

Report To	Bradford on Avon Area Board
Date of Meeting	Wednesday, 23 February 2022
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 person's grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through subgroups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
Opening Balance For 2021-22	£ 28,320.00	£ 11,528.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 26,474.98	£ 5,250.00	£ 2,042.00
Current Balance	£ 1,845.02	£ 6,278.00	£ 5,658.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ - 5,413.97	£ 278.00	£ 5,658.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG332	Youth Grant	Relate Wiltshire and Somerset	Relateen Counselling	£21000.00	£2000.00
<p>Project Summary: To provide a professional counselling service to support young people to recover from or cope with the impact of temporary serious emotional distress so that they can move forward and maximise their potential in life. We offer an opportunity for young people to talk in confidence, release grief and pain, provide strategies to cope, communicate and build individual resilience including personal safe support networks. This is an independent service located at St Laurence School in order to increase access for young people living in and around Bradford on Avon.</p>					
ABG346	Community Area Grant	Wiltshire Digital Drive	Wiltshire Digital Drive	£9600.00	£4800.00
<p>Project Summary: Wiltshire Digital Drive is a non-profit making organisation and every penny raised, or laptop donated, goes directly to support the community in Wiltshire. Our vision is to bridge the growing digital divide in Wiltshire. To make sure that everyone in the county benefits from the opportunities that technology affords us. Just like a bee brings pollen from flower to flower to help the environment, we bring technology from person to person to enable education and bridge connectivity between communities. Recycling, refurbishing and re-using unwanted machines</p>					

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ABG360	Community Area Grant	Holt Parish Council	Holt footpaths kissing gates	£929.00	£464.50
<p>Project Summary: We are passionate about access to the countryside for everyone have the opportunity to replace hard to negotiate stiles (as reported on our Annual Footpath Survey - copy to Wiltshire ROW office and Wiltshire Footpaths Officer) with kissing gates at 3 points on footpaths on land owned by Holt Manor. The replacements will allow easier access for everyone and ensure that stock is retained where it should be.</p>					
ABG363	Community Area Grant	Winsley Parish Council	Purchase of land at the end of Northfield to ensure its future use as a community amenity	£17500.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Winsley Parish Council wants to put in an offer, under the disposal of an Asset of Community Value process, for a piece of land at the end of Northfield, Winsley, to ensure its use in the future as community amenity land. This piece of land (1877m2) has been used as a playing field by the community since the Tynning estate was completed in the late 1960s. The land has been maintained by the Parish Council for the community, with a football goal installed in the field in the mid 1970s and replaced with two new goals in 2020, paid for by the Parish Council. The Parish Council, and residents, value this land as an accessible playing field within the housing estate. The Parish Council owns the small playpark, also within the Tynning estate, and the 'football field' which is further away by Avonpark Retirement Village. This piece of land is seen as a very important community asset, particularly for younger children. Winsley Parish Council has also submitted a Town and Village Green application which is currently open for public consultation. If successful this would ensure the land would have to be made open to local residents. However, owning the land would give additional benefits in allowing the Parish Council to undertake maintenance and any additional works supported by the community.</p>					
ABG391	Community Area Grant	The Bradford on Avon Green Man Festival	Bradford on Avon Green Man Festival BoA GMF	£999.49	£999.49
<p>Project Summary: The annual BoA GMF is a family friendly community event of traditional dance, music, song and folklore throughout the town. We attempt to include all sections of the local community including residents of all ages, community groups, shops, hospitality outlets and businesses. 2022 is our fifth year although Covid and other factors mean it is only our third full festival. We are expecting at least 74 dance groups (about 600 dancers and 160 musicians) so believe we are now the UK's largest such event.</p>					
ABG402	Community Area Grant	4Youth South West	To provide new heating system at Atworth Youth Club	£995.00	£995.00
<p>Project Summary: 4 Youth (South West) have recently taken over the youth centre in Atworth and have undertaken significant refurbishment works during the Summer 21 before reopening in September. The heating was not updated at that stage and is now planned for this year to ensure the building is fit for purpose.</p>					
ABG410	Community Area Grant	The Limpley Stoke Community Benefit Society	Save the Hop Pole	£800000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: We are looking to buy and renovate the Hop Pole, the last remaining pub in Limpley Stoke, and prevent it from being bought by a developer and turned into residential housing. Once purchased, the Hop Pole will become the hub for Limpley Stoke and, as the owners of the building, the community will be able to control how the space is best utilised to the benefit of the wider community.</p>					
ABG442	Youth Grant	Broughton Gifford and Holt Youthwork Project	Holt youth club summer projects 2022	£6000.00	£1000.00

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<p>Project Summary: Last year, because of Covid, the youth club met in Holt community field between April and September. Projects undertaken included building and "racing" soap boxes, planting wild flowers and tree saplings, building a tree house, BBQs and many sporting activities. The committee is meeting later this month to set out a proposed schedule for this year, dependant on funding available. We hope to do similar activities this summer and our leader is also in discussions with villagers about undertaking an art project.</p>					
ABG370	Youth Grant	Mighty Girls CIC	Thursday Mighty Girls Youth Group BOA	£6120.00	£3000.00
<p>Project Summary: Mighty Girls CIC is a community interest company serving the needs of girls and young women in Wiltshire. We are a youth lead organisation and provide activities and events to promote equality and raise awareness of issues and challenges facing girls and young women. Any profit made from our activities, is allocated to ensure more young people are able to attend our events and groups at the lowest cost - and free where possible. In September 2021 we established a weekly youth group at Bradford on Avon Community & Youth Centre which has been received well - and we are currently engaging with x25 regular attendees on a weekly basis, coming from BOA and the surrounding villages. Our aim is to offer free events and activities wherever possible, or at least an allocated number of free spaces. We want are groups to be accessible to all girls and young women in the community, and to reach out to the more vulnerable girls in the area. We are asking the Area Board for a contribution to the costs of running this weekly group (wages for x2 youth workers) - so that we continue to provide this opportunity for young people to meet on a weekly basis, through to July 2022.</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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