

Report to Malmesbury Area Board
Date of meeting 17 September 2019
Title of report Community Area Grant and Health and Wellbeing Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Lea Village Hall Committee	£1,399
Sherston Preschool	£2,500
Wiltshire Rural Music	£400

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:
<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 2019/20 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.

If all grants are awarded as below, Malmesbury Area Board will have a balance of £31,688 remaining in the 2019/20 Community Area Grants fund, and a balance of £4,030 remaining in the Health and Wellbeing fund.

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
3407	Lea Village Hall Committee	Replace disabled access and ramp	£1,399
<p>Project description:</p> <p>To remove and replace the existing disabled access with a wider entrance, a new door and a new ramp. The existing door is rotting and is not easy to access as it is not very wide and the existing ramp is also rotten and needs to be replaced with a permanent concrete ramp.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</p> <p>This project forms part of the Village Hall’s statutory requirements. Any disabled user of the hall will benefit from the improved disabled access, as well as clubs, private functions and commercial meetings. The access will be safer and easier to use. The improved door and ramp will also be easier and more cost-effective to maintain.</p> <p>The total project cost is £2,797, the remainder of which is being provided by the hall’s reserves.</p>			
<p>Proposal</p> <p>That the Area Board considers the application from Lea Village Hall Committee for £1,399.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3394	Sherston Preschool	Fencing	£2,500
<p>Project description:</p> <p>The applicant has been fund raising to build a new preschool in Sherston. Planning has now been granted, but conditions of the planning permission were to provide safety fencing around the preschool.</p>			

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The new preschool will benefit children aged 2-5, and their families, within the local area. The building will also be used to run 'wraparound' care for primary school age children. It will be used by up to 35 children a day. The fencing will make the preschool parking area safe allowing children and families to access the preschool safely, and also allow children and families entering the playground safely which is adjacent to the new preschool. There is currently a lack of preschool provision in the local area, with Sherston Busy Hands Preschool and Sherston Noahs ark nursery closing recently. This preschool will be a great asset to the community, and the fencing is an integral part to making the surrounding area safe for both children, families and staff.

The total project cost for the fencing element of this project is £8,007, the remainder of which is being made up of crowd funding, a grant from Malmesbury Carnival and a grant from Sherston Parish Council.

The total project cost to build the new preschool, including the fencing, is £194,000.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Sherston Preschool for £2,500.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3433	Wiltshire Rural Music	Music on the Move	£400

Project description:

With Music on the Move, when the library stops the music starts. An inter-generational outreach project set up to encourage rural communities to experience and participate in live music in the heart of their village. In collaboration with Wiltshire Mobile Libraries the project aims to help isolated people discover new music but also to reconnect them to what is on offer at their local library. Key to the project is using talented local musicians and giving audiences a chance to explore and engage with the instruments themselves not just in classical recitals but through music and community workshops for all ages.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

Many recent studies point to strong evidence that music has a huge impact on the health and wellbeing of isolated communities. This is especially true amongst older residents and those living with dementia but also on young primary school-age children who often do not get a chance to see or interact with music throughout their early-years education.

Music on the Move brings all ages together to help rebuild a sense of community between generations and from all areas of the parish.

By combining the library service with live music, the pilot projects were able to go directly into more isolated villages improving the health and wellbeing of parishioners from all walks of life directly on their doorstep. The benefits of this were that the older generation who traditionally used their library as a community hub were able to mingle with younger children in an emotionally stimulating and supportive environment.

The total project cost is £1,000, the remainder of which is being provided by the charity's reserves.

Proposal

That the Area Board considers the application from Wiltshire Rural Music for £400.

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

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