

Report To Warminster Area Board

Date of Meeting Thursday, 24 June 2021

Title of Report Warminster Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Warminster Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young persons grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
Opening Balance For <u>2021/22</u>	<u>£43,118</u>	<u>£12,892</u>	<u>£7,700</u>
Awarded To Date	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>
Current Balance	<u>£43,118</u>	<u>£12,892</u>	<u>£7,700</u>
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	<u>£33,029</u>	<u>£12,892</u>	<u>£6,336</u>

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG66	Community Area Grant	Codford Village Hall	Codford Village Hall Playing Field Safety Fencing	£1795.00	£795.00
<p>Project Summary: The A36 trunk road was until recently screened from the Village Hall Playing Field by low level scrub vegetation, small and large (poplar) trees. This deterred and prevented children from being attracted to playing close to the A36. In March 2021 the Highways Agency carried out a road safety measure by reducing poplar trees in the roadside buffer zone adjacent to the Playing Field. This was achieved from the Playing Field side of the buffer zone and necessitated removal of the scrub vegetation and small trees to facilitate access to the poplars. An unforeseen consequence of this site clearance was the removal of the A36 screening and the increased openness of the buffer zone to the delight of local children who have been witnessed playing in this area. This application is to fund a safety fence along the open side of the Playing Field. A quote from a local fencing contractor to provide the materials and expertise has been obtained. The village has undertaken to provide the labour to erect the fencing under the guidance of the contractor. Village volunteers have already stood up.</p>					
ABG26	Community Area Grant	Bishopstrow and Boreham Parochial Church Council	St Johns Hall Refurbishment	£8932.00	£3866.00

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<p>Project Summary: St John's Hall is, under normal circumstances, extensively used by a wide variety of clubs, charities and exercises classes, for all people of all ages in the local community. This usually generates about £10,000 a year in income and covers staff and running costs. In 2020-21 this income has reduced to just under £3,500. The Hall is run by a committee and has just appointed a new Hall Manager. I have recently taken over as Treasurer and one of my priority tasks, with the newly appointed Manager, has been to review the condition and safety of the Hall. We have completed the review and it has shown that there is some serious repair, refurbishment and redecoration required in the Hall. All the following tasks need to be completed as soon as possible (and as the Hall is currently not in use due to Covid, we have a plan to complete the works before the Hall re-opens in, hopefully, June). The following needs to be done (by separate independent, local tradespeople):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-roofing of leaking storerooms/garages (£4,030 - expensive due to asbestos roofing sheets needing specialised disposal); • Renewing of non-compliant kitchen and main hall lights (£1,615); • Re-pointing of east wall to stop major damp problem (£1,100); • Repair of main front door, skirting boards, floorboards, and total redecoration of front door, main hall and kitchen (£2,187). <p>• Total cost: £8,932. None of the suppliers are VAT registered. This grant application requests financial support for the above tasks.</p>					
ABG46	Area Board Initiative	Friends of WCR	Computers network update and replacement	£8500.00	£4250.00
<p>Project Summary: The Radio station relies heavily on its Computers and Network system for running all of its automation, editing software legal accountability to Ofcom and for programme content. When we started the service we had 5 computers we now use 20 for every aspect of operation. Most of the computers are 10 to 15 years old running XP non supported operating system leaving the station open to hacking and virus attack. Replacement of these and the associated routers and cabling are now very urgent.</p>					
ABG68	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Crockerton Village Comittee	Crockerton Village Committee Defibrillators	£3360.00	£1364.00
<p>Project Summary: The Village committee purchased two defibrillators from South West Ambulance Trust on a 4 year scheme, they are now due for their renewal for another 4 years.</p>					
ABG108	Community Area Grant	Grovelands Countryside and Wildlife Volunteers	Upgrading of informal footpaths on Grovelands Countryside and Wildlife site	£4000.00	£2000.00
<p>Project Summary: During Covid lockdowns much greater use of the Grovelands public open space has been made by local residents. During the late Autumn, Winter and early Spring many of these paths on the western side of the bunded area are impassable because they are waterlogged. Having taken advice from Wiltshire Council's Public Rights of Way Officer his recommended solution is to create a boardwalk to provide a stable surface above the flood plain. When the paths are waterlogged walkers attempt to open up alternative routes that are damaging the wildflowers, orchids etc. that we are trying to restore on site. Over the next 5 years we are planning to raise the standard of all the footpaths to enable full accessibility for all including wheelchair users.</p>					

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.

Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:

- Community Area Grants (capital)
- Young People (revenue)
- Health and Wellbeing (revenue)

The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young persons funding guidelines have been adhered to.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

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

Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

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.

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

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