

**Report to** Melksham Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 07.02.2018  
**Title of report** Melksham Wellbeing Funding

**Purpose of the Report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below together with the recommendations of the Health and Wellbeing Group.

Applicant	Amount requested	Health and Wellbeing Group recommendation
Melksham and District Seniors Forum 55+	£4,260	£3,000 (£1,000 of this has already been provided)
Carers Support Wiltshire	£2,980	£2,980
Melksham Baptist Church	£500	£500

**1. Background**

The recommendation from the Health and Wellbeing Group has been made in accordance with the following guidelines:

- **Health and Wellbeing Groups Spending Guidelines**

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Group have considered this application and identified it as a priority for Area Board funding.

**2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that Health and Wellbeing Groups awarded in the 2017/2018 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be assured that carers, older and/ or vulnerable people will benefit from the funding being awarded. The money must be used to invest in projects that will support adults living within a community area. While not exclusively restricted to older people, the investment should be made in such a way as to make the maximum impact on health and wellbeing within a given community area.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to ensure measures have been taken in relation to safeguarding older and vulnerable people.

**3. Environmental & Community Implications**

Health and Wellbeing 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

- 4.1. Melksham Area Board was allocated £7700

4.2. The Melksham Area Board Health and Wellbeing Funding balance for 2017/18 is £4,220

4.3. All decisions must fall within the Health and Wellbeing Funding allocated to Melksham Area Board.

4.4 If funding is awarded in line with the Health and Wellbeing recommendations outlined in this report

**1. Legal Implications**

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

**2. Human Resources Implications**

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

**3. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

Ensuring that Community Area Boards and Health and Wellbeing Groups fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in designing local positive activities for young people is essential to meeting the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

**4. Safeguarding Implications**

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children and young people. The Community Engagement Manager has assessed this application agreed it meets safeguarding requirements.

**5. Applications for consideration**

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Melksham & District Seniors 55+	Melksham & District Seniors 55+	Older Persons Health and Wellbeing Programme for age friendly Melksham	£4,260 (£1,000 already awarded)
<b>Project description</b>			
To provide a comprehensive range and age appropriate activities to reduce the incidence of loneliness and depression among our older community and promote individual and group health and wellbeing and intergenerational activity.			
<b>Recommendation of the Health and Wellbeing Group</b>			
That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £2,000. £1,370 from 2017/18 budget and £630 from 2018/19 budget.			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Carers Support Wiltshire	Carers Support Wiltshire	Community Connections Campaign	£2,980
<b>Project description</b>			
Loneliness and isolation are a huge problem amongst the elderly in general, but elderly carers are twice as likely to feel lonely as their peers. Of the estimated 2800 unpaid carers in Melksham, over 2,200 feel lonely sometimes, and around 700 feel lonely all the time.			

We'd like to reach Melksham residents who may be lonely and connect them with local organisations and groups which can support them or offer social inclusion. We will work with other organisations such as Age UK and Alzheimer's Society to ensure respondents are referred to the most appropriate organisation or group.

**Recommendation of the Health and Wellbeing Group**

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £2,980. £2,350 from 2017/18 budget and £630 from 2018/19 budget.

<b>Application ID</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Proposal</b>	<b>Requested</b>
Melksham Baptist Church	Melksham Baptist Church	Meals for elderly and vulnerable	£500
<b>Project description</b>			
Provision of a variety of meals through the year for older folk and vulnerable people with whom we have contact via the Foodbank & Lifeline and Gateway Club, all of whom make use of our premises on a regular basis.			
<b>Recommendation of the Health and Wellbeing Group</b>			
That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £500 from the 2017/18 budget.			

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

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