

Report to Malmesbury Area Board
Date of meeting 10/07/2018
Title of report Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

| Applicant | Amount requested |
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| Sherston Scout Hut Refurbishment Seed Fund | £1500.00 |
| Ashton Keynes Village Hall Improvements | £2553.00 |

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 available here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-area-grants-criteria-2015-16-april.pdf>

The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>

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.

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

| Application ID | Applicant | Project Proposal | Requested |
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| ID 2945 (hyper link) | Sherston Scout Group | Seed Fund for new Scout Hut | £1500.00 |
| <p>Project description To prepare a proposal for funding from the North Legacy which is administered by the Sherston Parish Council to refurbish and extend the existing Sherston Scout Hut. This funding will enable us to prepare a successful project application which will support the work of the Scout Group and guiding UK sections in Sherston. The success of this application will be determined by the response of the Parish Council for our request for funding. If funding is successful from the Parish Council the projects success will be measured by improved facilities of our resources and greater impact on the quality of our training and use of the facility along with reduced running costs and ongoing environmental burden. At present some sections and units are dissuaded from using the building especially in winter because of the adverse conditions - and improved heating and ventilation will improve this. The increased storage space will encourage easier maintenance of camping equipment and other items necessary for Scout training increasing their use. Total project costs: £3000.00</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This grant is the foundations of a much large scheme of work. The Sherston Scout group alongside its members, Sherston Parish Council, Councillors, and the community are working together to develop plans to create a new Scout Hut. Firstly they need to raise funds to develop the plans, work with architects and submit planning permissions. These are vital to set the foundations for releasing further grants to achieve the main works. 25% of the total funds needed, at this stage, are £750.00</p> | | | |
| <p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Sherston Scout Group for £750.00</p> | | | |
| Application ID | Applicant | Project Proposal | Requested |
| ID 2905 (hyper link) | Ashton Keynes Village Hall | Hall Improvements | £1276.50 |
| <p>Project description We need to replace the main entrance into the Village Hall. The existing door is starting to fail and is beyond repair. The door has to be steel and double to allow for Disabled Access. All users of the Village Hall benefit as this is the primary access to the Hall complex. The Hall is used by just about every group within our community from Baby Toddlers through to Golden Years. This also includes the Outreach Post Office and the freebie session when the Post Office operates that provides a coffee morning and is attended once a month by the Police Community Support officer. Total project costs £2553.00</p> | | | |

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

Protecting and upgrading our rural community buildings is vital to ensure a place for activity and communion within the village. These facilities are the heart of the village and often the most accessible to those in rural locations. Keeping these buildings compliant, secure, and fit for purpose is costly and often committees do not have the large sums to meet these costs. Especially when trying to keep room rent affordable to the local groups using the hall. I commend the people looking after these buildings and meeting the challenges of running them and maintaining them for the greater good.

25% of the total funds needed are £640.00

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Ashton Keynes Village Hall for £640.00

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

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