

Report To	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	Wednesday, 07 December 2022
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 2022-23	£ 22,309.00	£ 18,349.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 14,432.73	£ 2,360.00	£ 2,000.00
Current Balance	£ 7,876.27	£ 15,989.00	£ 5,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 6,924.82	£ 15,989.00	£ 5,700.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG835	Community Area Grant	Melksham Area Board councillor initiative	Cost of living crisis support	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Hi Richard, The ambition is to request circa £500 to buy slow cookers to be distributed to the poorest families in Melksham. Once agreed, I will request further funding from local businesses with the intention that we distribute the slow cookers via the benefits team at WC.</p>					
ABG854	Community Area Grant	Great Hinton Memorial Hall Trust	Great Hinton Memorial Hall Supply and Installation of Induction Loop System	£1404.90	£702.45
<p>Project Summary: Great Hinton Memorial Hall is the community hub for our villagers. We have an aging village population many with hearing challenges. Installing an Induction Loop System will encourage more social interactions where hearing aid users will have the confidence to clearly hear what is happening around them.</p>					
ABG878	Community Area Grant	West Wilts Ramblers Work Party	West Wilts Ramblers Work Party Equipment and clothing	£699.00	£249.00

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<p>Project Summary: Hello, West Wilts Ramblers have a Work Party, of which I am a member. The Work Party has worked most Tuesdays since 1986. Until recent years the County supplied us with protective clothing, gloves and boots. We work mainly to the County Rights of Way Team and travel at our own expense. Since 1986, in the Melksham Area we have clocked 1,289 hours and car travel of 3,478 kilometres and for Devizes 1,596 hours and 6,201 kilometres. This year more of our work has been in the Melksham Area. We have never claimed monies from the County or Parishes. West Wilts Ramblers have budgeted £100 towards tools or gloves – they cannot afford more. Last year they managed £500 towards a Stihl brush cutter. We are asking Melksham and Devizes Area Boards for £249 each. Which we will use towards a Stihl Battery and Blade (£375) and hand tools like shears for nine of us (£324). Many thanks Dave Yearsley 4/11/22 West Wilts Ramblers Footpath Secretary/Work Party Coordinator</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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