

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting	12/11/2015
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Area Board Budget Statement

	Area Board Grants Budget	Digital Literacy Grant Fund	Local Youth Network Fund	CATG
Opening balance 2015/16	88,754.00	1,500.00	92,651.07	45,950.60
Spend to date	53,598.00	0.00	1,068.55	
Current balance	35,156.00	1,500.00	91,582.52	
Balance if all grants are agreed November 2015	30,719.76	1,500.00		

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: The Big Community Grow Project Title: CommuniTEA View full application	£544.00
Applicant: The Learning Curve (Voluntary Sector Development) Project Title: Catering equipment for healthy cooking sessions View full application	£920.00
Applicant: Neighbourhoods group Project Title: Community Noticeboards for Central Trowbridge Neighbourhoods View full application	£936.00
Applicant: Trowbridge Westbourne Sports Club Project Title: Westbourne Sports Club installation of heaters	£1230.00

View full application	
Applicant: Castle Mead School Project Title: Castle Mead Gardening Club View full application	£291.24

Member led Applications

1. Black History Month- To ratify	Awarded £215 between area boards for Black History Month Awareness Raising Event on 26 th October at County Hall. The event attracted a range of participants from different cultures, including young people who enjoyed storytelling, activities and drum workshop.
2. Wiltshire Youth Marching Band Christmas Concert	Request for £300 funding to enable the Christmas Concert on 3 rd December at Trowbridge Civic Centre to take place. Funding is required to meet the costs of venue hire and advertising/marketing.

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.

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

2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

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

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

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.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1487	The Big Community Grow	CommuniTEA	£544.00
Project Description: CommuniTEA will offer residents of the new Castle Mead development a community centre on the first Saturday of every month. There will be a cafe style area with tea coffee and cakes as well as a number of free activities for all ages inside and out. For example these might include bulb planting or crafts related to remembrance or harvest festival learning to knit. Some sessions will have guest speakers or advisors e.g. parenting advice first aid gardening cooking. A calendar for each year will be published in advance so community residents can choose when to drop in. No fee for taking part or obligation to attend every session. A partnership with Kingfisher Church and Castle Mead School has been agreed to support this project - Castle Mead School are providing free room use and electricity and Kingfisher Church will provide volunteers to support activities and cafe. The funding sought will fund essential equipment for activities offered and for the cafe. Consumables resources will be supplied by Project organisers and sought from local organisations as donations e.g. seeds paper glue etc. This project is important for the community as there is no community centre planned for the development and many residents are new to area and or from sheltered housing - the project aims to give residents a place to go and develop support networks or get advice at no cost. It also gives opportunities for developing skills and getting involved in a community project - over time community residents will be invited to help run activities and cafe developing skills self-esteem and confidence. BCG and Kingfisher Volunteers will be CommuniTEA Hosts and lead activities welcome residents and organise/coordinate guest speakers and project as a whole.			
Input from Community Engagement Manager: The application meets the community grants criteria. The development of cohesive			

communities is an aspiration in the JSA for Trowbridge Community area. This initiative could contribute to strengthening community bonds, achieving a sense of belonging and breaking down barriers between people new to the area. The project is supported by partners such as the local church and provides volunteering and other opportunities for people to get involved in their local area.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1509	The Learning Curve (Voluntary Sector Development)	Catering equipment for healthy cooking sessions	£920.00

Project Description:

After having consulted with the community we have identified a need to run healthy cooking sessions to help give local people the skills and confidence to prepare healthy fresh food for themselves and their families. Priority will be given to young parents and those whose needs have recently changed through bereavement e.g. widowers who have never cooked before or a life changing illness/disability.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The project meets the community grants criteria. Learning Curve is a registered charity and joined the Selwood Housing Group as a subsidiary on 1st August 2015, it still however remains a separate legal entity and is financially independent. The project is to provide health eating and cookery skills training in areas of need in Trowbridge. Child Poverty is a key issue in Trowbridge Community Area and healthy eating programmes are an important part of addressing this issue. It is suggested that, if funding is agreed that this initiative links up with the Child Poverty working group set up under the area board.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1496	Neighbourhoods group	Community Noticeboards for Central Trowbridge Neighbourhoods	£936.00

Project Description:

The eight central Trowbridge residents associations meet every quarter to discuss potential projects best practice and to learn from each other on how best to engage with their local neighbourhood. Recent discussions highlighted those neighbourhoods without community noticeboards are not fully engaging or communicating opportunities to their residents to reduce isolation improve health and well-being and community spirit.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The application meets the community grants criteria. This is the second phase of a project to improve communications in the neighbourhood areas, a need identified

in a recent survey. If funding is agreed, noticeboards will be kept up to date by local residents and will be supplemented by development of community newsletters to improve awareness of and access to local events, activities and services.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1489	Trowbridge Westbourne Sports Club	Westbourne Sports Club installation of heaters	£1230.00

Project Description:

Trowbridge Westbourne Sports Club includes a tennis 166 and bowls 75 section which is open to all ages. Both tennis and bowls sections have youth sections with children from 4 years plus taking part in lessons and competitions on a weekly basis and increasing participation over the last few years. Adult participants play regularly in social and competitive sessions - our oldest players are over 80 years old. The club is a CASC Community Amateur Sports Club. Installation of heaters to main area of clubhouse to enable use by Club users during winter months for social events and playing of table tennis. Current heating is by portable convector heaters which are ineffective and expensive to run and provide a perceived risk to club users. The addition of heating to the Club house will enable greater use of the facility and possible income streams through lettings in the future. We want to fit heaters with meter so that users pay for usage and this limits the chance of heaters being left on and energy wasted. We have volunteers that can do some of preparation work for the electrician to help minimise the cost of installation.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The application meets the community grants criteria. The project is to provide wall mounted Dimplex heaters along each side of the club house to enable the facility to be utilised throughout the winter months This will increase community access to the facility and generate additional income for the club. A credit meter with isolator switches will enable the heating to be targeted to particular areas of the room thus ensuring efficiency. Match funding is in place and local volunteers will assist with preparation and making good.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1493	Castle Mead School	Castle Mead Gardening Club	£291.24

Project Description:

Castle Mead School is a year old and part of the new development in East Trowbridge. There is still much building development work around the area and new families are moving to the area all the time. The population of the school is made up of many families new to the Trowbridge area who have no support networks to help them settle in to the area. The School itself has experienced a number of snagging issues during its first year with significant waterlogging

problems on the school field which has meant that there are currently no school garden or leisure garden areas in the school at present. Children and community are keen to develop a productive garden and floral displays. This will help build children's knowledge and skills self-esteem and sense of pride in their school and community. This might mean they can take part in competitions like Trowbridge in Bloom in the future. An after school gardening club is planned but currently has no tools or resources. The tools purchased with the grant will enable the children to create and cultivate a garden area with the support of volunteers and staff.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The application meets the community grants criteria. The project is to develop a school garden for after school activities and learning. The initiative, if supported, will support and enable young people to develop skills and knowledge and will contribute to the development of community spirit and sense of belonging.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

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

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