

Report To	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board
Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 15 March 2022
Title of Report	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade 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 <u>2021/22</u>	£ 49,278.00	£ 19,924.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 2,619.50	£ 4,030.00	£ 1,500.00
Current Balance	£ 46,658.50	£ 15,894.00	£ 6,200.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 23,037.50	£ 8,394.00	£ 6,200.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG570	Area Board Initiative	RWBandC Area Board Environment Action Group	RWBandC Clean up the Community Area	£4095.00	£4095.00
<p>Project Summary: This is a Councillor initiative, submitted on behalf of Cllr S. Bucknell. It is aimed at encouraging parish councils and local environment groups to embark upon community litter picking projects as part of the national 'Great British Spring Clean' but also to continue to carry out clean up campaigns moving forwards. Parishes and groups will be invited to bid for a contribution towards the cost of litter picking equipment.</p>					
ABG408	Community Area Grant	Purton Silver Threads	New entrance and fire doors for the Silver Threads Hall	£8349.50	£4000.00
<p>Project Summary: Silver Threads Hall is a community hall in the centre of Purton Village. It is owned and used by Purton Silver Threads, a registered charity 1080370, for the over sixties. They hire the facility out for other community uses including a community cafe during the day and palates class in the evening. It is also sometimes hired by other organisations and villagers at weekends. The Hall was built in the 1980s and the external wooden doors are now seriously degraded and have become insecure, including fire exit door. This project will replace all the external doors with new white plastic ones.</p>					
ABG439	Community Area Grant	Purton Tennis Club	Purton Tennis Club Courts repainting	£9552.00	£4776.00

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<p>Project Summary: To preserve our tennis courts and keep them in a high standard for league play, we need to remove the algae and debris, pressure wash, fill and repaint. This is a specialist job carried out by a LTA approved company that also resurfaces courts</p>					
ABG447	Community Area Grant	Broad Hinton Winterbourne Bassett Parish Council	Installation of footpath on amenity land in Pitches End Broad Hinton	£11583.00	£4750.00
<p>Project Summary: The villagers have asked for the installation of the footpath to continue from Post Office Lane to Pitches End across the grassed amenity area. This will allow elderly people and pushchairs/prams to access the area as in wet weather and in Autumn/Winter when the area is difficult to navigate as the area turns to mud. There is no pavement in Post Office Lane and the route described above will enable villagers to go about their business safely and access the main part of the village.</p>					
ABG488	Community Area Grant	The Cricklade High Street Strategy Group	Economic Recovery to Support Tourism in Cricklade	£15000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Cricklade like many other locations has seen a marked decline in visitors during the last two years. Working with the newly formed High Street Strategy Group, Cricklade Leisure Centre and Cricklade Town Council, through its Community and Leisure Committee has embarked on an ambitious economic development project to promote tourism and encourage visitors back to the Town. Some years ago, the Wiltshire Market Town Forum (sponsored by Wiltshire Council) encouraged Towns to carry out surveys with a view to promoting Tourism. Whilst the data from that survey is now out of date the principle and the methodology are still appropriate. The project sets out to bring local tourism, identified in earlier surveys as the easiest and most easy to capture (those travelling not more than an hour and looking for a low cost pleasant experience, likely to be outdoor and all age compatible). Initial work has identified the qualities visitors expect including good parking, local information and facilities.</p>					
ABG521	Community Area Grant	Cricklade Bowls Club	Construct disabled access to Bowls Club	£2000.00	£1000.00
<p>Project Summary: Entrance to Bowls Club currently has steep steps. Constructing a disabled access to make access easier for elderly and disabled members and to encourage visitors and new members</p>					
ABG398	Youth Grant	Cricklade town council	Cricklade Local Youth Network LYN	£24000.00	£6000.00
<p>Project Summary: This funding would enable the youth workers to continue their valuable work which is seeing an increase in numbers and engaging with some challenging young people and addressing some of the anti-social issues being seen in town as well as discussing mental wellbeing, healthy living, and healthy eating. The LYN is also developing links with the police, secondary schools, local community groups, and individuals. The grant would also allow the youth leaders to interact with residents that have other skills that could be passed on to the young people, such as a resident who spent time showing some of the young people on a Thursday evening about maintaining old cars. This allows the LYN to develop and improve young people's social skills as well as possible future work skills - and also healthy living. Recent research confirms that there are increased pressures on young people due to the ongoing changes with the covid restrictions both in education and outside. Many activities are yet to recommence at the same levels as they existed prior to March 2020, and the youth are still feeling that their mental health and face-to-face interactions are suffering. The issue of youth mental health is very important and so the funding would be used to finance a youth special events program for 6 hours a week to concentrate on engaging with the young people around town and will help to identify vulnerable young people and also be able to continue to signpost additional support if required, such as mental health, debt management, possible career and life choices etc.</p>					
ABG518	Youth Grant	Cricklade Leisure Centre	Cricklade Leisure Centre Trampoline Club	£3500.00	£1500.00

Project Summary:

The purchase of a competition size indoor trampoline to run classes and courses alongside and in addition for young people. We would then be able to offer a new club at this facility something we are often asked for but unable to facilitate.

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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