

Report to	Bradford on Avon Area Board
Date of Meeting	11/05/2016
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Wiltshire West District Scout Association Project Title: Regeneration of Holy Trinity Church View full application	£7000.00
Applicant: Bradford on Avon Swimming Club Project Title: BOA Swimming Club - Deaf Friendly Swimming View full application	£750.00
Applicant: Lamb Yard Events Project Title: Lamb Yard Events View full application	£3000.00

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 2016/2017 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. The budget in 2016/17 is £35,258. At the Area Board meeting on 9 March 2016 it was agreed to ringfence funding for 2016/17 as follows: Tourism infrastructure: £5,000; Business infrastructure: £ 5,000; Disability Friendly infrastructure: £ 5,000; Dementia Friendly infrastructure: £ 5,000; Air Quality and Public Health infrastructure: £5,000; Community engagement infrastructure: £5,000; Asset Review options report: £5,000; Volunteering website and database: £ 1,000.

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
1859	Wiltshire West District Scout Association	Regeneration of Holy Trinity Church	£7000.00
<p>Project Description: Essential works in the churchyard as part of our project to regenerate Holy Trinity Church. We aim to throw the doors wide open to our community of all ages through the provision of flexible space which is warm and welcoming so that the building can be used for a wide range of tourism heritage and educational activities and open the building to the public seven days a week. This application is for help towards the cost of the restoration of pathways to allow disabled access the repair of steps into the churchyard and the stabilisation of collapsing land.</p> <p>Comment from Memorials Officer: Holy Trinity closed churchyard Bradford on Avon is one that Wiltshire Council maintains under Section 215 of the Local Government Act 1972. Basically the duty is to maintain the churchyard, including any paths, walls, fences and gates in</p>			

decent order. Memorials are the responsibility of the private owners, but where owners are untraceable the council has an obligation to protect the public if a memorial is hazardous. Buildings along with drains and utilities supplying the buildings are the responsibility of the church. Ownership of the churchyard remains with the church and Faculties are required for any significant works beyond routine maintenance.

Wiltshire Council Facilities Management has been asked to assess whether the steps and footpath are in a hazardous condition. Wiltshire Council has repaired the footpath in the past when flagstones have presented a trip hazard. Having carried out an inspection of the pathways at Holy Trinity Church I believe that the extent of Wiltshire Councils responsibility under Section 215 of the local Government Act 1972 would add up to less than £500 to replace broken paving slabs.

Comment from Community Engagement Manager:

The wider community benefits of this project are clear. The refurbished church hall will provide a disabled-friendly community space with a 200 seat capacity for a range of cultural, heritage and educational events, available 7 days a week, and will add to the vibrancy of community life in the town.

This £2 million project has raised £ 1.8 million from reserves, donations and grants. If supported, a modest contribution could be made from the area board monies ringfenced for disability-friendly projects.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1629	Bradford on Avon Swimming Club	BOA Swimming Club - Deaf friendly swimming	£750.00

Project Description:

We are looking to purchase a set of headsets that can be used by our swimmers and in particular swimmers with hearing impairments. The sets allow the coaches to speak directly to the swimmers whilst they are in water and ensures they are fully engaged with the sessions and can participate on an equal basis to others. We have tested the equipment and had very positive feedback from the swimmers and parents.

Comment from Sports Development Officer:

This looks like a really forward thinking inclusive project from B o A Swimming Club and one I think would be good for the Area Board to support. The club have a long history in providing significant opportunity to Special Educational Needs and other disability groups and I know there are a lot of volunteer hours behind the scene making the whole club work and be successful. The club were always pro-active while the swimming action group was active and also delivered major, quality contributions of the Inclusive Fitness Initiative for West Wiltshire. They are a National Governing Body accredited club with Swim 21 and in my view make a positive real contribution to the health and wellbeing of its community members.

The benefits for swimmers who are hard of hearing are clear; saying that I am not aware of the technology myself.

Comment from Community Engagement Manager:

This is a relatively low cost project and one that would support a specialist service and a good cause. If supported, a contribution could be made from the area board monies ringfenced for disability-friendly projects.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1910	Lamb Yard Events	Lamb Yard Events	£3000.00

Project Description:

Weekly on Saturdays in Lamb Yard local charities artisans clubs and street entertainers will be invited to take stalls to demonstrate skills exhibit work recruit members promote special activities or prize draws. The lively atmosphere created will engage local people and visitors alike. We believed this will be a first in the area - offering new style events that will help to raise the profile of local charities and non-profit organisations thereby creating a variety of attractions to draw people into the town and enhance Bradford on Avon's reputation as a place where new and exciting things happen.

The gazebos/ canopies will offer space for large community art installations and for live demonstrations of art creativity. Local artisans, entertainers, clubs and charities will benefit from the opportunity to demonstrate and share their skills. Young people will be offered regular job fairs to seek employment and gain experience in the job market. Businesses, local shops and restaurants will benefit from increased footfall and new activities to draw visitors and shoppers to explore the town.

Comment from Community Engagement Manager:

The main expenditure is £4,000 for the purchase of smart light weight but robust canopies and accessories that will give a unified look to the events. These will also become a community asset that other groups in the town will be able to hire for a nominal amount – to cover storage, delivery, put up and to contribute to a maintenance kitty. The money will also buy banners to promote the events.

With the road closure causing disruption to vehicle access to the town the launch of Lamb Yard Events is very timely. These events will help to say the town is “open for business, innovative as ever and thriving”.

Match funding is being sought from donations and fundraising, including a grant application to the Town Council. If supported, a contribution could be made from the area board monies ringfenced for business infrastructure.

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That the Area Board determines the application.

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

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