

Chippenham Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Chippenham 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	£ 33,527.00	£ 30,500.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 26,458.98	£ 19,487.20	£ 7,700.00
Current Balance	£ 7,068.02	£ 11,012.80	£ 0.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 18.02	£ 3,562.80	£ 0.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1487	Community Area Grant	Biddestone Cricket Club	Biddestone Cricket Club New Changing Rooms	£12540.00	£5000.00

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<p>Project Summary: BCC wishes to provide fit-for-purpose changing rooms on our "Second" pitch so that we can continue to accommodate growing numbers of junior members as well as our new Women's and Girls' team. BCC is a 75 year old village cricket club and a "Community Amateur Sports Club" which is run entirely by volunteers (including 12 qualified volunteer coaches) and provides cricket activities to its members and non-members throughout the year. As well as having 100 senior members, our junior membership has grown significantly in recent years so that we now have over 130 junior members. Non-members can also join our winter nets programme, our ECB All Stars programmes (which introduce cricket to those aged 5-8 years old) and our affordable holiday camps. Those who play cricket at BCC come from numerous local villages (including Biddestone, Yatton Keynell, Sherston, Kington St Michael, Grittleton, Sevington and Allington) as well as from Chippenham and Corsham. In addition to our U9s, U11s and U13 squads, two years ago we added an U15 squad as it had become apparent that a number of children dropped out of cricket if the only progression from U13s was to join the Senior squads. This season, as those U15s move on again, we plan to introduce a new U19 squad so our oldest children have their own squad as well as being able to play Seniors cricket. In addition, this Season we have started a new Women's and Girls' softball team to meet a local demand for this. At a time when our number of squads, and therefore number of matches to be played, is growing we have unfortunately lost two of our three volunteer groundsmen who recently stepped down. We have been unable to fully replace them although a number of members have offered to help as much as they can. As a result, we will need to make more use of our artificial pitch for matches (to reduce the need to prepare grass strips). The artificial pitch is located on the Second Pitch. All of this means that we need to make much more use of our "Second" Pitch than we have to date in order to accommodate all our junior matches and our new Women and Girls' softball team. Whilst the First Pitch benefits from purpose-built changing rooms, the Second Pitch currently makes use of a dilapidated shed (as the home changing room) and a donated flat-pack metal construction (as the away changing room) which has full length windows (making it unsuitable for a changing room especially for women and girls). Neither is fit for purpose and both provide very poor facilities for anyone playing a match on the Second Pitch (as can be seen from the photos attached). This Project seeks to replace the shed and metal construction with a high-quality, timber, purpose-built home and away changing facility, as detailed in the attached documents, to ensure that the increased number of players using the Second Pitch have safe, well-maintained changing facilities. To fund the Project, we are also seeking a grant from the ECB, via Wiltshire Cricket, towards the total cost.</p>					
ABG1534	Community Area Grant	Wilts and Berks Canal Trust	Tow Path Flail mower	£2950.00	£1175.00
<p>Project Summary: Cutting the tow path and canal banks of 2.2km of canal tow path is tiring work for our volunteers, average age 65, takes a lot of time and fuel. The Trust raised over 20k to buy a tractor and are now hoping to gain funds to buy a flail unit which will cut the tow path, canal bank grass and the extremities of our wildflower meadows. Not only will this release volunteers for other works it will save fuel and we will be able to consider passing on some of our Stihl brush-cutters to other worthy causes. The cutting of this grass is essential to keep the paths open and the canal banks definable for walkers. The cutting the meadow extremities will ensure wildflowers can grow right to the hedge line. The vast majority of these paths at Pewsham and Greenlane Farm are used residents of Chippenham and surrounding villages.</p>					
ABG1709	Community Area Grant	10th Chippenham Guides	10th Chippenham Guides tents	£1750.00	£875.00
<p>Project Summary: We would like to replace our tents, as we have had them for almost 20 years, and they are at the end of their useful life. This will enable us to take the Guides camping so that they can experience one of the traditions of Girlguiding. They can enjoy having a girl only space, and have the chance of trying out some new activities and learning new skills whilst away.</p>					

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ABG1595	Youth Grant	Councillor initiative	Teen Takeover	£11000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Teen Takeover is taking place on the weekend of 27th and 28th April 2024. The concept is to highlight what is already happening in the town and surrounding community area as well as adding fun activities for young people to include arts, performance, music and sports. The funding will enable this range of positive activities to be provided as free at point of use, to ensure that it is fully accessible to all young people. The local youth network has been included and a number of young people have been consulted.</p>					
ABG1655	Youth Grant	Chippenham Cricket Club	Chippenham CC Junior training Equipment	£1000.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Chippenham CC are expanding their junior offering to more children with the local area, this means we need additional equipment.</p>					
ABG1659	Youth Grant	Chippenham Hockey Club	Youth playing and protective equipment	£450.00	£450.00
<p>Project Summary: Chippenham Hockey Club is wishing to get support to purchase additional playing equipment for our Youth program and update our protective equipment to keep them safe.</p>					
ABG1662	Youth Grant	Chippenham Youth Theatre	Chippenham Youth Theatre Senior Class Bursaries	£2000.00	£1000.00
<p>Project Summary: We are applying for funding to set up bursaries to increase accessibility to the Chippenham Youth Theatre Senior (12 - 18) classes. Despite the affordability of Chippenham Youth Theatre compared to similar projects (£80 per term, compared to £348 per term for Chippenham Stagecoach for example), we know from young people and their parents that cost prevents some young people from being able to join and leads to others dropping out, often as they get older. A fund for bursaries would help us increase accessibility for young people from lower income households in Chippenham. We anticipate offering bursaries via families we already have contact with and secondary school pastoral. We already have young people involved in the Youth Theatre with autism and ADHD diagnoses and could include this aspect in the bursary offer.</p>					
ABG1665	Youth Grant	Chippenham Town Bowls Club	Chippenham Town Bowls Club youth equipment	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Bowls Wiltshire encourage wider participation of our sport amongst all age groups. Encouraging younger players remains a challenge and focus on this area is therefore county-wide. In order to attract younger players, Chippenham Town Bowls Club (CTBC) need appropriately sized, Junior, lawn green bowls in order to facilitate this. These cost £180 per set of 4 bowls and we will need a minimum of 2 sets to help us attract younger players. Chippenham Town Bowls Club is part of Chippenham Sports Club and is ideally located very close to both Sheldon and Hardenhuish secondary schools.</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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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.