Report to	Melksham
Date of Meeting	04/11/2020
Title of Report	Community Youth Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Melksham Area Board.

Application	Grant Amount	
Applicant: 2385 (Melksham) Squadron ATC **Project Title**: 2385 Squadron - DofE IT Support	£900.00	

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2020/21 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Cabinet member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2020/2021.

Community Youth Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

Community Youth Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community-based projects and schemes.

3. The applications

Applicant: 2385 (Melksham) Squadron ATC **Project Title**: 2385 Squadron - DofE IT Support	Amount Requested from Area Board: £900.00	
This application meets grant criteria 2020/21. **Project Summary:** The Duke of Edinburgh Award has moved all of its record keeping and support online. We have a volunteer staff member who		

can support the DofE on Squadron however they will be doing this remotely due to COVID. We are therefore in need of a new laptop to enable this volunteer to support our DofE programme on Squadron.

The Duke of Edinburgh scheme is widely known about including its inclusive nature and high level of benefits it provides young people. 2385 Sqn will be moving with the DofE award to providing the assessments and tracking of individuals progress through the award online as is the norm now. This grant will enable the purchase of a suitable laptop to enable an individual volunteer to provide the digital support necessary. Initially remotely due to COVID and then face to face after COVID. The laptop will be used in both stages to support the young people on Sqn with their DofE records. This project will initially support 40 cadets but will also support over an expected 7 year life of the laptop approx 350 cadets and volunteers. The ATC and DofE is accessible and affordable for all participants and is fully inclusive. Both our strict regulations and that of the DofE ensure this project encourages volunteering, in particular as one of the DofE sections is volunteering in the community.

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