

South West Wiltshire Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the South West Wiltshire 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

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2024/25	£ 24,876.00	£ 21,248.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 24,876.00	£ 21,248.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -1,299.00	£ 19,748.00	£ 5,273.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1542	Community Area Grant	Tisbury and District Community Minibus Limited	Purchase of New Minibus with Vehicle Wheelchair Tail Lift	£60000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Tisbus is a charitable community transport organization based in Tisbury, Wiltshire. Our charitable aim is to alleviate the effects of isolation in our rural area. Tisbus provides a door to door minibus service for shopping trips and outings. However, for many members the prime value is social contact. Tisbus aims to maintain at least 3 buses but ultimately to return to our pre-Covid level of 4 buses. As many of our members have mobility issues we try to ensure at least one of our buses has a tail lift fitted for loading motorised wheelchairs and those who cannot manage steps which increases the cost of the vehicle. Our current tail lift vehicle is scheduled for replacement in 2024.</p>					
ABG1720	Community Area Grant	Mere Snooker Club	Mere snooker club	£2200.00	£1100.00

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Project Summary: To change very old storage heaters for more efficient halogen type					
ABG1734	Community Area Grant	Chalke Valley Sports Centre	Resurfacing of the Chalke Valley Sports Centre Multi Use Games Area	£27500.00	£5000.00
Project Summary: The MUGA is over 20 years old and at the end of its economic life. Resurfacing will enable the area to continue in use for another 15+ years.					
ABG1737	Community Area Grant	The Chalke Valley Fete Committee	Chalke Valley Fete and Produce Show Infrastructure Improvements Project	£6000.00	£3000.00
Project Summary: Funding to: - support the purchase of a main show marquee - to undertake access improvement works to provide safer parking for volunteers and members of the public attending the event. - provision of an external electrical supply to one end of the field					
ABG1753	Community Area Grant	Barford St Martin Community Fund	Barford St Martin Traffic Management Project	£3270.00	£1635.00
Project Summary: The Barford St Martin Community Fund is currently running a Community Speed Control Project, this includes a Community Speed Watch programme manned by local volunteers together with installing an additional Speed Indicator Device. We hope these measures will eventually lead to a reduction in the speed limit to 20 MPH in certain areas of the village, which are particularly hazardous.					
ABG1767	Community Area Grant	Grove Building Mere	Provision of modern audio visual facilities in Grove Building Mere	£13000.00	£5000.00
Project Summary: Purchase and installation of a fixed digital projector, electrically controlled screen, and surround sound audio system to provide up-to-date facilities for lectures and film presentations in Grove Building, Church Street, Mere, BA12 6DS. The building is used by many local groups for meetings, demonstrations, lectures, and social events. It provides a convenient, central, and economical meeting place for residents of Mere and District. It has an occupancy rate of 76% on weekdays, with weekends mainly used by children's parties, social events, and groups interacting with the general public such as craft fairs, talks, musical events, and Literary Festival presentations.					
ABG1768	Community Area Grant	Fovant Badges Society	Fovant Badges Diorama	£10000.00	£1000.00
Project Summary: The Fovant Badges Society are planning to install a new "diorama" at the A30 lay-by (the one from which the public can view the Fovant Badges). The display board will show information about how the badges were made, together with a time line of important events.					

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ABG1773	Community Area Grant	Mere Footpath Group	Mere Footpath Group equipment	£490.00	£440.00
<p>Project Summary: Mere Footpath Group has, for many years, maintained stiles and paths on the Rights of Way in Mere Parish. We work each week and publish the work done. We have had thousands of thank yous from residents and walkers. We had grants to help us purchase equipment previously (the last was 2017) and that equipment is still being used thanks to careful maintenance. We raise some money which we use on expendables like hardware, cutter line and petrol. Mere Town Council also have a small budget allocation to help with expendables. Our group is larger now and we send out two groups. Because of this, we need a second hedge trimmer to clear stiles and paths of undergrowth. We want to move to non-petrol electric equipment which is, at the moment, more expensive. Members of the group will provide the electricity for charging.</p>					
ABG1781	Community Area Grant	Parish of Sacred Heart Tisbury and All Saints Wardour	Proposed improvements to Sacred Heart Tisbury Parish Rooms	£8000.00	£4000.00
<p>Project Summary: Removal of brick partition internal wall, supporting the floor above with a steel beam, and refurbishing/refitting the kitchen, with worktops and cupboards, sink unit, freestanding cooker, oven, dishwasher and refrigerator.</p>					
ABG1757	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Compton Chamberlayne PCC	Compton Chamberlayne 4th Annual Concert	£12500.00	£1250.00
<p>Project Summary: A resident of our village , a professional musician and conductor, has managed to persuade his friends in the Baroque musical sphere to give of their talents and musicianship to perform in a concert in our church which has very good acoustics. The programme has been varied over the years and this year, they will perform Handel's Acis and Galatea, referred to as a pastoral idyll, a short opera. It has 4 main singing parts and 8 musicians, which is a greater number than we have had before, and therefore more costly.</p>					
ABG1771	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	silver salisbury group	Wilton drop in coffee mornings for older people	£1930.00	£965.00
<p>Project Summary: To set up a monthly drop in coffee morning with occasional speakers at Wilton library or other nearby location to alleviate loneliness and isolation and encourage social engagement. To promote the sessions by outreaching lonely or isolated people in Wilton and surrounding villages. Through the coffee mornings to promote groups , activities and events that might be of interest and signpost.</p>					
ABG1784	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Barford St Martin Community Fund	Barford St Martin Village Summer Fete	£212.00	£212.00

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<p>Project Summary: The Barford Community Fund has identified an ambitious programme of projects this year that we will raise funds to support financially. In order to identify these projects we invited local residents to vote on ideas that aim to increase and improve the local amenities and facilities in the village. The projects so far identified this year are aimed at benefiting all residents that live in the village. To fund these projects we run a number of fund-raising events and our village fete, which will be held this summer, aims to be one of our major fund-raising initiatives this year.</p>					
ABG1756	Youth Grant	Semley Music Festival Community Group	Semley Music Festival	£21038.50	£1000.00
<p>Project Summary: With this music festival, we are concentrating on providing entertainment and engagement for a younger audience who, living in a predominantly rural area with poor transport links, do not get too many opportunities to experience live music unless they are prepared to travel considerable distances to venues.</p>					
ABG1795	Youth Grant	Fovant Youth Club	Structured Sports for the Summer	£1000.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: We intend to host a small number of structured sports /activities in our building during this summer. The two activities we are looking to host, will be provided by 3rd parties, are both 1 day and relate to football skills and a climbing wall.</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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