
Westbury Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Westbury 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	£ 15,716.00	£ 12,892.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 3,827.00	£ 9,017.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 11,889.00	£ 3,875.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 4,889.00	£ 2,625.00	£ 7,700.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1321	Community Area Grant	Leigh Park Community Centre	Replacement tables	£4055.51	£2000.00
Project Summary: We are in need to replace the folding tables we bought 10 years for the community centre, the tables we have left have deteriorated significantly. We would normally of purchased these tables from our saved reserved but with the covid impact we have very little reserves left after continuing to pay utility bills, insurance, furlough leave etc with zero income and are still seeing the impact post covid on revenue. The tables we are looking to buy have a 10 year guarantee and have a 100% recyclable frame					
ABG1432	Community Area Grant	Westbury District Cricket Club	Mower for Leighton Sports Ground	£35000.00	£5000.00

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<p>Project Summary: Westbury & District Cricket Club has negotiated a lease with Wiltshire Council for Leighton Sports field, this is for the use of all the public, as well as other sports clubs along with the cricket. At present we have to get in a sub contractor to cut the outfield, with a mower we will be able to cut the grass on the outer field more regularly with our club volunteers. This will benefit all the public who walk dogs, Picnic and play other sports</p>					
ABG1320	Youth Grant	Leigh Park Community Centre	Skills for personal development and employment 2023	£10478.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Project purpose: To further develop opportunities for young people to access programmes that develop their practical and social skills, provide further educational attainment, open doors and support careers and employability, provide recreational and sports outlets, learn about and conserve the natural environment, and engage as full members of their communities.</p>					
ABG1378	Youth Grant	The Equivalent Project CIC	Self harm support programme	£10000.00	£1500.00
<p>Project Summary: Following our success in providing a fully funded Self Harm Support Programme for young people living in Somerset last year, we are applying for a grant to extend a specialized support program for young people living in Wiltshire who are struggling with their mental wellbeing and who's families are on a low income. We will do so by utilizing Equine Facilitated Learning (EFL) techniques, offering a unique and therapeutic approach to assist young individuals in overcoming self-harm tendencies and promoting their overall well-being and mental health. Program Overview: The proposed Equine Facilitated Learning Self-Harm Support Program is designed to provide a safe, nurturing, and therapeutic environment for young people struggling with self-harm behaviours. The program will combine traditional EFL approaches with the transformative power of equine interactions to foster emotional healing, personal growth, and improved coping mechanisms. Program objectives: Empowerment and Resilience: Utilize equine interactions to help young participants build self-esteem, self-awareness, and resilience, empowering them to overcome self-harm tendencies. Crisis Intervention and Support: Offer immediate and ongoing support to young individuals in crisis, providing them with coping strategies and a support network to navigate difficult emotions and challenges. Skill Development: Facilitate learning experiences with horses to enhance interpersonal skills, emotional regulation, problem-solving, and communication abilities. Self Healing: Utilize Equine Facilitated Learning to provide a non-judgmental and healing environment where participants can process and express their emotions constructively. Anticipated Impact: The Equine Facilitated Learning Self-Harm Support Program aspires to make a profound and lasting impact on the lives of young participants by promoting emotional well-being, reducing self-harm instances, and fostering a sense of hope and resilience. We anticipate that this program will not only positively affect the individuals directly involved but will also contribute to creating a safer and more supportive community. Last year, we supported 20 Somerset students for 16 weeks, funded by Somerset Community Foundation. Of those 20 students, 16 completed the course and all 16 reported a significant improvement to their mental health and reduction in self harm. They also reported improvements in attendance at school/college, and we witnessed incredible social and emotional growth. The students started as highly anxious, closed down and introverted, but left as confident, chatty and optimistic, having made strong bonds with their peers and developed skills to navigate the outside world with less fear of being triggered. We hope that we can offer young people from Wiltshire the same opportunity.</p>					

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.

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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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.