

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting	15/03/2018
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Provisional Figures	Area Board Grants Budget	H&WB Fund	LYN Fund	CATG
Opening balance 2017/18	£66,600.00	£7,700.00	£31,145.00	£24,566.00
Grant Applications Awarded to date	£50,942.86	£80.00 £620 OPC Exs	£31,145.00	-
Current Balance	£15,657.14	£7,000	£0.00	
Balance if all grants are agreed at this meeting	£0	£0	£0.00	£3788 as advised by Highways officer

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Trowbridge Community Area Future Project Title: Town Hall Arts Cafe and Community space View full application	£2504.80
Applicant: WWMFF. (West Wilts Multi Faith Forum) Project Title: Computers for growing English classes and expansion of project View full application	£900.00
Applicant: Friends of John of Gaunt School Project Title: John of Gaunt - Forest School View full application	£950.00

Applicant: LARK RISE COMMUNITY FARM Project Title: Larkrise Community Farm - Sensory Classroom Project View full application	£3875.00
Applicant: 1st Hilperton Scout group Project Title: Hilperton Community Garden View full application	£617.50
Applicant: Bethesda Baptist Church Project Title: Bethesda Church Community Project View full application	£3415.00
Applicant: Hope Nature Centre Project Title: Community Learning Bus in the Animal Park View full application	£2000.00
Applicant: North Bradley World War I Commemoration Group Project Title: North Bradley WW1 Commemoration Group View full application	£544.00

Member projects from Capital funding

Cllr David Halik- Neighbourhood Watch signs £500

Note project delivered by CEM under delegated authority for remaining funding in Capital pot, in agreement with Chairman, purchase of Community Litter picking equipment £350.84

To Note award of LYN Youth Grant. £1,000 under delegated authority. £1,000 was returned to the LYN pot as not needed by another applicant. The Local Youth Facilitator in agreement with the Chair awarded Award £1,000 to grant number 528 http://thematrix.wiltshire.council/areaboard_youth_grants/grant_get.php?gid=528 The application had been submitted to the LYN, however due to their not being any funding to fully support it was being carried over to the new financial year. With this available funding of £1,000 it was agreed to allocate the funding from this financial year.

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
2743	Town Hall Arts	Town Hall Arts Cafe and Community space	£2,504.80

Project Description:

To purchase a coffee machine and set up a cafe area in Trowbridge Town Hall to serve our regular users and visitors to our exhibitions events and community groups and help us become more sustainable through income generated.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not-for-profit community organisation, this is a Capital project and match funding is in place.

The project is to purchase a coffee machine and set up a small cafe area in Trowbridge Town Hall to serve regular users and visitors to exhibitions events and

community activities. The project is designed to help the Town Hall become more sustainable, through generation of additional income.

The total project cost is £5,504 which includes cost of coffee machine, small tables and chairs, hot drinks machine, fridge and sundries. Match finding of £3,000 is provided from reserves leaving a shortfall of £2,504 which is the amount applied for from the area board.

The applicant was advised to also approach the town council for support.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2706	WWMFF. (West Wilts Multi Faith Forum)	Computers for expansion of English classes project	£900.00

Project Description:

WWMFF runs English classes for immigrants/refugees/asylum seekers with aim of removing isolation lack of confidence loneliness barriers encouraging these disadvantaged women/men to participate in the life of their new communities e.g. by volunteering. Helps access to medical services schooling housing employment. Encourages social inclusion we educate empower engage these stigmatised vulnerable fearful new incomers into Trowbridge. Due to growing numbers in English classes we need 2 more computers speakers as sharing computers slows learning considerably and is awkward. We also need a lockable cupboard now for safe computer storage.

Input from Community Engagement Manager

The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not-for-profit community organisation, this is a Capital project and match funding is in place. The application addresses a key community priority as identified in the JSA for Trowbridge community area around promotion of equality and diversity, community cohesion and integration.

The project is to extend the offering of English Classes in Trowbridge through the provision of additional laptops with speakers and to provide secure storage facilities.

WWMFF runs 2 English classes and creche each week in Trowbridge, for asylum seekers and immigrants from a variety of countries including Bangladesh, Iraq, Pakistan, Lithuania, Africa, Poland, Jamaica etc. These represent some of the most stigmatised, disadvantaged and socially isolated people in our community and due to language and other barriers, often face social isolation. The project assists learners to integrate into their new communities in Trowbridge, enabling them to grow in confidence and begin to use medical facilities, help their children with homework, volunteer, use the libraries and public transport. Computer literacy also helps with job hunting and securing employment.

There are insufficient laptops available to support learners and take new learners on. Currently learners often must share computers. This is counterproductive as it is known that people learn at different rates and have different learning styles and support needs.

The total project cost for two laptops, speakers and storage facilities is £1,950. Quotations have been provided. Match funding of £1,050 is available, leaving a shortfall of £900 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

The applicant was advised to also contact their town council for support.

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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2732	Friends of John of Gaunt School	John of Gaunt - Forest School	£950.00

Project Description:
The John of Gaunt school wish to establish a Forest School within the grounds of the main school. This will allow students to participate in extra-curricular based activities outside of the normal school environment. The school has identified a number of students who are struggling with the transition to secondary education and need an alternative educational opportunity to help them to be form a positive relationship with their school and staff. The Forest school requires funds for some specific equipment to facilitate the setting up of the school.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:
The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not- for-profit community organisation, this is a Capital project and match funding is in place. Whilst the applicant is a school, the project is for extra- curricular activities to benefit students' social and emotional development and confidence. The project is to develop a Forest school facility at John of Gaunt school to provide additional extra-curricular learning opportunities for students, some of whom are struggling with the transition to secondary education. These students need an alternative extra-curricular educational opportunity to enable them to form a positive relationship with the school and staff. The applicant considers that a Forest School facility would benefit students with additional needs and would represent an asset to the wider school community in Trowbridge. Funds are sought for basic equipment to facilitate the setting up of the Forest school including tools, shelter-making equipment, cooking equipment and protective clothing.

The total project cost is £2,800. In- Kind and other contributions are shown for labour, donated tools, Forest School leader training and fundraising to the sum of £1,850. This leaves a shortfall of £950 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

The applicant was advised to also approach their town council for support.

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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2677	LARK RISE COMMUNITY FARM	Larkrise Community Farm - Sensory Classroom Project	£3,875.00

Project Description:
We wish to transform the classroom area of our busy animal care and agricultural

learning setting to make it a welcoming and more sensory area. The classroom area is used daily by a wide range of age groups all from our Wiltshire catchment area and is in desperate need of refurbishment and redecorating.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not-for-profit community organisation, this is a Capital project and match funding shown

The project is to transform the classroom area of the busy animal care and agricultural learning setting to make it a welcoming and more sensory area where service users can relax and de stress. The classroom area is used daily by a wide range of groups, the project supports children, young people and adults who need additional support due to not coping in mainstream education or other situations, it also supports looked after children and families. The project works with people of all ages who have learning disabilities, physical disabilities or who may be on the autistic spectrum and also supports those with anxiety and potential self-harm. The centre offers qualifications and employability support for adults, ASDAN qualifications enable many students go on to rural or agricultural work or other jobs in the local community. There is also a busy Riding for Disabled group.

The classroom area is showing signs of age related wear and tear and is currently in need of upgrading with more appropriate furnishings and equipment.

Transforming the classroom will involve installation of sensory lighting and child proof doors and provision of appropriate furnishings. There will also be associated plastering, painting, decorating and carpentry.

The total project cost is £7,750, for which quotations have been requested. Match funding has been sought from Westbury area board £1,875 and Melksham area board £2,000, this leaves a shortfall of £3,875 which is the amount applied for from Trowbridge area board.

Westbury area board has deferred a decision until the new financial year due to lack of funds, Melksham area board has agreed to fund the project to the sum of £1500.

The applicant was also advised to contact their local town/parish council for support.

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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2707	1st Hilperton Scout group	Hilperton Community Garden	£617.50

Project Description:

The overall aim of this project is restoring the over grown and relatively unused garden at the rear of St Marys Church Hilperton. In conjunction with the Scouting Associations Million Hands Project 1st Hilperton Cubs intend to develop a very pleasant and safe community nature garden accessible to all but especially for persons with disabilities dementia or seeking Mental well-being. A main part of the project is to replace the present patio which is in a poor state and causes a concern for persons unsteady on their feet. Hilperton Parish Council are

supporting the project agreeing to fund half the costs. All the hard labour work will be carried out by Cubs Family and friends.

Input from Community Engagement Manager

The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not-for-profit community organisation, this is a Capital project and match funding is in place.

The project is to restore the overgrown and relatively unused garden at the rear of St Marys Church, Hilperton. In conjunction with the Scouting Association's Million Hands Project, 1st Hilperton Cubs intend to develop a pleasant and safe community nature garden, accessible to all, but especially for those with disabilities, dementia or seeking a quiet reflective space. A main part of the project is to replace the present patio which is in a poor state and constitutes a risk to those who may be unsteady on their feet. The hard labour work will be carried out by Cubs family and friends.

The total project cost is £1,235.00. Hilperton Parish Council is providing match funding of £617.50, leaving a shortfall of £617.50 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2726	Bethesda Baptist Church	Bethesda Church Community Project	£3,415.00

Project Description:

To allow easier access to our buildings for the many community groups who use them.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not-for-profit community organisation, this is a Capital project and match funding is in place. Whilst the application is from a church organisation, the application is not for religious purposes but to support community use of the buildings, for a variety of social activities.

The project is to resurface an access slope and path and provide handrails to allow good access to the church buildings for the many community groups that use the facilities and to enable wheelchair users and those with disabilities to access the buildings safely and easily.

The church buildings are currently well used by the local community, for English classes, Multi-Cultural talks and events, music therapy and various other community activities.

The total project cost to resurface the slope and path and provide handrails is £6,830.00, quotations have been provided. Bethesda is contributing £3,415.00 from reserves, leaving a shortfall of £3,415.00 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

The applicant was also advised to approach Town Council for funding support.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2730	Hope Nature Centre	Community Learning Bus in the Animal Park	£2,000.00

Project Description:

We plan to have a classroom facility bus which will provide extra undercover space within the animal park for school visits learning and a potential play area for children. We will then be able to provide learning experiences linked into curriculum activities relating to animals and nature.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not-for-profit community organisation, this is a Capital project and match funding is in place.

The project is to develop a classroom facility/bus at the hope nature centre which will provide extra undercover space within the animal park for school visits and a potential play area for children. The aim is to support learning relating to animals and nature.

The total project cost is £4,000. Match funding of £2,000 is shown from sponsorship, leaving a shortfall of £2,000 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

The applicant was advised to also approach their parish council for support.

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That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2739	North Bradley World War I Commemoration Group	North Bradley WW1 Commemoration Group	£544.00

Project Description:

Since August 2014 this group have been arranging a memorial service on the anniversary of a casualty from the Great War. This is to provide a memorial long after the anniversary of the wars end. Support has come from every area of the community churches school groups both for young and elderly. The project commenced with a musical festival in 2014 with all ages contributing.

Input from Community Engagement Manager

The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not-for-profit community organisation, this is a Capital project and match funding is not a requirement for projects under £1,000.

The project is to provide a WW1 commemorative bench in North Bradley, building on work already done to research the fallen from the parish and the parishes' planned participation in the WW1 Tree Planting project.

The project is to provide a memorial bench, plaque and booklet to supplement the memorial trees to commemorate the anniversary of the end of WW1 and to involve the whole community in remembering the fallen from the village. The commemorative space will be a space for reflection and enjoyment of the natural environment.

The total project cost is £664.00. Match funding of £120 is in place leaving a shortfall of £544 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

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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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