

Report to Devizes Area Board
Date of meeting 16 May 2016
Title of report Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Devizes Sports Club	£5,000
Devizes Leg Club	£3,250
The Parents and Friends of Holy Trinity School	£2,500
Rowdeford Charitable Trust	£5,000
Friends of the Garden	£560

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 available here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-area-grants-criteria-2015-16-april.pdf>

The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>

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
ID 1608	Devizes Sports Club	Tables and Chairs	£5,000
Project description Devizes Sports Club are looking to replace our current old damaged and uncomfortable tables and chairs to make the Sports Club a more attractive venue for function letting. The aim is to generate additional income from additional lets of the Sports Club. The current tables and chairs do not promote a positive image when hiring the venue for meetings weddings and parties.			
Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Devizes Sports Club for £5,000.00			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 1831	Devizes Leg Club	Devizes Leg Club	£3,250
Project description The Leg Club will run independently but is overseen by The Ellie Lyndsay Leg Club Foundation. There are fourteen such clubs throughout Britain. The club will provide treatment and education for people with Leg Ulcers. Although providing a medical treatment the emphasis will be on Social interaction. We hope to develop additional services that enhance wellbeing. Moreover we want to develop the social aspect of the club and encourage users to participate in the additional activities even after their legs have healed. The club will be a valuable community resource for health as well as social and general wellbeing especially for our older population.			
Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Devizes Leg Club for £3,250			

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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 1759	Parents and Friends of Holy Trinity School	Outdoor Classroom	£2,500
<p>Project description</p> <p>To build a rustic Outdoor Classroom - 4x3m - that has been conceptualised by the pupils and designed by an external company that we intend to share with the surrounding community. The school PFA has been furiously fundraising and we have approximately 3000.00 yet to raise to make it a reality this Summer. It promises to be a unique space in the school grounds near what has become known as Bluebell Woods for outdoor teaching - forest school - wildlife and gardening projects - bug hotels - creative recycling - quiet reflection - performances - playground fun - learning and playing in nature.</p> <p>The children of Holy Trinity will benefit greatly from the Outdoor Classroom. The school intends to extend these learning opportunities to others in the surrounding area. Already the local nursery school has written a letter to express a keen interest in being able to use and explore the finished structure. The Outdoor Classroom also promises to be a nature hide - a space for reflection - a performance platform - and a play area. This is something not offered anywhere else in the local community and other groups are most welcome to reap the benefits. We expect word-of-mouth via school pupils and parents to spread the news and possible availability of the structure. Adults and children with special educational needs may benefit from outdoor learning. We also envisage local brownie groups, local artists, yoga classes delving into the outdoor space.</p>			
<p>Proposal</p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application from Parents and Friends of Holy Trinity School for £2,500.00</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 1935	Rowdeford Charitable Trust	Outdoor Classroom	£5,000
<p>Project description</p> <p>Within the curtilage of Rowdeford School in Wiltshire a State run school in a Grade II listed property there are two important woodland areas. Within one wood is a former school farm building now derelict that is thought to have been originally kennels for the local hunt. The Organisational Partnership of the School wish to restore and extend this as an Outdoor Learning Space to facilitate the delivery of Outdoors Learning education within the particular educational sphere of Special Educational Needs SEN. The intention is to create an exemplary facility that extends its work to involve the wider community volunteers visiting schools and offer training becoming a Centre of Excellence.</p> <p>The benefits will be to 180 pupils pa an additional 180 primary school children and community users.</p>			

<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Rowdeford Charitable Trust for £5,000</p>
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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 1865	Friends of the Garden	Display Units	£560

Project description

The Friends is a wholly voluntary organisation. Our objectives are to make sculpture accessible to a wide audience and to support sculptors in Wiltshire through a bursaries programme. Our popup exhibition shop sells smaller work by sculptors for immediate sale and makes an important contribution to our fundraising and sculptors sales. Meeting our objectives incurs high costs and requires substantial reserves. We have always had makeshift display units and a grant would allow us to commission plinths and A boards from Erlestoke Prison workshops and buy display tables from Ikea. All items are collapsible for ease of storage for all future events. Display material for the boards is being undertaken by Lavington school design students. The exhibition forms part of Pound Arts Rural Touring Arts programme and other charities Bobby Van and the Art Fund will run evening fundraisers during the exhibition. The local youth club runs a popup cafe to raise funds for its work.

Proposal

That the Area Board ratifies the decision by Graeme Morrison, Community Engagement Manager to award Friends of the Garden £560 using his discretionary mandate, as discussed with and approved by Cllr Simon Jacobs (Area Board Chair) and Cllr Phillip Whitehead (Area Board Vice Chair).

The reason for the urgency and need for this to be awarded using these powers was because the exhibition is due to start on 26 May, leaving insufficient time for the plinths to be commissioned, built and delivered once approval is received at the Area Board meeting on Monday 16 May.

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

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