

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	13/11/2019
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Atworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee Project Title: Replacement of Tables Chairs View full application	£2483.40
Applicant: The Art House Cafe Project Title: Art House cafe power-assisted front door View full application	£950.00

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 2019/2020 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
2475	Atworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee	Replacement of Tables Chairs	£2483.40
Project Description: The Tables and Chairs in the Village Hall have been there for several decades. The old plastic seats are not comfortable for older users of the hall. The chairs with cloth seats have had several legs buckle or break and therefore need to be replaced. The tables are old, and we have had legs break off recently therefore they are not sustainable. We need to take into account the comfort of the public and the reliability of the equipment used in the hall.			
Input from Community Engagement Manager: Everyone who uses the village hall will benefit from the replacement equipment, from the Brownies and Guides to the History Group Art Group and all other users. The total project costs are £ 4,967, with 50% of costs coming from the Parish Council, the Wiltshire Community Fund and the 200 Club.			
Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3441	The Art House Cafe	Art House cafe power-assisted front door	£950.00
Project Description: Elderly and wheelchair customers have difficulty in negotiating the heavy door and sill especially in wet weather. This project is to supply and install an easy to use power assisted entrance door and lower the door sill to provide easier access for customers.			
Input from Community Engagement Manager: The Art House Cafe is a community project run by the Rotary Club of Melksham. It welcomes all people in its hub especially the elderly and disadvantaged and is used by many groups including Dementia UK, Contact the Elderly and similar organisations. It is specifically these people who will benefit from the easier access. This is an application to the community grant capital budget. No match funding is provided or required.			
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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