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**Trowbridge Area Grant Report**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Trowbridge Area Board. These could include:
  - community area grants
  - youth grants
  - older and vulnerable people grants
  - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

**Area Board Current Financial Position**

	<b>Community Area Grants</b>	<b>Youth Grants</b>	<b>Older and Vulnerable People Grants</b>
<b>Opening Balance For 2023/24</b>	£ 34,670.00	£ 30,464.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 5,500.00	£ 1,497.00	£ 3,495.10
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 29,170.00	£ 28,966.10	£ 4,204.90
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 22,295.00	£ 26,366.10	£ 2,704.90

**Grant Funding Application Summary**

<b>Application Reference</b>	<b>Grant Type</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Requested</b>
<a href="#">ABG1250</a>	Community Area Grant	Wiltshire Wildlife Trust	Disabled Facilities at Green Lane Wood Nature Reserve	£17474.00	£5000.00
<b>Project Summary:</b> <b>Wiltshire Wildlife Trust are developing an area of the Green Lane Nature Reserve to facilitate wellbeing and educational activities for local residents. In order to make the site fully accessible for longer visits and activities, we are seeking to install an accessible composting toilet and a shelter. There are no local public toilets or facilities within a suitable distance of the site, reducing the ability for those with health conditions to visit the site and make the most of the benefits of engaging with nature.</b>					
<a href="#">ABG1342</a>	Community Area Grant	west wilts radio	WWR DAB Project	£10320.00	£1875.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>To transition to digital audio broadcasting (DAB) so that West Wilts Radio (WWR) can deliver the benefits of entertainment and information to a wider proportion of the West Wiltshire Community. Ofcom's figures show that three quarters of people have a preference for DAB, so DAB is an imperative for WWR which is currently an internet only broadcaster.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1265</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£10455.00	£1500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW) will use arts &amp; heritage activities to reach the most isolated older people in the Trowbridge area, 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.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1287</a>	Youth Grant	Wiltshire Youth for Christ	Youth pop up project in Studley Green Trowbridge	£5200.00	£2600.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We will provide after school activities from our pop up cafe van one evening each month on the Kensington Fields open area. This will be open to all young people free of charge, although we are aiming particularly to meet the needs of those in the 10-16 age range. The pop up will be run by trained and experienced youth workers, accompanied by trained volunteers. We will provide a range of activities to suit all young people, from sports like football and volley ball to traditional board games and video games. We will signpost young people to other agencies as appropriate.</b></p>					

## Background

3. 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.
4. 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)
  - Youth Grants (revenue)
  - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

## Main Considerations

6. 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.
7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

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

### **Safeguarding Implications**

9. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

### **Public Health Implications**

10. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

### **Environmental & Climate Change Implications**

11. 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.

### **Financial Implications**

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

### **Legal Implications**

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

### **Workforce Implications**

14. There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

### **Equalities Implications**

15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
16. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

### **Proposals**

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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