

Malmesbury Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Malmesbury 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 2024-25	£ 17,219.00	£ 14,679.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 17,219.00	£ 14,679.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 12,219.00	£ 1,779.00	£ 7,200.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1837	Area Board Initiative	HEALS of Malmesbury	HEALS of Malmesbury Summer Programme 2024	£6150.00	£2500.00
Project Summary: A full programme of sporting, cultural and environmental activities in and around Malmesbury, plus half and full day trips offered free of charge to vulnerable young people in the Malmesbury area. We have just under 100 families/197 young people registered with us, with approximately 50% in the 13 to 19/25 for SEND age bracket. This year we are aiming for 20-25 activities from 31 July to 31 August. In addition to the activities themselves, we also fund the cost of food, venue entry and transport.					

ABG1798	Community Area Grant	Sherston Scout Group	Updating the Electrics in Sherston Scout Hut	£5201.40	£2500.00
<p>Project Summary: We would like to carry out the following works in Sherston Scout Hut: - Replace the three fuseboards (consumer boards). - Replace all the light fittings throughout the building with LED vapor-proof fittings - Install new heaters in the kitchen and the toilets.</p>					
ABG1825	Community Area Grant	Fruitful Malmesbury	Fruitful Malmesbury Edible Forest Garden	£5934.00	£2500.00
<p>Project Summary: Our plan is to enhance an area of overgrown scrubland next to Malmesbury Lawn Tennis club on Tetbury Lane to create an accessible community forest garden. The land was gifted to us by a lady with local roots keen to preserve a patch of wooded green land in an area where new housing estates are being built on green field sites. We have been consulting with local green groups (Nature reserves, ecology groups, the animal sanctuary and a wildflower meadow group) as well as charities such as Heals, the Scouts and local residents' associations and the primary school to ensure they can contribute to the project as it goes forward. We have received several small grants, but our aim is to now make a capital investment - a small secure office-container.</p>					
ABG1820	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Malmesbury Pickleball Club	Malmesbury Pickleball Club equipment	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Malmesbury Pickleball Club was established in April 2024 and already had over 60 people interested through its Facebook group. Most are beginners who do not have any equipment to play so the project will provide a pool of equipment for participants to use. Pickleball supports many aspects of healthy aging including physical, mental, social and behavioral health. Pickleball is a competitive game that requires low-impact mobility, moderate cardio output, cognitive processing and social engagement through friendly competition. Healthy aging is dependent on engaging in activities that are meaningful, fun and aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyle. Pickleball does just that and laughter rings around a pickleball court!</p>					
ABG1531	Youth Grant	Caerbladon CIC	Caerbladon Youth Arts Studio	£4000.00	£2000.00
<p>Project Summary: Caerbladon CIC is moving into new, larger premises in early March 2024. Having 4/5 times the space across two floors enables us to provide a studio space and facilities for workshops, production and exhibition. In response to requests from local parents and young people, and through our dialogue with local schools, we plan to create a new young people's art studio, a place where local young people can develop their creative practice alongside others, in a supportive environment where resources such as printing facilities, art materials, and a computer with creative software will be provided. In 2024, we will support a new zine designed, written and edited by young people in the Malmesbury area. The zine will provide a platform for sharing their creativity, interests, passions and ideas about making the lives of local people better. Through the project, we aim to offer: - New opportunities for young people to have a voice and creative outlet in their community. - Developing skills in design, writing, photography for young people. - Foster a sense of pride in their local area amongst young people For young people (aged 13 - 19) in the Malmesbury area, there is a good sports offer, but outside of school there is little or no social space where they can develop their skills in visual and media arts and fulfil their creative potential. The project will make a real difference to young people in Malmesbury in terms of their creative opportunity, and also a platform for sharing their hopes and aspirations for the town. Jackdaw magazine is put together and edited by older residents, so the zine will provide a much-needed alternative. Caerbladon's exhibition facilities can provide another outlet for the young people's artwork. Above all, the youth art studio will provide a supportive environment where young people can collaborate and develop their creative skills and share the outcomes with a wider audience.</p>					

ABG1854	Youth Grant	The RISE trust Youth	Friday night Safe Spaces for Young People	£14040.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: This grant is to support RISE friday night project to continue safe spaces for young people, based in the town hall on a friday night. These sessions run for 50 weeks a year. This for 3 youth workers from 7pm-8.30pm and includes staff for 30 mins either side to set up and set down, the session reaches on average 15 young people, the group we reach need support with regards to their behaviours within the community and there are worries about the groups vulnerability and display of anti social behaviour. when in sessions they take part in a range of activities such as light cooking, arts and crafts, DJ music workshops, pool table, ping pong and then engagement around informal youth work education such as county line and exploitation, relationships, community behaviours and impact, drug and alcohol misuse. Within these sessions young people have access to food to eat, snack packs to take away and access to hygiene products.</p>					
ABG1855	Youth Grant	The RISE trust Youth	Street Based youth Engagement	£7600.00	£3400.00
<p>Project Summary: This grant is to continue to deliver street-based youth engagement, reaching young people in the community who are hanging out and may need support. our reach is always weather dependent, in the summer we may see up to 30 young people out and about, winter is quieter, but we tend to always reach at least 2 young people. Within this project we have supported young people to get home safely, had in the moment discussions about impact of Anti-social behaviour and been able to signpost and support young people to further support. recently the team reached a group of young people and 1 disclosed to staff that she had been self-harming that night, staff engaged and helped her to unpick why and then supported her home and helped her to open up to mum. staff then followed up the next day with young person and made sure that she knew where to gain further support. 1 young person regularly meets the team in this session and uses this to talk about how he feeling about his access to alternative provision.</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 person's 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.