

<b>Report to</b>	Trowbridge Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	13/09/2019
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grant funding

Provisional Figures	Area Board Grants Budget	H&WB Fund	LYN Fund	CATG
Opening balance 2018/19	£62,438.63	£7,700.00	£31,227.41	£16,784.00 plus £9212.29 pavement improvements budget
Grant Applications Awarded to date	£19,064.33	£1,362.00	£12,060.00	-
Current Balance	£43,374.30	£6,338.00	£19,167.41	£16,117.00
Balance if all grants are agreed at this meeting	£27,448.41	£6,338.00	£13,025.49	N/A

**Purpose of the report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
<b>Applicant:</b> Trowbridge White Ensign Association <b>Project Title:</b> Trowbridge White Ensign - HMS Avon Vale Display  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£685.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Trowbridge Debt Advice Service <b>Project Title:</b> Trowbridge Debt Advice Service  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£2583.00

<b>Applicant:</b> Friends of John of Gaunt School <b>Project Title:</b> Neighbourhood Watch Signage for The Halve and Local Area  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£180.00
<b>Applicant:</b> West Wilts Gymnastics and Fitness <b>Project Title:</b> West Wilts Gymnastics and Parkour Safety Pits  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£3000.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Trowbridge Town Football Club <b>Project Title:</b> Trowbridge Town FC Ground Improvements  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£4750.00
<b>Applicant:</b> The Mead Teaching School <b>Project Title:</b> Community Skills Support Project  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£4727.89
<b>Youth Grants</b>	
Applicant- Youth Adventure Trust Project Title- Adventure Camp vulnerable young people	£3000 LYN Recommendation Approve in Full <b>PAID under delegated authority. Area Board to note</b>
Applicant TCAF Project- Sexual health Project	£3141.92 LYN Recommendation <b>Approve in Full</b>

## 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 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**

<b>Application ID</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Proposal</b>	<b>Requested</b>
<a href="#">3011</a>	Trowbridge White Ensign Association	Trowbridge White Ensign - HMS Avon Vale Display	£685.00

#### **Project Description:**

Trowbridge and District White Ensign Association as a registered local charity has been keen to expand its educational activities by holding exhibitions and participating in local events to widen public knowledge of naval history and in doing so have identified an opportunity to acquire significant display items with an important historical local connection namely a large scale model of the warship HMS Avon Vale which was sponsored by the Trowbridge local area during Warship Week 1942 and also the ships plaque both of which are well suited to become the focus of the Associations future exhibitions. Significant interest was shown at two recent local events for which the model ship was on loan to the Association and displayed. An increase in funds raised was experienced.

#### **Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The application meets the community grants criteria, the applicant is a registered

charity, this is a Capital project and match funding is not a requirement for projects under £1000. The project is to acquire a large- scale model of the Warship HMS Avon Vale along with the ships plaque to support the charities fundraising and benevolent activities along with its educational functions. The total project cost is £685 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2975</a>	Trowbridge Debt Advice Service	Trowbridge Debt Advice Service	£2,583.00

**Project Description:**

To expand the free Debt Counselling and budget service to all who reside in Trowbridge and surrounding area who are unable for various reasons to manage their income and now face possible eviction, bailiffs or court orders. Since opening 50 per cent of referrals are from Wiltshire Council, predominately Safeguarding and Social Services Council Tax and housing.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not -for -profit organisation, a charity, this is a capital project and match funding is in place. Trowbridge debt advice service was set up to provide free confidential debt advice and support to local people in need. The service is now well used and is expanding with referrals from a range of agencies including Wiltshire Council. The demand for debt advice and support services is growing in line with the roll out of Universal Credit and with low income families in our area struggling to make ends meet. This can result in rent arrears and potential evictions for some of the most vulnerable families. It also puts extreme stress on families affected.

The project is to provide additional equipment to support growth in demand for the debt advice service and the training of new advisors. There is a need to deliver a safe, efficient and effective service and equipment is required to support this. The equipment required includes secure storage cupboard, multi drawer cabinet, laptops, leaflets and signage. The total project cost is £8,900. Match funding of £6,417 is in place, leaving a shortfall of £2,583 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

The project links to JSA priorities around Child Poverty and support for deprived communities in the local area.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2954</a>	Halve Friends Residents' Association	Neighbourhood Watch Signage for The Halve and Local Area	£180.00

**Project Description:**

The Halve Friends Residents Association has joined the national Neighbourhood

Watch Association and in order to publicise and further promote this initiative in our area we need to purchase signs for erection in our area.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not-for-profit organisation, this is a Capital project and match funding is shown although not required for projects under £1000.

The Halve Friends Residents Association has joined the national Neighbourhood Watch Association and they require signage to be erected in the local area to raise awareness of the scheme. This funding is not available via Wiltshire Police. The total project cost is £280 to include the cost of 6 signs and fitting. Match funding of £100 is shown in kind to erect the signage, leaving a shortfall of £180, which is the amount applied for to the area board. The project links to JSA priorities around tackling anti-social behaviour and promoting safe neighbourhoods.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2840</a>	West Wilts Gymnastics and Fitness	West Wilts Gymnastics and Parkour Safety Pits	£3,000.00

**Project Description:**

We are looking to fund the installation of safety pits filled with foam for safe Parkour Gymnastics and Trampolining training. This new installation will also make Gymnastics more accessible for people with specialist needs due to the increased safety it will give participants.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The application meets the community grants criteria. West Wilts Esprit Gymnastics Club is a company limited by Guarantee and designated not for profit. The club aims to provide a sustainable and inclusive gymnastics and fitness club to serve Trowbridge and surrounding West Wiltshire area, growing the club and facilities and investing all surplus back into the local programmes and the training of staff. This is a capital project and match funding is shown, to include contributions from Westbury and BOA area boards.

The project is to install safety pits filled with foam for safe Parkour Gymnastics and Trampolining training. This will also make Gymnastics more accessible for people with specialist needs due to the increased safety it will give participants.

The total project cost is £10,000 for which quotations have been received. Match funding of £7,000 is shown, leaving a shortfall of £3,000 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

The project links to JSA priorities around promotion of physical activity and healthy lifestyles.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2895</a>	Trowbridge Town Football Club	Trowbridge Town FC Ground Improvements	£4,750.00
<p><b>Project Description:</b> A new lease has been signed which safeguards the playing future of ALL TTFC teams which totals at present approx. 350 youth/ adults. Improvements are needed at the ground. An FA report has been received and considerable money is needed to improve the playing surface and drainage service to increase usage and reduce cancellations of training sessions and matches.</p> <p><b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b> The application meets the community grants criteria. The applicant is a not-for-profit organisation, this is a Capital project and match funding is shown. The project is to improve drainage at the ground of Trowbridge Town FC. A new lease has been signed which safeguards the playing future of all TTFC teams which totals at present approx.350 youth/ adults. An FA report (attached) has been received which shows a need for improving the playing surface and drainage service to increase usage and reduce cancellations of training sessions and matches.</p> <p>The total project cost is £9,940 which includes the cost of pitch aeration, sanding and fertilization. Match funding of £5,190 is shown, leaving a shortfall of £4,750 which is the amount applied for to the area board.</p> <p>The applicant has confirmed that no additional permissions are required to undertake the works, either in terms of planning or within the terms of the lease. The written quotations received are slightly higher than costs applied for, however, the club will make up any shortfall.</p>			
<p><b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2943</a>	The Mead Teaching School	Community Skills Support Project	£4,727.89
<p><b>Project Description:</b> This project will provide vulnerable families with access to skills training and support and information about other services. We will be working with Children's Centres and schools to identify the most vulnerable families in the town and invite them to take advantage of the services available. We are asking for capital funding to furnish and equip a room that will be welcoming and comfortable for adults and children. In the first year the project will offer 3 hours a week of workshops and mentor support.</p> <p><b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b></p>			

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

The project is to equip a safe space for individuals and small groups to meet confidentially and for the delivery of skills and knowledge based interventions to support vulnerable families. Parents from all local schools will be able to access community based support for increasing specific knowledge and skills. This includes those who have children with special educational needs and those who require support from advisers to access benefits or employment. The aim is to work with schools, Children's Centres and other agencies to respond to need. Topics planned for 2018-19 include an Entering Employment Programme which would include a CV Writing Workshop as well as a session focusing on Interview Techniques and a Job Application Review. There will also be sessions on Positive Parenting which will feature external visitors where appropriate as well as a programme of digital literacy covering the basics of Excel Word Outlook and using the internet.

The Mead School will provide space in a new build facility to deliver the project, the need for which has been identified by parent support advisors as well as by parents themselves. Offering the activities in a familiar setting yet outside the main school building will encourage parents who might otherwise not have the confidence to come forward to participate. The premises will be offered free of charge for the project and the utility bills and maintenance to support the project will be covered. The community space will also be available to parents and community groups to hire for group activities outside of school use, such as knitting clubs etc. Staff from The Mead School will coordinate and administer the project. The trust consists of 3 schools with a variety of staff with different skills sets, including teaching staff, teaching assistants, administrative staff, parent support advisors, HR staff etc. In Kind project delivery costs have been worked out taking an average hourly cost by number of hours of expected delivery over the school year.

The Mead has a successful track record of working in close partnership with Collaborative Schools Ltd an alliance of all local primary special and secondary schools to provide a range of professional development and support services for schools in Trowbridge and the surrounding area. These existing relationships will support effective delivery and communication of the offer to families most in need. There will also be promotion of the project and engagement with parents at regular community events and activities organised by the schools.

The total project cost is £17,897.89, match funding of £13,170.00 is shown including the in-kind teaching/project co-ordination contributions. This leaves a shortfall of £4,727.89 for the Capital equipment which is the amount applied for to the area board.

The project links to JSA priorities around tackling child poverty by supporting vulnerable families.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

## **LYN Grant Applications**

### **Youth Adventure trust- Summer camps 2018**

The applicant is a charitable organisation.

The Forest Camp is the final residential adventure camp on the Youth Adventure Programme and continues the aims of building confidence self-esteem resilience and aspiration. It is a 6-day camp held in the summer holidays in between Year 8 and Year of school. It takes place in the Forest of Dean where the children camp on a river bank taking part in group living. They take part in lots of different activities including archery, an overnight river canoe journey, a ropes challenge, course rock climbing and traversing as well as building their own shelter and cooking over a campfire. The overall aim is to develop confidence and self-esteem, to challenge young people and support them through challenges to develop their resilience, coping skills and teamworking or leadership abilities.

Last year the Trowbridge Area Board provided a grant to help vulnerable young people from Trowbridge on the 2nd year of the programme. The application is to support young people on their final camp of the Youth Adventure Programme.

Many young people who attend are struggling at school hate being in the classroom have no positive role models no aspirations or chaotic and unstable home lives. Some are young carers looking after a parent they may be in foster care on the brink of getting an ASBO or being excluded from school. The project aims to help young people escape this cycle of disadvantage and inspire them to reach their full potential by taking them at a key stage of their educational and social development and introducing them to outdoor adventure through the Youth Adventure Programme a combination of outdoor residential adventure camps and day activities over a 3 school year period.

YAT Operations Team have close relationships with the schools who recommend the children they think would benefit most from the Youth Adventure Programme based on their circumstances and background their specific problems and the potential benefit the programme could have for them The Operations team go into the schools and speak to the children about the programme what it involves and what benefits it can have for them. They often take a volunteer and or a past participant who can give direct feedback on the impact the programme has had on their life.

The programme is entirely free of charge to the young people and their families.

Comprehensive safeguarding arrangements are in place and feedback is gained for participants to enhance delivery of future programmes.

The applicant has confirmed that no application was made to Swindon this year as their grants scheme is not currently running. The applicant has also confirmed that the young people participating are a different group to last year. The applicant has provided audited accounts as requested.



The total project cost is £37,064.00, match funding of £33,500 is shown, including contributions from Westbury and Chippenham area boards, leaving a shortfall of £3,000 which is the amount applied for to Trowbridge area board.

#### **LYN recommendation**

**The application was discussed and scored by the LYN on 22<sup>nd</sup> August and the LYN recommendation was to Approve in Full.**

**The grant was subsequently paid under delegated authority with the approval of the Chairman of the area board.**

**Proposal-** Area Board to note

#### **TCAF**

Brighter Aspirations is a project delivered by local youth charity TCAF, that provides informal education for young people in the deprived areas of Trowbridge by running youth activities on Studley Green and Seymour as well as at John of Gaunt School and Stallard's Skate Park. This request which has arisen from discussions with the young people on Seymour and Studley Green is to deliver a sexual health programme in those two areas between October 2018 and March 2019. The funding will help provide the training, staff- time and materials to support this project.

The total project cost is £4,089.58, match funding of £947.66 is shown, leaving a shortfall of £3,141.92 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

#### **LYN Recommendation**

**The application was discussed and scored by Trowbridge LYN on 22<sup>nd</sup> August and it was Recommended to Approve in Full**

**Proposal-** Area board to determine the application

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

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