
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board. These could include:
 - community area grants
 - youth grants
 - older and vulnerable people grants
 - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2023/24	£ 24,639	£ 19,916	£ 7,700
Awarded To Date	£ 6,000	£ 441	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 18,639	£ 19,475	£ 7,700
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 8,479	£ 18,750	£ 1,950

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1295	Area Board Initiative	Bradenstoke Self help Group	Bradenstoke Self help group	£250.00	£250.00
Project Summary: It has become apparent the information on help for carers and those who need it the most is not getting through. Residents of Bradenstoke have had the idea of setting up a self=help group. These people have experience of the health and care sector and can help to signpost people towards the information they need. The idea is that during an informal get together, over a hot drink at a local venue, they signpost people using an information network that has already begun to be created towards information about groups such as Alzheimer's Support or Age UK					
ABG1316	Community Area Grant	Swindon and Cricklade Railway Vintage Train Project	Swindon and Cricklade Railway Vintage Train Project New Shed	£60000.00	£5000.00

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<p>Project Summary: Mission To restore group of historic railway carriages to recreate typical passenger journeys of around one hundred years ago. Vision To provide an enhanced visitor experience, educating them in railway travel in the early twentieth century whilst providing enjoyable and comfortable rail journey for all ages and abilities. To provide improved environment for visitors wishing to view the ongoing work on the vintage carriages. To provide more comfortable and safe working environment for our volunteers. To provide greater security for our carriages, equipment and tools.</p>					
ABG1326	Community Area Grant	Lyneham Military Wives Choir	tablet for Lyneham Military Wives Choir	£159.99	£159.99
<p>Project Summary: Lyneham Military Wives Choir exists to enable women with a military connection to sing together. It is well known that singing is good for mental health and the friendships created within the group enable the ladies to provide support to each other. We also perform at various venues in the locality such as nursing homes and village fetes. We generally use backing tracks for the music that we perform through wifi connection between a tablet and the sound system. up till now we have used various members personal machines but this is proving unsatisfactory as every time someone is unavailable or moves away we have to start over again. We would like to purchase a dedicated machine which would be kept with the equipment so always available and ready to use.</p>					
ABG1330	Community Area Grant	Lyneham Church Hall	Lyneham Church Hall Door and Window Replacement	£16400.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Lyneham Church Hall requires urgent replacement of the main entrance door, back door, fire escape door and windows. The current fittings - all PVC and double glazed - have been in place for many years and despite regular maintenance and repair have deteriorated with age and use to the point that they are no longer functional or compliant. The main entrance door and back door have been repaired many times but are now beyond further repair. They are very difficult to lock and require serious force (with a hammer) to open. The glass panels have blown and moss grows around the panels. The fire escape door is also difficult to open and close, the panels are blown and the door threshold has a raised step which makes it difficult for disabled use and a potential trip hazard in the event of an evacuation. This would not meet current DDA requirements. The hall has a number of double glazed window units. The glass panels in these windows have blown, the locks are very difficult to operate or are non-functional and the frames have gaps leading to heat loss and potential security risk. There is an urgent requirement to replace the doors and windows of the hall as soon as possible to improve energy efficiency and improve the safety, security and accessibility of the Hall which is a well used community meeting space.</p>					
ABG1263	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£10455.00	£1500.00
<p>Project Summary: Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW) will use arts & heritage activities to reach the most isolated older people in the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade area, helping to tackle loneliness and aiming to improve their health and wellbeing through creative and artistic engagement. In particular CAW will target those people who are vulnerable and socially isolated due to frailty, ill health, dementia, poor mobility or caring responsibilities. Our programme has developed four different strands of both live and online activity to meet the needs of this group. CAW is a partnership of community organisations across the county with Wiltshire Music Centre as lead organisation.</p>					

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ABG1300	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Cricklade Open Door	Cricklade Open Door	£36300.00	£4000.00
<p>Project Summary: We are a community drop-in provision with a range of activities and outings to help independent adults over 18, although the majority of our members are over 65, it enables them to lead a full and active life and helps prevent loneliness and social isolation. We are open 3 days a week 10am - 4pm. People can just pop in for a cuppa or stay all day. Prebooked freshly cooked hot lunches (provided by a local preparatory school) are available at a cost of £5. Our activities include assorted board games, informative talks, arts and crafts, bingo and seated exercises. There are 'one off' events such as vintage tea parties, singing for fun, visits from school children. Outings include visiting garden centres, pub lunches and attending plays and concerts being performed by the children at the invitation of our local schools. Open Door is a registered charity and very much part of the community and we have tremendous support from our Town Council, members, residents and local businesses. None of this would be possible without the outstanding work of our 2 paid co-ordinators and our team of 37 amazing volunteers who support our members with their activities and our drivers and escorts who transport our less mobile members in our minibus and for all members on their outings.</p>					
ABG1285	Youth Grant	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council	Summer Pop Up Sports	£441.00	£441.00
<p>Project Summary: Positive activities for young people of Royal Wootton Bassett over the summer holidays. There has been an increase in anti-social behaviour over the last few months and so the town council are keen to ensure that there is a range of positive activities available for young people over the summer holidays. The intention would be for there to be a number of sessions over the summer holidays which young people can partake in. The programme of activities would include pop up sports sessions, such as rounders, football and basketball and would include snacks, fruit and water, all led by our current youth services provider, the RISE Trust.</p>					
ABG1336	Youth Grant	The Stay Safe Initiative CIC	The 2024 Digital Empowerment Programme	£1450.00	£725.00
<p>Project Summary: To help address the ever growing issue of online harm / abuse and the impact social media is having on young people. 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.</p>					

Background

3. 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.
4. 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)
 - Youth Grants (revenue)
 - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

Main Considerations

6. 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.
7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
8. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

Safeguarding Implications

9. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Public Health Implications

10. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Environmental & Climate Change Implications

11. 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.

Financial Implications

12. Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

Legal Implications

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

Workforce Implications

14. There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

Equalities Implications

15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
16. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

Proposals

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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