

Report to	Warminster Area Board
Date of Meeting	19/09/2019
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
<p>Applicant: The Wessex Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Therapy Centre Project Title: Wessex MS Therapy Centre Oxygen Chamber Seating View full application</p>	£1404.00
<p>Applicant: Bishopstrow Village Hall Project Title: Bishopstrow Village Hall - new windows View full application</p>	£1725.00
<p>Applicant: Wiltshire and Swindon Countryside Access Forum Project Title: Warminster Common Community Action View full application</p>	£2899.00

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](#)

[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 Area Board has a balance of £31,603 in the capital Community Area Grants budget. If the awards are made as requested, there will be £25,575 remaining in the budget.

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
2993	The Wessex Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Therapy Centre	Wessex MS Therapy Centre Oxygen Chamber Seating	£1404.00

Project Description:

We want to replace the existing chairs in the oxygen chamber that were put in nearly twenty years ago when the building first opened. Many people with multiple sclerosis spend a long time seated and can suffer from pressure sores. We want to replace the old chairs with an up to date version that has better support and memory foam padding for pressure relieving and comfort. Oxygen therapy is very time consuming and takes up to an hour and a half for each session. People are sat still in one position locked in a chamber. We feel it is really important that they are comfortable.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

Proposal

The application meets the Grants Criteria. 50% match funding is in place. Funding is for capital items – chairs for the oxygen chamber. This application will support many people in the community. People with MS and other illnesses will be able to access the oxygen chamber at the centre. The MS centre is a focal point for many community projects in Warminster.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3001	Bishopstrow Village Hall	Bishopstrow Village Hall - new windows	£1725.00

Project Description:

The Bishopstrow Village Hall has had a series of repairs refurbishments and upgrades over the last four years and the final stage is to replace the three soft-wood Georgian-style windows with aluminium double-glazed windows with identical Georgian frames / panes This will enhance sound and heating insulation and increase sustainability with zero maintenance.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The application meets the Community Grants criteria. Match funding of 50% is being provided. The funding would be used for capital items – replacement, enhanced windows.

Bishopstrow is a small village with a small precept, some of which is being used towards the new windows. The Village Hall is a well-used community asset and this project will ensure the sustainability of the asset.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2946	Wiltshire and Swindon Countryside Access Forum	Warminster Common Community Action	£2899.00

Project Description:

Warminster Common is a gateway site and Town Green owned by Wiltshire Council but no longer maintained and becoming overgrown. Volunteers have already invested more than 300 hours in clearing accumulated litter & fly tipping and cutting back undergrowth on Byway Warminster 89 with hand tools and a Lidl mower. They now seek to cut back bracken and brambles that are taking over the Common and restore the site management plan but need a Force Multiplier in the form of a professional quality Field Mower. They also wish to look after the Play Area and keep the adjoining byway open for walkers riders and cyclists to gain safe access to Bradley Road and then to Longleat Woods. If we get the powerful mower we are asking for we also hope to recover two acres of maintained grass that are reverting to scrub. I have sent a PowerPoint brief under separate cover.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The application meets the Community Grants criteria for a community project. Match funding is in place in terms of volunteer time and donated equipment. The

funding would be used for capital items – a professional field mower.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

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

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