

**Report To** Devizes Area Board

**Date of Meeting** Monday, 06 March 2023

**Title of Report** Devizes Area Grant Report

## Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Devizes 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
<b>Opening Balance For</b> <u>2022/23</u>	£ 25,869.00	£ 22,320.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 23,645.50	£ 11,682.00	£ 5,257.50
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 2,223.50	£ 10,638.00	£ 2,442.50
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 23.50	£ 145.04	£ 1,842.50

## Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG865</a>	Community Area Grant	Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts	Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts Website	£4400.00	£2200.00

**Project Summary:**

We will use the Community Area Grant to fund a new website that can reflect the needs and aspirations of our organisations. The key areas the new site will address are the current design and usability issues, making it legally GDPR compliant, web accessibility compliant ( so it is designed and developed so that people with disabilities can use it), new donation and fundraising interface and new volunteer portal that supports the way in which we work with our wider community. The new website will also enable us to use the annual \$120,000 google grant we have successfully secured but are unable to use until we have a compliant website that meets the above criteria.

<a href="#">ABG993</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Sian Rob Music CIC	Community Singalong Sessions	£1200.00	£600.00
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**Project Summary:**

Sian Rob Music CIC are seeking funding to be able to offer twelve live singalong music sessions to groups in the Devizes area with limited access to live music and with limited funding for the arts. Including, but not limited to, those living in sheltered housing, community lunch clubs, day centres, memory clubs and friendship groups tackling rural and social isolation and particularly people and their carers living with disability, dementia, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease. The funding would be used to pay the musicians their hourly rate of £100 for this service so that it could be offered at no cost to the group in question. If the group had a small budget to make a contribution we would be able to offer more sessions to more groups. The sessions would initially be offered to the following groups, though we would be open to requests from other groups if they meet the above criteria. The sessions would not be offered to residential care homes as these are private companies who already have funding for such activities. Nursteed Centre - Monday Club and Wednesday Club Market Lavington - Monday Club and Tuesday Club Bromham Pub lunch club Bromham Monday Club West Lavington - Friends on Friday Needham House, Devizes, Extra Care Housing Crammer Court, Devizes, Extra Care Housing Castle Court, Sheltered Housing The Ark, Sheltered Housing Erlestoke pub lunch club Bishops Cannings pub lunch club The benefits of music for participants include: personal - self expression and the acquisition of new skills social - through experiencing and interacting with music in the community of others, helping to strengthen communities and boost emotional, mental and physical well- being. Sian and Rob are professional musicians who have worked with vulnerable groups since 2016 and have many experiences of the power of music, including many with advanced dementia who are non- verbal and find it hard to sit and enjoy any other activity, joining in for an hour's entertainment - singing and dancing with others to the amazement of carers. Feedback from our sessions note that participants gain increased confidence, increased sense of relaxation, less worry or anxiety, increased energy and an increased sense of motivation.

<a href="#">ABG891</a>	Youth Grant	Wiltshire Youth for Christ	Pop up cafe enhancement	£492.96	£492.96
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**Project Summary:**

We plan to deploy the Wiltshire Youth for Christ pop up cafe van in Devizes during the summer school holidays 2023. In preparation we have audited our equipment needs in view of recent deployments and the hot conditions in summer 2022. There are a number of additional items of equipment we require to make this activity sustainable and enjoyable for young people.

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<a href="#">ABG1035</a>	Youth Grant	Devizes Town Council	Devizes Community Outreach programme	£11550.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  We would like to help move local youth provision towards something permanent, perhaps building on some of the initiatives which have been running in the town. This might eventually be linked to a physical “safe space”. A key element of this will be to give agency to and advocacy for young people, so that they feel ownership of whatever emerges. Specific programmes could be developed around this, for example safe use of alcohol, healthy lifestyles, money management, employability skills and so on, dependent on local needs. However it is important to start by building relationships and trust, rather than launching a big project which may not be what actually engages the young people concerned. By creating agency for the young people themselves, we would hope to break the cycle of unhelpful influence from the slightly older group who are currently giving encouragement for some of the unhealthy lifestyles and antisocial behaviours which we are seeing. In addition, it is essential that we take action to combat issues such as “county lines”, which will inevitably pose an increasing threat to local young people in Devizes over time. The project also need to link to many of the existing opportunities that are already available for young people therefore detached youth workers will be able to signpost and young person, who may have an interest and skill to where they can explore this further.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1045</a>	Youth Grant	Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts	Event Tech Training For Youth with DOCA	£10000.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  We aim to provide training opportunities to young people between ages of 16 - 20 years, with particular emphasis on making the courses accessible and inviting to those with SEND or excluded from education. It will be focused around learning the vocational skills necessary to deliver the technological aspect of events, such as AV and live streaming. The specific opportunities will be decided by balancing the interests of the participating individuals and the way is which the culmination of their learning can be showcased in a way that will support and enhance events in the DOCA calendar. Once they have completed their showcase with us we will help signpost them towards employment opportunities that will utilise the skills the skills they have learnt</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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