

Meeting: DEVIZES AREA BOARD

Place: Devizes Sports Club, London Road, Devizes SN10 2DL

Date: Monday 19 May 2014

Time: 6.30 pm

COMMUNITY AREA GRANT – APPLICATION FORMS

Relating to item 12 on the agenda for the above meeting

Grant Applications for Devizes on 19/05/2014

ID	Grant Type	Project Title	Applicant	Amount Required
754	Community Area Grant	Nursteed Centre Electrical Works	Devizes & District Association for the Disabled	£2043.00
714	Community Area Grant	Assistive Technology Resource Centre and Workshops	Wiltshire Blind Association	£4382.71

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754	Community Area Grant	Nursteed Centre Electrical Works	Devizes & District Association for the Disabled	£2043.00

Submitted: 07/04/2014 11:57:30

ID: 754

Current Status: Application Appraisal

To be considered at this meeting:

19/05/2014 Devizes

1. Which type of grant are you applying for?

Community Area Grant

2. Amount of funding required?

£501 - £5000

3. Are you applying on behalf of a Parish Council?

No

4. If yes, please state why this project cannot be funded from the Parish Precept

5. Project title?

Nursteed Centre Electrical Works

6. Project summary:

Following Survey Report carry out new works to electrical system to bring to current

standard. New wall lights in Main Hall to improve ambience. Provide new diffusers to ceiling lights in Main Hall and Kitchen. Replace external floodlights with energy saving LED floodlights with PIR sensors.

7. Which Area Board are you applying to?

Devizes

Electoral Division

8. What is the Post Code of where the project is taking place?

SN10 3AF

9. Please tell us which theme(s) your project supports:

Inclusion, diversity and community spirit

If Other (please specify)

10. Finance:

10a. Your Organisation's Finance:

Your latest accounts:

09/2013

Total Income:

£24907.00

Total Expenditure:

£24912.00

Surplus/Deficit for the year:

£5.00

Free reserves currently held:

(money not committed to other projects/operating costs)

£8745.00

Why can't you fund this project from your reserves:

We need to maintain a certain financial reserve to be available to pay for running costs of the Nursteed Centre, and to give assurance that the Centre can continue to be available for use by 16 groups of disabled people.

We are a small community group and do not have annual accounts or it is our first year:

10b. Project Finance:

Total Project cost £4087.20

Total required from Area Board £2043.00

Expenditure £ Income Tick if income £

(Itemised expenditure)		(Itemised income)	confirmed	
Works to electrical system	1794.00	Private Donations	yes	897.00
Provisional Sum for further electrical remedial works following further investigations	600.00	Private Donations	yes	300.00
New wall lights including new dimmer switch	787.20	Private Donations	yes	394.20
New diffusers to ceiling lights	186.00	Private Donations	yes	93.00
Replace external floodlights	588.00	Private Donations	yes	294.00
Making good following above works	132.00	Private Donations	yes	66.00
Total	£4087.2			£2044.2

11. Have you or do you intend to apply for a grant from another area board within this financial year?

No

12. If so, which Area Boards?

Devizes

13. Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project benefit your local community?

The D&DAD was formed in 1981 with the aim of making the whole Town disabled friendly with dropped kerbs, accessible shops etc. In 1984 a disused School Kitchen became available and was altered and extended to form the Nursteed Centre providing a meeting hall, kitchen, toilets specially designed for the disabled. The Nursteed Centre, now called the Nursteed Community Centre, provides a safe, accessible, affordable place for disabled people in the area. The Centre is used by 16 groups of people with various disabilities with approximately 250 disabled people using the Centre on a regular basis. The Centre allows equality by providing a meeting place for all people irrespective of disabilities. This project will bring the electrical system to modern safe standard whilst reducing some energy cost and also providing improved lighting in the Main Hall.

14. How will you monitor this?

The D&DAD Management Committee includes a building surveyor and other business people with relevant experience of projects of this nature. The technical success of this project will be demonstrated by electrical tests and certificates on completion. The visual success of the new wall lights will be apparent with the improved lighting. The energy saving with the new LED floodlights will be shown by reduced electrical bills.

15. If your project will continue after the Wiltshire Council funding runs out, how will you continue to fund it?

Not Applicable

16. Is there anything else you think we should know about the project?

Not Applicable

17. DECLARATION

Supporting information - Please confirm that the following documents will be available to inspect upon request:

Quotes:

yes I will make available on request 1 quote for individual project costs over £500 & 2 quotes for project costs over £1000 (Individual project costs are listed in the expenditure section above)

Accounts:

yes I will make available on request the organisation's **latest accounts**

Constitution:

yes I will make available on request the organisation's Constitution/Terms of Reference etc.

Policies and procedures:

yes I will make available on request the necessary and relevant policies and procedures such as Child Protection, Safeguarding Adults, Public Liability Insurance, Access audit, Health & Safety and Environmental assessments.

Other supporting information (Tick where appropriate, for some project these will not be applicable):

And finally...

yes The information on this form is correct, that any award received will be spent on the activities specified.

714	Community Area Grant	Assistive Technology Resource Centre and Workshops	Wiltshire Blind Association	£4382.71
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Submitted: 01/04/2014 01:02:03

ID: 714

Current Status: Application Appraisal

To be considered at this meeting:

19/05/2014 Devizes

1. Which type of grant are you applying for?

Community Area Grant

2. Amount of funding required?

£501 - £5000

3. Are you applying on behalf of a Parish Council?

No

4. If yes, please state why this project cannot be funded from the Parish Precept

5. Project title?

Assistive Technology Resource Centre and Workshops

6. Project summary:

We wish to apply for funding to purchase a range of specialist equipment to enable us to open an Assistive Technology Resource Centre and run Assistive Technology workshops and drop-in sessions for people with sight-loss in Devizes over a 12 month period. The service would be free of charge and run by a trained Sight Advisor, supported by Volunteers. The sessions would teach visually impaired people how to use computers and assistive technology to help them manage many aspects of their lives, which sighted people may take for granted, such as managing their finances, look for work/voluntary roles, write a C.V, use the internet, shop online and communicate with friends. The equipment will be based at our Head Office in Devizes, in the heart of Wiltshire.

7. Which Area Board are you applying to?

Devizes

Electoral Division

8. What is the Post Code of where the project is taking place?

SN10 1EH

9. Please tell us which theme(s) your project supports:

Children & Young People

Economy, enterprise and jobs

Health, lifestyle and wellbeing

Inclusion, diversity and community spirit

Technology & Digital literacy

If Other (please specify)

10. Finance:

10a. Your Organisation's Finance:**Your latest accounts:**

03/2013

Total Income:

£199782.00

Total Expenditure:

£204234.00

Surplus/Deficit for the year:

£4452.00

Free reserves currently held:**(money not committed to other projects/operating costs)**

£200000.00

Why can't you fund this project from your reserves:

The Wiltshire Blind Association's reserves have been allocated to the purchase of a new building for the charity which provides better access for visually impaired people and provides a dedicated centre for social and educational activities.

We are a small community group and do not have annual accounts or it is our first year:

10b. Project Finance:

Total Project cost		£17107.71		
Total required from Area Board		£4382.71		
Expenditure (Itemised expenditure)	£	Income (Itemised income)	Tick if income confirmed	£
Dolphin Software x 3	1485.00	reserves	yes	12725.00
Laptop, 2 desktop computers and specialist keyboard x 2	1107.58			
Ipad, Diamond phone and tablet	855.00			
Voice recorder, USB Memory Stick Player, Book Sense Player and talking	487.13			

calculator		
Hand Held		
Magnifier and Specialist Lighting	448.00	
Sight Advisor salary and staff and volunteer expenses	7544.00	
Overheads	2112.00	
Office costs	2904.00	
Refreshments	165.00	
Total	£17107.71	£12725

11. Have you or do you intend to apply for a grant from another area board within this financial year?

No

12. If so, which Area Boards?

13. Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project benefit your local community?

We will run 48 sessions at our offices in Devizes where visually impaired people can access a variety of equipment that they may not otherwise be able to. Each session will be run by a trained Sight Advisor and supported by Volunteers. We anticipate that 240 people of all ages, with sight-loss will benefit from these sessions (5 people per session), including those of working age, people currently in education and older people, who, in addition to their sight loss, may be financially and socially disadvantaged. People attending the sessions will learn how to use assistive technology to improve and manage many parts of their lives, e.g. to manage their finances, study, write a C.V, access written documents, use the internet and look for and apply for employment. Assistive Technology plays a vital role in breaking down barriers for individuals who have sight loss to fully participate in society. When a person loses their sight, they may not be able to use or afford a computer anymore and this can lead to many problems, including maintaining their job, education, confidence and independence. Our project will give those with sight loss: improved access to specialist equipment which they may not have been aware of, or able to afford, improved access to information and advice in relation to their sight loss, reduced isolation, improved mental health and the opportunity to maintain / regain their independence, at work, home and in education. By coming to our sessions, users will be more active, less isolated, more confident and have higher self-esteem. As a result, the quality of life will be improved for residents of Devizes and local communities will be stronger, more active and inclusive. Following the success of our Assistive Technology pilot schemes, we have identified a great need for this project. We are also aware from individual research carried out by the RNIB, The Thomas Pocklington Trust, via the Vision 2020 strategy and discussions with the Wiltshire County Council Hearing and Vision Team, that people affected by sight loss can be at a serious disadvantage to sighted people. Our project aims to address this and ensure that visually impaired people have equal chances in life. There are currently 15,350 people living with sight loss in

Wiltshire. By 2020 this is set to rise to 19,540 (RNIB figures 2014). There is currently no other project of this kind in Wiltshire, hence the need for our project.

14. How will you monitor this?

At the initial meeting between Service User and Sight Advisor, we will give Service-Users a Questionnaire, which will include questions about their: Emotional and Physical Wellbeing, Social Inclusion, Independence, Knowledge of Sight-loss Services/equipment and employment status/financial health. For each answer we will use a scale of 1-5 (with 1 being Poor and 5 being Good). After 12 months, we will give the attendees the same questionnaire. We will compare the final results with the initial results to identify improvements in scores and therefore the positive impact of the project. We will also use letters of feedback, focus groups, conversations and interviews to collect evidence to prove that the course has made a tangible difference to their lives.

15. If your project will continue after the Wiltshire Council funding runs out, how will you continue to fund it?

The equipment will be a lasting legacy for the visually impaired people of Devizes and Wiltshire. We will continue to fund the support sessions using income from other sources, including; charitable trusts, private donations and community fundraising.

16. Is there anything else you think we should know about the project?

The total cost of the project, including salaries, expenses, overheads and other running costs is Â£17107.71.

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