

Report to	Warminster Area Board
Date of Meeting	04/01/2018
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant: Warminster Branch of the Royal British Legion Project Title: Counting machines for Warminster Royal British Legion Warminster Branch View full application	£762.19
Applicant: Maiden Bradley Community Village Shop Project Title: Outside project Picnic Benches and Cycle Cstand View full application	£900.00
Applicant: Wiltshire and Swindon Countryside Access Forum Project Title: Cop Heap War Memorial Wood Access View full application	£1424.44

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

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

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure. The Community Area Grants funding stream has £11,579.60. If funds are awarded as requested, £8,492.97 will remain to be distributed.

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.

9. Applications for consideration

2628	Warminster Branch of the Royal British Legion	Counting machines for Warminster Royal British Legion Warminster Branch	£762.19
Project Description: The counting of large amounts of money each year takes many hours and is done by ageing members of the community. The totals are frequently inaccurate and require recounts. Counting machines will make the process shorter more accurate and require less people. The machine will enable counting to be faster and banked more quickly ensuring safety and security of counters			
Input from Community Engagement Manager: If awarded, the funding would be for capital items. The amount requested is under £1k so match funding is not required.			
Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.			

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2647	Maiden Bradley Community Village Shop	Outside project Picnic Benches and Cycle Stand	£900.00
<p>Project Description: The Village Shop wishes to provide two picnic benches for walkers cyclists and parishioners to use March to October in the outside area in front of the Community Shop thus creating a friendly and inviting environment for villages and passers-by to enjoy.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The shop supports Maiden Bradley and the surrounding rural villages. If awarded, the funding would be for capital items. No match funding is required under £1k</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

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2624	Wiltshire and Swindon Countryside Access Forum	Cop Heap War Memorial Wood Access	£1424.44
<p>Project Description: The wood was bought by public subscription in 1947. Austerity means that it is now in a very poor condition and desperately needs renovation work. It is estimated that it could take up to 5 years to bring the rest of the County Wildlife site back to a good condition but the wood can probably be done in three with occasional subsequent work to maintain that standard. Thinning the undergrowth will make the whole wood accessible to the public. Only the fence on the Elm Hill side needs to be restored but will inhibit permissive public access unless additional kissing gates are installed. The remainder of the wood will no longer be fenced and the public will be able to walk through Cop Heap and onto the main MOD permissive paths in the area. There is scope to further improve the site e.g. with nesting boxes but the initial task is woodland management.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This is submitted under the Path Improvement Grant Scheme (PIGs) which utilises the Community Area Grant funds. The match funding for this project is met in terms of volunteer time. The funds requested are for capital items.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

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

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