

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting	19/01/2017
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To note the budget balances and consider the applications for funding listed below

	Area Board Grants Budget	H&WB Fund	LYN Fund	CATG
Opening balance 2016/17	£89,728.60 <small>(Incl. £9850.00 Carry Forward.)</small>	£6,700.00	£48890.00	£15,354 (plus £650 carry forward) £16,004.00
Grant Applications at Jan ABM	£33,873.50	<small>(Deductions to date 498.25)</small> £3,000	£16427.80	£5850.00
Remaining balance.	£23,126.53	£3,201.75	£11,136.12	£ 1804.00

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: College estate resident assn. Project Title: brush cutter for community garden View full application	£596.50
Applicant: Trowbridge carnival committee Project Title: Trowbridge Carnival Procession View full application	£998.00
Applicant: Cllr Steve Oldrieve and Cllr Graham Payne Project Title: Trowbridge Park Sports Development Facilities	£20,000.00
Applicant: Restoration of the Town Hall's Supper Room Project Title: Cllr John Knight	£9279.00
Applicant: Alzheimers' Support Project Title: Singing for the Brain To be reported to the Area Board for decision on 19 th January	£3,000.00

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
2171	College estate resident assn.	brush cutter for community garden	£596.50
Project Description: Need to replace a Bush cutter for our community wildlife garden with accessories.			
Input from Community Engagement Manager:			

The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not for profit community organisation and the project is a Capital project to provide equipment to maintain the community garden on College Estate. A Brush Cutter and grass trimmer are required in order for the garden to be maintained effectively. The total project cost is £596.50, match funding is not a requirement for projects under £1,000. The residents' association has very limited resources and is unable to fund the project itself. Given the nature of the equipment requested, it is suggested that any award made is conditional on the applicant taking responsibility for safe use, insurance and maintenance of the equipment.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2069	Trowbridge carnival committee	Trowbridge Carnival Procession	£998.00

Project Description:

to organise a carnival procession safely through Trowbridge Town Centre

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not for profit community organisation and the project is a Capital project to provide safety equipment to support delivery of the annual town carnival. Increased regulation of such events by the Highways authority and Police has led to a need for more signage for traffic control and public safety. There is also a need for high visibility vests for event marshalls. The total project cost is £998.00 for which a quotation has been provided. Match funding is not a requirement for projects under £1,000.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Cllr Led	Cllr Steve Oldrieve and Cllr Graham Payne	Trowbridge Park Sports Development Facilities	£20,000.00

Project Description:

Trowbridge Town park hard courts are now 60 years old and have not been invested in for many years. The Town Council believe that the redevelopment of the courts in Trowbridge Park as a real opportunity to increase participation in tennis and other sports in the area. It believed that it has the capacity to manage, maintain and promote the facility to a high standard. The project will be developed in partnership with the Lawn Tennis Association.

Both Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire and Swindon Sport (CSP) have provided letters of support for this project on the back of success of the St Marks Tennis facility in nearby Swindon.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This is a member project brought forward by Cllrs Payne and Oldrieve for redevelopment of Trowbridge Town Tennis Courts in Trowbridge park for the benefit of the local community. (see business plan included in papers)

The tennis courts are around 60 years old and were owned and operated by Wiltshire Council until an asset transfer to Trowbridge Town Council in 2015. Since 2015, 335k funding has been invested into the park to turn it into a safe, engaging environment for the local community. New park equipment, outdoor gym, pond investment and a mural to celebrate the Olympics have all been completed by the close partnership between the Friends of Trowbridge Park and Trowbridge Town Council. An overall master plan for the future development of the park has also been developed and included in the business plan provided.

The aims of the tennis court redevelopment project are outlined as follows;

- Provision of high quality tennis and multi sports facilities including resurfacing of the three tennis courts and MUGA along with the replacement of all fencing and gates.
- To have a clear technological based customer journey for access to the Tennis Courts.
- To work closely with local partners to bring tennis to groups of people who have not tried playing before including those living in areas of deprivation.
- To use public events in Trowbridge Park as an opportunity to expose tennis opportunities to the public.
- Try new LTA products for community settings e.g. Cardio Tennis, Mini Tennis, Tennis Tuesdays.
- Run free open days to promote the site e.g. Great British Tennis Weekend.
- Be creative in how to use modified forms of tennis to give the community a positive experience – e.g. mini tennis, touch tennis and family events.
- Continue to develop, manage and promote tennis programmes for all age group and abilities including links to local schools
- Development of a team of Level 1 and Level 2 coaching assistants to help on delivery of the programme and events.
- Market the facilities and opportunities offered as widely as possible.

The tennis courts in the park are currently owned and maintained by Trowbridge Town Council and the general public has 24/7 access. The access is currently free of charge, although no floodlighting is provided and the condition of the facilities is considered unsatisfactory due to surface deterioration, wearing of court lines and intermittent patches of flooding.

Studies undertaken by Sport England and the Lawn Tennis Association (outlined in the business plan) concluded that the site in Trowbridge has the potential to increase usage and make a profit above its expenses following redevelopment.

It demonstrates that whilst there are a sufficient number of courts in the Trowbridge area, the condition of courts and ease of booking have been demonstrated to have an impact generally on numbers of people playing the sport and using local facilities. The LTA regional teams have also shared with the Town council a number of case studies in the South West Region of where use of new access technology has been used to improve the customer experience and increase participation and usage of facilities. Use of new access technology would therefore also form a key part of the redevelopment project.

The existing Multi Use Games Area will also be redeveloped within the project. The council views the multiuse space and the 3 dedicated tennis courts as a single facility and will hold a group sinking fund in respect of the income both uses will generate.

A technical services visit has been completed by Lee West of Sports Facility and Planning Design Limited. The design involves the resurfacing of the three tennis courts and MUGA along with the replacement of all fencing and gates. An initial review of the

options in Lee West Report estimated the broad scope of project cost at £76,000.

The business plan had been developed on the basis of this estimate and requests to external and internal funding partners including the area board to partner fund this project. The LTA deadline for bids was originally March 2017 but this was brought forward to January necessitating a bid to be submitted in late December 2016 on the basis that match funding could be secured.

A revised cost breakdown has since been provided as follows

- 1) Resurfacing three courts and muga : £ 50,000
- 2) Fencing works to tennis courts and muga £ 38,000
- 3) Ducting and drawpits £ 14,000
- 4) Preliminaries £ 3,000

This equates to a total budget of £105,000 plus V.A.T.

The town council advises that the LTA has agreed to make up the shortfall from the original estimate plus £10k in kind for the online booking system. The Town Council has invested significantly in the park over the last years and plans to invest up to £2m in provision of wider sports pitches for the town. The Town Council can contribute a further £10,000 to this project and will through its leisure arm Active Trowbridge, provide marketing, project management, free access to facilities for disadvantaged groups and outreach to encourage take up and broaden participation in the sport.

A speculative bid by Active Trowbridge to the National Lottery for £10,000 to a one off event funding stream to support this project was however unsuccessful.

This leaves a shortfall in funding of £20k which is the amount applied for to the area board.

This is a major local project and could be considered to have potentially wide community benefit and the opportunity to draw in a significant level of external funding. The project links in with key local priorities including tackling Child Poverty and Childhood Obesity. The JSA shows that in Trowbridge in 2014/15 39% of 10-11 yr olds were obese or overweight, the corresponding figure for England being 33%. JSA figures also show that 14.1% of young people in Trowbridge live in low income families, higher than the Wiltshire average of 10.6%. For low income families the cost of access to leisure facilities can be a prohibitive factor, however the project proposal includes some free access to tennis facilities and coaching for targeted groups. With physical activity and healthy lifestyles emerging as the top priority from the health and wellbeing discussion at the JSA event held on 5th December 2016, the project is timely and has the potential to contribute to improving health and wellbeing outcomes in the area.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Cllr Led	Cllr John Knight	Restoration of the Town Hall's Supper Room	£9279.00

Project Description:

The Supper room was subject to damage following a number of years of water ingress. The cause of this has since been solved but the damage that has been caused has not been rectified. A team of volunteers began work on the room but were unable to complete it. The room needs specialist, professional workman to complete the restoration. To fully restore the room it will cost in the region of £21,000. The amount we are requesting from the Area Board will help Trowbridge Town Hall Trust complete the first phase of this work and they will seek funds from other Trusts and Foundations for the remaining work to phase one and the subsequent phases.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This is a member project brought forward by Cllr John Knight for repair and redecoration work to Trowbridge Town Hall Supper room. The Supper room was subject to damage following a number of years of water ingress. The cause of this has since been solved but the damage has not been rectified. A team of volunteers began work on the room but were unable to complete it. The room now needs specialist, professional workman to complete the restoration.

The Supper room is the most used space in the Town Hall, used by many community and arts groups, over 250 people per week, as well as hosting special events for the community such as Children's public speaking and princes Trust Graduation events. It is also a space people have enjoyed for special occasions, but since the room has been in such poor order people have felt it unsuitable and business has been lost to other venues. Restoring the space will increase its use and the income generated for it helping to ensure the success of the community business.

This is a Capital project and meets the community grants criteria. Phase 1 of the restoration will cost £15778, for which quotations have been received. Funding from trusts and other sources to the value of £6500 has been secured leaving a shortfall of £9729, which is the amount applied for to the area board.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Grant HWB	Alzheimers' Support	Singing for the Brain	£3,000

Project Description:

A free and accessible community activity which builds on the fact that people with dementia can recall words of songs and melodies after other memories have faded. Attending groups alongside their family carers, participants experience a boost in confidence, mood and self-esteem. The group will take place weekly in our own premises in Mill Street.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This is a grant application to the Health and Wellbeing Group revenue budget for provision of Singing for the Brain in Trowbridge to support those living with dementia and their carers. The application will be considered by the Health and Wellbeing Group on 17th January and a recommendation made to the area board for decision.

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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