Wiltshire Council

Report To	Malmesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 28 February 2023
Title of Report	Malmesbury Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Malmesbury 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 2022-23	£ 17,219.00	£ 14,679.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 14,047.50	£ 5,036.00	£ 5,723.25
Current Balance	£ 3,171.50	£ 9,643.00	£ 1,976.75
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -1,208.50	£ 7,418.00	£ 1,716.75

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG921	Community Area Grant	Sailability at Whitefriars aka SatW	Sailability at Whitefriars Quayside Project Phase 2 of a planned upgrade to the pontoon and jetty	£22195.44	£5000.00

Project Summary:
The Quayside Project aims to improve the safety and environment of the berthing facilities of our fleet of sailboats used by our disabled sailors and volunteers. It involves improving and making safe the existing concrete jetty used for berthing our fleet of specially adapted sailboats. The pontoon and immediate area, known as Sailability Quayside, is used both during Sailability sessions for hoisting people into boats and for berthing the larger boats when not in use. The existing concrete jetty was built many years ago and has now started to fall away towards the lake and for the past three years has been out of bounds for safety reasons. As S@W has grown with more sailors and more sailboats, this area needs to be brought back into use as a safe working platform for berthing, rigging and maintaining boats. Our Project will enhance the facilities provided for disabled people and so mean more people can be active, sail safely and enjoy all the other benefits of being part of Sailability@Whitefriars. Sailors will also benefit from time spent in the Cotswold Water Park, which is also a Site of Special Scientific Interest.   See Project Proposal Document.

ABG990	Older & Vulnerable Adults Funding	Sherston Community Choir	Sherston Community Choir Music Fund	£260.00	£260.00

Project Summary:
Supply of musical scores to enable our continuation for the benefit of choir members & the organisations in the village that we support.

ABG1027	Community Area Grant	RENEW Malmesbury CIC	Improvements to community offer at Renew Malmesbury	£3360.00	£1680.00

Project Summary:
PRINTING: Renew offers a much-needed printing facility to local residents and organisations following the loss of this facility when our local stationers "A4 stationers" ceased trading. The printing has been well used but the small printer we have is unable to cope with demand and the complexity of some jobs. So, we would like to update our print facility. STORAGE: We need to improve our storage of print products and range of papers and also of art materials which we use to deliver our well used children's workshops in the holiday periods DISPLAY: We are just starting our planned delivery of free advice and info eco workshops. We need notice boards and leaflet display racks to support this work.

ABG1036	Community Area Grant	Malmesbury Cricket Club	Refurbishment of Ladies Toilets at Malmesbury Cricket Club	£1000.00	£200.00

Project Summary:
Malmesbury CC is a Community Amateur Sports Club based with open age and diverse policy in line with those of our governing body. The Club provides for junior and adult teams who play cricket in Wiltshire and surrounding areas, with mixed goal and boy junior teams and two predominantly male adult teams. It is the Club's desire to widen its provision for women and girls to include women and girls only as well as mixed cricket. Our current changing facilities are not suitable for women or girls and this refurbishment is a part of a phased set of works to make our facilities and sport more attractive for women and girls, players, partners and parents.

ABG935	Youth Grant	The Stay Safe Initiative CIC	The 2023 Digital Empowerment Programme	£1450.00	£725.00

Project Summary:

To help address the ever-growing issue of online harm / abuse and the impact social media is having on young people, for example.... 1: Online grooming cases in the UK have risen by 80% since the pandemic (NSPCC). 2: The impact social media is having on young people's mental health by being exposed to content promoting self-harm and suicide is increasing every day. Highlighted by the death of Molly Russell 2022. 3: 68% of local young people have told us they know someone who has been a victim of online hate, bullying or sexual harassment. 4: Almost half (48%) of young people we have worked with over the last year have told us that social media and online interactions can have a negative impact on their mental health. ..... today more than ever, young people and their families need as much direction, advice and support as possible.   The Digital Empowerment Programme has been designed to be delivered in secondary schools to enable us to reach hundreds of our communities young people and families and will not only help them to stay safer online, but will also allow them to have a bright and positive digital future.   This project has four main elements: ELEMENT 1 – Preparation - Prior to us working with anyone all young people are given a voice!   Allowing young people to share their own personal thoughts on living in the Digital World and giving them the opportunity to be heard is what shapes all of our work. It's for this reason that before we visit a school, we invite all pupils to take part in an anonymous online student digital life survey. This not only gives us a great insight into our audience, but also allows us to reference lots of the group's thoughts and concerns during our live face-2-face sessions. ELEMENT 2 – Working with the whole family Parenting in the Digital Word 'Virtual sessions' Before we work with young people, we want to bring parents and carers up to speed, to allow them to have a greater understanding of their young people's digital lives. Exploring what they are doing online, understanding the risks, and providing straightforward help and advice to keep everyone at home safer. Knowing that many feel overwhelmed trying to keep up with the constant evolution of games, app's and social media platforms, they are quite understandably worried about online bullying, grooming and what their children are sharing online. This session will allow them to be well informed and NOT scared ELEMENT 3 – 'In school' sessions for young people. These sessions are 100% about them. We will work with every Yr7 and Yr9 student in school. Yr7's 'Keeping up with my growing digital life' Yr9's 'Building a positive digital future' It's by reaching these audiences individually, that we are able to provide age-appropriate advice, direction and support throughout their secondary school journey. All of these sessions are delivered in a professional, relaxed and engaging way and involve audience participation / involvement throughout. It's important to us that our audiences always have the opportunity to be heard and are able share their thoughts and ideas. This allows for open and honest discussions to help promote critical thinking in young people when considering future online activity and behaviour. We don't want to talk AT THEM but instead WITH THEM.   We address and discuss issues such as... Social Media Pro's and Con's Online Hate (bullying and hate speech) Online Sexual Harassment (child on child abuse) Online Grooming and interacting with strangers Sexting (sharing indecent images online) Digital Resilience Self-Image and Identity Digital tattoo / footprint (my online future) Getting help and support and more... ELEMENT 4 – Follow on support and evaluation Ongoing Support: Due all live sessions we highlight and signpost a wide range of places both young people and parents can get instant, free, and non judgemental (and in some cases anonymous) advice and support after our visits. To back this up, every student and family at school will be provided this an extensive resource pack with lots of additional information, help and support they can use moving forward. This pack will sign post them to a wide range of charities and support networks should they need them in the future. Evaluation: Following all sessions students and parents will be invited to evaluate what they have learnt and have the opportunity to feedback how useful they found the project. To enable this to be as transparent as possible this follow on evaluation survey will be 100% anonymous to everyone wishing to share their open and honest views.   This will allow us to continue to evolve both content and delivery of this project moving forward.

ABG978	Youth Grant	The Last Baguette theatre company CIC	Arts workshops for young people in Malmesbury in 2023	£4000.00	£1500.00

Project Summary:

We are applying to support 3 free arts projects for young people in Malmesbury in 2023: - During May half term we will lead a play-in-a-week theatre project for 20 young people aged 11 to 18. We will work with the young people to create a performance about issues and themes that are important to them. - In August we will work with HEALS to lead 2 days of theatre and radio workshops in their summer programme for young people from disadvantaged families. - In August & September we will work with Malmesbury Carnival to offer free workshops for young people to create an outdoor performance for the procession. The workshops will involve big craft sessions over 3 days, using recycled materials to make fun, colourful mobile structures to parade in the procession. These projects will build confidence in speaking, performing and teamwork, & will provide affordable cultural activity for young people during the school holidays. We expect to work with a total of 40 young participants during these projects.

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 person's 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 subgroups 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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