

Report To Salisbury Area Board

Date of Meeting Thursday, 29 September 2022

Title of Report Salisbury Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Salisbury 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>2022/23</u>	£ 31,653.00	£ 24,422.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 5,000.00	£ 7,495.00	£ 4,161.00
Current Balance	£ 26,653.00	£ 16,927.00	£ 3,538.16
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 25,657.47	£ 9,927.00	£ 771.16

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG802	Community Area Grant	Arundells	Arundells Roots and Shoots community garden project	£13300.00	£500.00

Project Summary:

This grant will fund capital costs of phase 2 of the 'Roots and Shoots' community garden project at Arundells. Phase 1, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, enabled us to employ community garden specialist Becky Twigg for 16 weeks to engage military veterans in the activity of co-designing and creating a community garden space at Arundells. We are now seeking further funding for a second phase of the project, so we can build an all-weather shelter and nature learning spaces and continue to employ Becky to devise and deliver bespoke weekly gardening sessions for military veterans and members of The Friary community. Becky will also work with the community programme manager to develop and trial self-guided learning resources for visiting primary schools. Becky is currently funded to work for an initial 16-weeks with a group of eight military veterans, all of whom have experienced trauma and challenges, such as drug and alcohol dependency. Team activities are really important as part of veterans' Social Therapeutic Horticulture (STH) engagement. So, in phase 2, many of the activities will be centred around a group area, like the new potting benches, where veterans can sit side by side and share a task such as seed sowing. It is important to provide consistency each week as the veterans build confidence, trust and new skills. A shelter is vital to ensuring weekly activities can continue through the winter months, without any lapse of momentum. In winter, the shelter will be a safe, cosy zone where activities, including learning about how the garden is supporting the environment through things such as our sown pollinator friendly seeds, or provisions of a pond or bee hotel, can be discussed. In the summer, it will provide shade for the very important coffee breaks, where veterans often relax and freely and openly share experiences which is part of their healing and recovery. The space will also be a useful area for schools to utilise when they visit for self-guided learning activities.

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG803	Community Area Grant	Salisbury Transition City	Low Cost Small Particle Matter sensors for Air Quality monitoring in Salisbury	£495.53	£495.53
<p>Project Summary: Fine particulate matter (PM2.5) in the air is now known to cause the most serious harm to health. New legislation will require all of us to take measures to reduce this pollutant. To improve the levels of PM2.5 in the city accurate measurement and monitoring is required alongside interaction with citizens to encourage positive behaviours. PM2.5 measurement forms one of the actions in the WC Air Quality Management Group and this project aims to help the city achieve this and the engagement with citizens by increasing the number of low cost PM2.5 sensors within the city and engaging with schools and citizens to bring about positive behaviours. PM2.5 measurement forms one of the actions in the WC Air Quality Management Group. The accumulated data from these sensors will allow decision makers to understand if measures taken to reduce PM2.5 are being successful, this in turn will deliver improved health and life expectancy to the citizens of Salisbury. To achieve these aims the project will build on Salisbury Transition City's citizen science PM2.5 air quality monitoring project. Key to the projects success in providing Salisbury with this information is the need to increase the number of the sensors and locations across the city where they are deployed. This includes hotspot areas where citizens are most at risk. The project will seek to engage with more citizens and some schools. To accomplish these goals it requires funding for more low cost sensor systems. It seeks funding for eight sensors to be placed in hotspot areas and schools of the West Salisbury school cluster that reside in the city boundaries. If it is successful then it is anticipated that further funds will be sought across more area boards to engage with more schools and citizens. These sensors will be linked to the STC and International Sensor Community websites, and will provide Salisbury citizen's with real time information on levels that might be harmful to health allowing them, especially the vulnerable, to take appropriate measures to stay safe. A further benefit of adding more PM2.5 sensors across the Salisbury area is the increased ability to identify local sources of the pollutant. Reduction in the levels of PM2.5 will also reduce its harm as a contributor to the climate emergency.</p>					
ABG735	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Families Out Loud	Salisbury client support	£1567.00	£767.00
<p>Project Summary: Families Out Loud supports families of drug & alcohol users in Wiltshire. This project will provide continued support group provision for our current Salisbury clients which number 10, as well as up to 5 new clients in 2022. The project will also enable us to offer one-to-one counselling to those who need it.</p>					
ABG768	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£11065.00	£1500.00
<p>Project Summary: Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW) will use arts & heritage activities to reach the most isolated older people in Salisbury, helping to tackle loneliness and aiming to improve their health and wellbeing through creative and artistic engagement. In particular CAW will target those people who are vulnerable and socially isolated due to frailty, ill health, dementia, poor mobility or caring responsibilities. Our programme has developed four different strands of both live and online activity to meet the needs of this group. CAW is a partnership of community organisations across the county with Wiltshire Music Centre as lead organisation.</p>					
ABG799	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Safer and Supportive Salisbury	Refreshing the Safe Places scheme in Salisbury	£750.00	£500.00

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<p>Project Summary: The Safe Places scheme provides immediate support in the community to vulnerable or distressed people out and about in the City through shops and other facilities undertaking to provide low level support. The scheme was implemented in Wiltshire around 2012 but was largely a casualty of the cuts. It has survived in Salisbury with Safer Salisbury support. The scheme needs regular refreshing by visiting existing Safe Places (around 25), reminding staff of the scheme and their commitment to it and by working to add new Safe Places. We are asking for the immediate costs of refreshing the scheme but anticipate that a Working Group will come forward with proposals to develop and further promote, the scheme: we already have early commitment from Salisbury Rotary and Salisbury Bid to contribute to this. We also believe that there is potential for expanding the scheme and to promote it particularly with new plans for wayfinding in the City .The scheme was last refreshed with the aid of a small Area Board grant in 2018 and are asking for the immediate costs of refreshing the scheme.</p>					
ABG760	Youth Grant	Family Counselling Trust Wiltshire	Thriving Salisbury	£10000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Family Counselling Trust Wiltshire is a registered mental health charity providing key early intervention psychological support to children, young people (up to age 18) and their families predominantly on low incomes, whilst remaining accessible to all. It was founded to respond to the growing array of challenges that families and young people face – all linked to emotional, behavioural or other mental health problems – where they were unable to access the timely and adequate support needed. FCT works hard to enable children and young people, who would otherwise not receive a service, to have an early opportunity to be supported by a qualified and experienced psychological therapist, in what is an holistic service involving the families. FCT serves children and families with pressing psychological needs - all below any statutory/NHS service threshold - and gives consideration to the families' financial circumstances. With funding we provide quality psychological support to low income families through a referral system with GPs, Schools, Children and Family Organisations/charities etc. Self-referrals are accepted where there is evidence of need. All referred families receive information and guidance with the Family Liaison Officer (FLO) being the key point of contact for the families (FLO is also qualified to counselling level 4), the referrers and the practitioners as the referrals are processed. The FLO presents all the relevant information (anonymously) on the referrals/presenting issues to the Wiltshire referral panel (made up of mental health professionals), which conducts the assessments (of referrals). Where counselling is approved by the panel, six sessions of psychological therapy (sometimes more) are offered immediately to address the needs presented - each therapy session is c. 50-60 minutes. Where counselling isn't appropriate, further information and guidance is given to the family and/or referrer on the next best steps in view of the assessment. * Low income families are asked to contribute £5 per counselling session to encourage ownership and take-up – these contributions go direct to the therapists. However, exceptions are made if this is not affordable for the families. Service oversight is provided by the clinical and safeguarding leads, the CEO, the County Chair and Trustees. At the course end, FCT will monitor the progress of families (clinical measure and service feedback forms) and evaluate the feedback as well as manage the sustainability of the service. The number of referrals is increasing and we need to keep fundraising to keep up with the demand for counselling support.</p>					
ABG761	Youth Grant	Take Part Team Wiltshire Creative	SHIFT Socials I was born in the wrong decade	£4000.00	£2000.00

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<p>Project Summary: SHIFT- Amplifying young voices through the arts. The SHIFT Socials were born out of the Wiltshire Creative SHIFT programme, they provide a night specifically for those aged 14-25 to engaged with there local arts organisation and enjoy an event designed by them, for them. In the previous year, our Young Ambassadors have produced a band night for local young bands, a immersive Halloween event with team quizzes and music. These next projects aims to support and mentor our young ambassadors in creating these events different to social events done previously, ensuring we have catered a variety of arts based event for all young people. The first SHIFT Social event will take place on Saturday 22nd October at the Salisbury Arts Centre. ' I was born in the wrong decade', 4 Young people, aged 14-25 will be chosen to DJ different decade music throughout the night in 4 x 45 minute sets. They will be mentored by a young, successful DJ, under 25 by attending 4 x 2 hour sessions throughout October. We will encourage the audience to come dressed up in their favourite decade and also decade themed craft activities for the audience to participate in. The process of choosing the 4 young DJ's, has involved posting and open call out to anyone who wish to undertake this opportunity and then they will be chosen by our Young Ambassadors. Taking them through a recruitment process from application to making offers. The initiative is to amplify young voices, give them opportunities they wouldn't necessarily have and also to offer entertainment for this specific age group of which in this area there is very little for them to engage with from a music perspective. The Young Ambassadors advocate for their friends and peers by continuing to tell us how much they enjoy having a social space they can claim for the the night have fun and feel safe while out from their home settings. The second SHIFT event in early 2023 is about exploring immersive cinema in an educational way to bring people into the curation of an event plus offer new and innovative ways of running a cinema night in a sight specific area with a theme. The aim is to showcase archive type films engaging young people in films they wouldn't have seen before and also to celebrate films made locally. The idea once this pilot event has happened is to aim to link up with 'Intofilm' and potentially begin to run a young filmmakers festival to give them a platform to work from. This will then support young people from the area to get into the creative industries. These initiatives will engage: Wiltshire Creative young ambassadors; 15 young people age 14 - 25, some with SEND (est 4) Audiences totaling 250 ages 14-25, these are inclusive events attracting young people with SEND Young artists; 6 young people age 14-25, inclusive recruitment attracting at least 1 SEND There will be a wider engagement of friends and family and any potential digital opportunities.</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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