

<b>Report to</b>	Bradford on Avon Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	07/03/2018
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grant funding

**Purpose of the report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<b>Applicant:</b> We Hear You <b>Project Title:</b> WHY counselling in Bradford on Avon  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£2583.50
<b>Applicant:</b> Bradford-on-Avon, Walkers are Welcome <b>Project Title:</b> Bradford-on-Avon Footpath Maintenance and Walking Festival Support  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£402.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Little Nightingales <b>Project Title:</b> Nightingales together intergenerational working.  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£906.00

## 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 2017/2018 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. There is currently £10,785 unspent from the community grant budget in the current financial year.

### 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="#">2538</a>	We Hear You	WHY counselling in Bradford on Avon	£2583.50
<b>Project Description:</b> We Hear You WHY offers free professional counselling for anyone affected by cancer or other life-threatening illness in Bradford on Avon. WHY provides the psychological support that is so vital when such a diagnosis turns life upside down. This is the forgotten side of cancer care. Although patient's medical needs are well met by the health services their emotional needs are not. And the impact spreads far beyond the individual diagnosed to their partners carers children and other loved ones. Around 10000 people are diagnosed with cancer every year in the area where we work and one in four die from the disease. Up to a quarter of people with cancer lose their relationships because of the illness and suicide contemplation rates among those diagnosed are three times the national average.			
<b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b> Residents of Bradford on Avon are able to access this service free on Monday mornings in the Quaker Meeting House. Friends of Bradford on Avon Community Healthcare granted £5,000 in the distribution of their assets but the applicant wishes to be able to commit to the full year of provision of this service and is seeking the balance of funding to prevent the service from coming to an early finish.			

The Bradford on Avon Health and Wellbeing Group will consider this application at its meeting on 5 March. If this project is supported, the costs of counsellor staffing should ideally come from the Health and Wellbeing revenue budget for 2018/19.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2696</a>	Bradford-on-Avon, Walkers are Welcome	Bradford-on-Avon Footpath Maintenance and Walking Festival Support	£402.00

**Project Description:**

The project covers the repair and maintenance of public pathway stiles in and around Bradford-on-Avon way marking repairs of the Bradford-on-Avon Walking Wheel and the procurement of display boards for the annual Bradford-on-Avon Walking Festival. The repair and maintenance work will be carried out by walking group volunteers but support is required for the purchase of stile repair materials and for way markers which identify the route of the Bradford-on-Avon Walking Wheel - a 42 mile long walking network of public footpaths lanes and some roads in and around Bradford-on-Avon an OS of the Walking Wheel has been published for use by wheel walkers. The display boards are required for the three-day Bradford-on-Avon Walking Festival held the first week-end of September. Note 260 walkers attended last year.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The Bradford on Avon Walking Wheel and annual walking festival have been supported by the Area Board previously for the health and active lifestyle benefits they bring for walkers including the enjoyment of our countryside. This small grant will enable repair, maintenance and procurement of essential capital items. No match funding is required for grants of under £ 1,000.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2768</a>	Little Nightingales	Nightingales together intergenerational working.	£906.00

**Project Description:**

We would like to run a weekly block of intergenerational sessions with preschool aged children and residents of Wiltshire Heights care home over a 6-week period. They would be based around a popular and familiar children's texts and include different activities crafts gardening cooking and music. We would match up children with a resident with the view that over the 6 weeks they would form a friendship. In the long run if this project proves to be successful we would like to take it into other settings and outlying villages with a view to decreasing loneliness and increasing social interaction. It is clear from our intergenerational music sessions that the benefits of such sessions are enormous. From decreasing social isolation and reducing age apartheid to engaging in subtle physical exercise and

having a lot of fun together.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The main aims of these sessions are to increase community cohesion and decrease social isolation. Different generations have so much to offer one another yet are often kept apart both for social reasons like families not being close to each other and an element of fear and discomfort around old-age. This project will benefit all participants the young children parents and the older people.

Intergenerational services are proven to build social cohesion and promote understanding between participants. The use of crafts and music has positive benefits to both ends of the spectrum in terms of manual dexterity and emotional and cognitive skills. There is also a very clear reaction from all participants in the sessions the mood is always overwhelmingly positive and over time it is great to see a relationship build between the two groups.

The Bradford on Avon Health and Wellbeing Group will consider this application at its meeting on 5 March. If this project is supported, the revenue costs of the training course should ideally come from the Health and Wellbeing budget. No match funding is required for grants of under £ 1,000.

**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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