

**Report To** South West Wiltshire Area Board

**Date of Meeting** Wednesday, 14 December 2022

**Title of Report** South West Wiltshire Area Grant Report

## Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the South West Wiltshire 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
<b>Opening Balance For</b> <u>2022/2023</u>	£ 24,876.00	£ 21,148.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 6,987.00	£ 3,750.00	£ 5,060.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 17,889.00	£ 17,398.00	£ 2,640.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 15,933.00	£ 2,947.50	£ 2,140.00

## Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG888</a>	Community Area Grant	Broad Chalke Village Hall	Broad Chalke Village Hall Community Cinema	£3912.00	£1956.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>            The project is to provide a new digital projector and accessories in the Hall so that the Hall can establish a community cinema in our village. The Hall currently has an integrated audio-visual system and large screen but the analogue projector is not of sufficient quality to provide suitable viewing.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG864</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Fovant Community Support Group	Assistance with provision of Fovant Village Food Bank and Warm Space locations in Fovant	£818.00	£500.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  The Fovant Chapel will provide the location for the Fovant Food Bank. This is to be run under the umbrella of the Trussell Trust. It will provide a warm, discreet, welcoming place for those in need, to access food supplies, a welcome, a listening ear and a hot drink and biscuit. There will be information signposting to other sources of help and advice to those in need in the Village. A concise, informative leaflet will be designed and delivered to every home in Fovant, which will provide written information signposting to organisations and places of help and support. Timely communication and information will be shared on the Residents Facebook Page and the Village Website: <a href="http://www.fovantvillage.com">www.fovantvillage.com</a>. This will ensure that all will be able to access the information they need. A winter coat bank will provide the opportunity for the donation of warm coats and clothing. Blankets and hot water bottles will be available to assist with reducing the negative effects experienced by those unable to heat their homes adequately to keep warm. The Waterside Youth Club will open specifically for the provision of a Warm Space for 5 hours each week. These sessions will be for adults over 18 only. There will be hot drinks and biscuits provided, as well as a friendly ear and warm space to read, chat or take part in activities such as board games and jigsaws. The Village Hall is extending 2 existing weekly activities offering a cup of soup and bread roll a hot drink and biscuits for no charge, although donations will be gratefully accepted. Free Wifi will be provided, giving the opportunity for working, accessing emails and online information, enabling connectivity and reducing anxiety and isolation. Activities such as board games, newspapers and magazines will be available. The possibility of holding film afternoons are under discussion, which would give villagers an opportunity to come together for an enjoyable and sociable time, not only addressing potential issues with adequate warmth but also that of loneliness and vulnerability. The licensing implications of this kind of activity are being researched. Demographics given by the GP at The Spring Orchard Surgery as of 8th November 2022, state that, out of a total of 575 Fovant residents registered, 18.5 % are over 75 years, 5% are at increased risk of covid complications and 21% live alone. These figures demonstrate the potential need for the provision of warm, welcoming, non-judgmental spaces. The Spring Orchard Surgery will hold a weekly health and wellbeing GP - led drop in session, hosted by the Waterside, offering a safe, confidential environment within which concerns and anxieties can be discussed by those less confident in attending the Surgery through the usual appointment system. The Spring Orchard Surgery, The Fovant Chapel, The Village Hall, the Waterside and the Fovant Community Support Group are all part of the Fovant Network who are working together to create Neighbourhood Warmth to those in need over the colder months.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG889</a>	Youth Grant	Seeds4Success	Mere Youth Centre Open Access Youth Work Projects	£14757.78	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  We are seeking funding to enable the delivery of a range of open access youth work opportunities at Mere Youth Centre. This will include our Friday Evening Drop-in sessions, our fortnightly 'workshop' night and our fortnightly quiet space and study support sessions.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG890</a>	Youth Grant	Seeds4Success	Health and Wellbeing Project	£15382.50	£4450.50
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  We will provide a range of activities whilst delivering a young person focused health and wellbeing project at the Nadder Centre on Monday evenings</p>					
<a href="#">ABG892</a>	Youth Grant	Seeds4Success	Local Youth Action Scheme	£13050.43	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Local Youth Action Scheme is a social action initiative targeted at young people who are in school years 11 or 12 or of that age. It is a project that was designed by local young people to replace our delivery of NCS which had become to focused on participant numbers and not on the individuals and their needs and potential outcomes from engagement. The project will run intensively over 4-5 week period in June &amp; July and young people will take part in team building, training and accreditation, plan and run a project that benefits the community and then enjoy a reward residential in Pembrokeshire as a team to celebrate their achievements.</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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