<p>Project Summary: The last Health and Safety Report for the Play Area at School Lane failed the basket shaped swing under British Standards saying that it needed safety chains to comply. Unfortunately we had to remove the swing until it can be upgraded. Unfortunately as this swing is probably the most used piece of equipment in the whole play area it will be a big disappointment to those using the play area.</p>					
ABG12	Community Area Grant	Holt Pre School New Community Building	Holt Pre School New Community Building	£185000.00	£5000.00

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<p>Project Summary: The temporary mobile building used by Holt Pre-School has reached the end of its life and the pre-school have been fundraising for a new permanent community building. The pre-school have raised £142,000 from various community grants, fundraising activities, donations from local businesses and from pre-schools reserves. There is £43,000 left to raise which will enable the purchase of a new building that will support the pre-school and other members of the community. The benefits of a new building include: - many opportunities for volunteering (work experience, Duke of Edinburgh, community and parent helpers) - supporting community events and the provision of facilities and refreshments (e.g. Scarecrow Hunt, Advent Window Trail) - helping to support and build relationships and links within the community - providing employment opportunities for 7 pre-school staff and training opportunities - providing business opportunities for local businesses to promote and host events and to grow their businesses - teaching valuable skills and signing up to community initiatives (e.g. "Plastic Free Holt") - Identifying those who are in need of help and providing support when required (e.g. "Help in Holt") and distributing financial aid when required - supporting local groups by providing resources, visiting local venues (e.g. Luncheon Club - carol singing) - providing opportunities for the community to make new connections, learn new skills, socialise and enjoy events. There is a short film on our website (www.holtpreschool.co.uk/our-community) which shows just how much the pre-school means to the community. Many of the residents of Holt have either attended or worked at pre-school themselves or have children or grandchildren who have. It is a very special place and is well supported in the community.</p>					
ABG128	Community Area Grant	4Youth South West	New Kitchen for Atworth Youth Centre	£6300.00	£3150.00
<p>Project Summary: 4Youth (South West) have recently taken over the youth centre in Atworth and are undertaking significant refurbishment works prior to reopening the centre in September 2021. Part of these works will be completely replacing the kitchen which is currently not fit for purpose.</p>					
ABG121	Youth Grant	Youth Adventure Trust	Supporting disadvantaged young people through the pandemic and beyond	£12309.90	£2449.90

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<p>Project Summary:</p> <p>We would like your support to help fund the programme costs of the 9 young people from Bradford on Avon currently on the programme, but specifically helpful would be the Youth Worker/Programme Manager salary costs associated with the support of these 9 young people. Youth Adventure Trust recognises that there needs to be positive action and intervention to improve the outcomes for the most disadvantaged people in society. The young people we work with are the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in Wiltshire and Swindon who are facing additional challenges because of COVID-19. During lockdown, schools, support services, charities and youth organisations have worked incredibly hard to utilise resources in order to continue to support the most at-risk young people, including moving their services online. However, the reach of these resources cannot compare to the support structure these young people would have had access to prior to the lockdown. As a result, many young people no longer have access to the support they so desperately need (or are not receiving an equivalent level of support) and their needs are going unnoticed and unaddressed. We have serious concerns about the increased risk to our young people and we expect to see an increase in the number of children needing the support of our charity. Our programme includes 3 residential camps, an Explore Day, 6 Activity Days and 4 Pathway Days over a period of three academic years, all supplemented with the on-going support, mentoring and guidance of our skilled programme team. It allows us to deliver a sustained long-term impact on the lives of our young people and increase the chances of them maintaining the effects of the programme over time. This is then followed by a mentoring and bursary scheme to sustain the positive impact the programme has had on the young people, until age 16. We focus on the 'Forgotten Children', those children that are not yet a statistic but are heading that way. We intervene and offer a lifeline through the provision of a long term and immersive experience and by building strong relationships. "The Youth Adventure Trust is special because it provides opportunities that are otherwise unavailable. It helps give a boost to those that need an extra hand in life." (Carer) The Youth Workers are the beating heart of our charity, who support the young people throughout the programme, helping them set objectives, supporting them on every camp and activity day and giving them continuous 1:1 support and mentoring. The Youth Workers ensure that each child gets the very most out of the programme. They go the extra mile with each and every one of them, focusing on their individual problems and working hard to overcome their issues and challenges, as well as being positive role models. They give of themselves personally and the children respect them and are emotionally connected to them as a result. They provided invaluable online mentoring sessions to our most vulnerable young people during the lockdowns, which involved having an hour-long video call with the young person each week. It was an opportunity for someone to check in on them, see how they were managing, talk about any issues or worries, have an eye into the household to see how they were all doing, to have some social interaction and to play lots of fun games and challenges along the way. They also encouraged the young people to think about their wellbeing and make use of their daily exercise allowance by getting outside. For many, having one hour of undivided attention from an adult is a rarity and the positive interaction they had with their Programme Manager mentor undoubtedly helped to boost their self-confidence, promoted better mental health and ensured they were continuing to build their resilience. "I think it's great that she's been given this opportunity to speak to someone else outside of the home. She usually has video counselling sessions with CAMHS but we're waiting to hear when the next ones will be. I think it will be useful as she's not doing schoolwork and it's all very difficult." (Parent)</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.

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