

Report to	Devizes Area Board
Date of Meeting	16/07/2019
Title of Report	Health and Wellbeing Funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Richmond Fellowship Project Title: Improved Mental Health in the Workplace	£650.00
Applicant: Lucy Heasman Project Title: making Devizes Makaton Friendly	£2,000.00

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

Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Richmond Fellowship	Improved Mental Health in the Workplace	£650
Project Description: <p>Richmond Fellowship Wiltshire are seeking funding for a project aimed at supporting Wiltshire employers in identifying improved strategies for supporting employees who are struggling with poor mental health in the work place.</p> <p>The funding will enable RF to host a morning event and network lunch in Devizes in October 2018 to talk to and listen to employers to help identify what would be most useful to them in improving the outcomes for staff, who may be struggling with poor mental health in the workplace.</p> <p>The proposed date for this forum, 10th October 2018, coincides with World mental Health Day as being a key date on which to focus attention on an important and universal issue.</p> <p>By focussing this first step in Devizes we are able to create a manageable first forum event for employers in and around the Devizes area from which to glean valuable information and feedback for potential future initiatives.</p> <p>The initiative will be supported by speakers from Wiltshire Public Health and Wiltshire MIND, as well as being hosted by Richmond Fellowship Wiltshire, and will engage a wide range of employers local to Devizes and the surrounding area.</p> <p>NOTE – this application was discussed at the Devizes Community Area Wellbeing Group and it was supported and agreed to recommend that the Area Board award the full £650.00 from the HWB fund.</p>		

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Lucy Heasman	Making Devizes Makaton Friendly	£2,000.00
<p>Project Description: Ms Heasman's aim is to make Devizes 'Makaton Friendly'. A wide range of people in the local community use Makaton to communicate and she would like local businesses and organisations to recognise this by signing up to being 'Makaton Friendly'.</p> <p>Being Makaton Friendly involves each business learning 30 Makaton signs and symbols and using these to communicate with customers who have communication difficulties, thereby making their business fully inclusive.</p> <p>In order for Devizes to gain 'Makaton Friendly' status, a minimum of 30 businesses will need to sign up and attend taster sessions delivered by regional tutors from the Makaton Charity and they then receive a licence to display and a certificate and are recognised as being Makaton Friendly on the Makaton Charity's website.</p> <p>NOTE – this application was discussed at length at the Devizes Community Area Wellbeing Group and it was agreed to recommend that the Area Board award £500.00 from the HWB fund on the basis that there is a good chance that further funds may be awarded by the Local Youth Network.</p>		
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>		

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

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