

<b>Report to</b>	Trowbridge Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	14/01/2016
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grant funding

## Area Board Budget Statement

	<b>Area Board Grants Budget</b>	<b>Digital Literacy Grant Fund</b>	<b>Local Youth Network Fund</b>	<b>CATG</b>
<b>Opening balance 2015/16</b>	<b>88,754.00</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>92,651.07</b>	<b>45,950.60</b>
<b>Spend to date</b>	<b>56,599.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>13,043.26</b>	
<b>Current balance</b>	<b>32,155.00</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>79,607.81</b>	
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed Jan 2016</b>	<b>30,285.00</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>52,027.81</b>	

### Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<b>Applicant:</b> Rainbow Early Years <b>Project Title:</b> Rainbow Early Years New External Door Secure Key entry  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£950.00
<b>Applicant:</b> The Learning Curve (Voluntary Sector Development) <b>Project Title:</b> Catering equipment for healthy cooking sessions  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£920.00

### 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
<a href="#">1616</a>	Rainbow Early Years	Rainbow Early Years New External Door Secure Key entry	£950.00
<b>Project Description:</b> The current door needs updating to provide a more secure entrance/exit for staff and children. It leads into a sensory room and therefore requires it to be secure and safe for children.			
<b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b> The application meets the Community Grants criteria. Rainbow Early Years is a not- for- profit organisation being a pre-school and registered charity (no 1016250).			

The application is for Capital expenditure in order to enhance security at the premises.

**Proposal**  
That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">1509</a>	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 life changing illness/disability.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

**Members requested further information regarding this application which was deferred from the last area board.**

**Specifically, members requested information as to the financial support or other contribution Selwood Housing was making to the scheme. Members also queried whether The Learning Curve were eligible to apply for a Community Area Grant as they are part of the Selwood Housing group structure. Further information on these points is provided below.**

Selwood Housing has committed to pay £60,000 to The Learning Curve for the development and delivery of new courses in the community. These courses are open to all residents, not just Selwood Housing tenants. The Learning Curve proactively targets the most vulnerable in our communities through our networks with referral agents in addition to our varied marketing activities. The £60,000 provides a major contribution towards the salaries of the teaching staff delivering these courses. Selwood Housing is also providing support in the form of free use of local venues and assistance with production of a new course prospectus to promote the new courses. This funding is allowing us to offer a broader range of courses, including new programmes responding to identified local needs, and one to one careers advice sessions in the community.

The Learning Curve needs to raise additional funds to cover capital costs, such as new equipment, as well as running costs, consumables and accreditations.

**With regard to the legal position, advice was sought from Wiltshire Council Legal services department and the following guidance provided**

‘After considering the documentation you sent through, we can see no reason why a grant cannot be awarded to the Learning Curve, despite it being part of the Selwood Housing Group. Whilst The Learning Curve is controlled by Selwood Housing it is a registered charity in its own right and is a separate organisation.

Further, Learning Curve have stated that they remain financially independent of Selwood and can raise their own funds for learning activities that do not form part of the wider Selwood funds.

Therefore on this basis the Learning Curve's grant application should be assessed as any other grant application would'.

**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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