

Report To	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	Wednesday, 22 September 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 21/22	£ 44,617.00	£ 18,349.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 15,495.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 29,122.00	£ 18,349.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 21,439.00	£ 13,349.00	£ 6,200.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG131	Community Area Grant	Melksham Town Council	King George V Park new cabinet for defibrillator at The Pavilion	£695.00	£345.00
<p>Project Summary: A new defibrillator has recently been ordered for the King George V Park. Unfortunately, the suppliers did not explain that a cabinet would be needed if the defibrillator is situated outside a building.</p>					
ABG210	Community Area Grant	Keevil Parish Council	Keevil Recreational Ground Picnic Table Hard Standing Area	£378.74	£378.74
<p>Project Summary: Keevil Parish Council purchased a new picnic table last year for the village recreational ground. Due to its size and weight the table needs a permanent non-grassed site. This project will provide a suitable small hard standing area for the table, which will allow it to be properly secured to the ground. The Community Shed have volunteered to carry out the ground work so the costs are only to cover the provision of paving and aggregates as necessary, which are £278.74 (ex VAT) for Bradstone paving + c. £100 materials etc. = £378.74.</p>					
ABG214	Community Area Grant	Melksham Town Council	Tackling Anti Social Behaviour	£990.00	£990.00

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<p>Project Summary: It is anticipated that a camera installed in the location of Bath Road toilets observing the skatepark will dissuade anti social behaviour in this area and provide some assurance to uses of the park and skatepark.</p>					
ABG217	Community Area Grant	West Wilts Model Racing Club	West Wilts Model Car Club	£955.00	£955.00
<p>Project Summary: We are a model car racing club and are applying for funding for a replacement computer to run club racing events.</p>					
ABG183	Community Area Grant	4Youth South West	TeenTalk Young Peoples Counselling	£19905.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: 4Youth (South West) have been successfully delivering a counselling service for young people aged 10 to 25 for the past 8 years. In the last 12 months we have seen the number of referrals from young people with an SN12 postcode double. We have worked hard to find alternative funding for the service following receipt of seed funding from the Area Board several years ago for the counselling service and have been successful in achieving this. However, the significant increase in referrals we are now receiving means that we need to increase the provision that we offer and we are looking for funding to support the appointment of an additional counsellor.</p>					
ABG211	Community Area Grant	2385 Melksham Squadron ATC	2385 Melksham Squadron additional training resources and development capital expenditure support	£10028.28	£5014.14
<p>Project Summary: The Squadron is expanding and now post-COVID is planning growth from the present immediate post-COVID cadet number of 31, to grow to 80 cadets. Our September intake has resulted in an extra 15 cadets joining, taking our numbers to 46, with 7 on the waiting list already for the March 2022 intake. With increased numbers comes a requirement for increased training equipment, resources and courses for staff. This grant is to specifically support the Capital costs required for this next phase of growth in cadet numbers.</p>					
ABG188	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£11000.00	£1500.00
<p>Project Summary: Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW) will use arts & heritage activities to reach the most isolated older people in the Melksham area, helping to tackle loneliness and aiming to improve their health and wellbeing through creative and artistic engagement. In particular CAW will target those people who are vulnerable and socially isolated due to frailty, ill health, dementia, poor mobility or caring responsibilities. Responding to the Covid 19 crisis, our programme has developed four different strands of both live and online activity to meet the needs of this group. CAW is a partnership of community organisations across the county with Wiltshire Music Centre as lead organisation.</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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