

Report to Devizes Area Board
Date of meeting 18 March 2019
Title of report Community Area Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
St James Church, Devizes	£5,000.00
Devizes & District Association for the Disabled	£2,380.31
Devizes Eisteddfod	£941.53
Fulltone Orchestra	£5,000.00
West Lavington village hall	£2,455.50
Wiltshire Wildlife Trust	£979.27
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£16,755.77
Total capital funding allocated to Devizes Area Board 2018/19	£49,289.48
Total amount awarded so far, 2018/19	£31,794.10
Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	£739.61

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 available here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-area-grants-criteria-2015-16-april.pdf>

The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2018/2019 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 has been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implication

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
3218	St James Church, Devizes	St James Community Hub	£5,000.00

Project Description

The aim of the project is to purchase the now closed former Youth Centre building at Estcourt Crescent, Devizes from the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education and to refurbish it and open it as a multi-agency hub for local organisations to use to help meet the needs of the community in Devizes and the surrounding area. The project is being led by the Parochial Church Council PCC of St James Church Southbroom, Devizes which is a charity.

It is intended to purchase and refurbish the building to provide a facility that local groups, particularly those focusing on supporting the health and well-being of local people, can use for the benefit of the whole community. The church will run money and life skills classes from the building that are open to all and will use it as a neutral meeting place for 1-2-1 education and mentoring carried out by the outreach worker employed by the PCC. The building is intended for wider use by other social organisations and expressions of interest have already been received from a wide variety of local groups.

St James Church has had an open consultation with local residents and the concept has received support as a suitable use for a historic building that is a heritage asset and might otherwise be lost to community use. The church will move its office also used to support the Devizes Foodbank to the building to provide a welcoming presence and oversight. The

well supported youth activities run by the church will also utilise the building in the evenings and Sundays.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from St James' Church, Devizes for £5,000.00 towards the new community building

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3170	Devizes & District Association for the Disabled	Nursteed Community Centre - New carpets	£2380.31

Project Description

To replace the existing worn and marked carpets throughout the Centre.

The Devizes and District for the Disabled was formed in 1981 and since 1984 the DDAD has run the Nursteed Centre, now called the Nursteed Community Centre, which provides a safe accessible place for disabled people in the local area. The Centre is used by 15 different groups that support people with various disabilities and approximately 240 disabled people use the Centre on a regular basis. The Centre allows equality by providing a meeting place for all people irrespective of disabilities. This project will bring the flooring in the Centre to a good standard and enhance the environment for the users.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Devizes & District Association for the Disabled for £2380.31 towards new carpeting.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3176	Devizes Eisteddfod	Digital Piano for Devizes Eisteddfod	£ 941.53

Project Description

To assist the Devizes Eisteddfod in purchasing a Yamaha Digital Piano and stool to be placed in the Cheese Hall in Devizes Town Hall for the use of the Eisteddfod and other community groups.

All performers taking part in the annual Devizes Eisteddfod will benefit from the new instrument as well as the various community groups that regularly use the Cheese Hall at the Devizes Town Hall.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Devizes Eisteddfod for £941.53 towards the new instrument.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3144	The Fulltone Orchestra	The Fulltone Festival	£5,000.00
<p>Project Description</p> <p>The Fulltone Orchestra, based in Devizes, wish to put on an all-day music festival in Devizes. Introducing orchestral music to Devizes and surrounding areas, it will consist of four concerts back to back - family music; movie music; rock and electronic. The family element will have children involved - the whole event will be family-focused.</p> <p>The Orchestra has met with Devizes Town Council to discuss the event and begin plans. The market place has been chosen as the location as this fits with the town council's hopes to turn the market place into a thriving venue for community activities and events. The orchestra did have plans for selling tickets to the individual concerts but has decided to make this a free event in the interests of attracting as many people as possible.</p> <p>The elements to be funded within this application can be considered revenue costs, whereas the community area grant scheme normally provides capital funding. If Devizes Area Board supports this application and the music festival, funding from the board's revenue budget can be made available, which will allow the award to go ahead.</p>			
<p>Proposal</p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application from the Fulltone Orchestra for £5,000.00 towards the cost of a music festival for Devizes.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3154	West Lavington Village Hall	Main Hall upgrade	£2,455.50
<p>Project Description</p> <p>As part of a scheme to upgrade facilities, the village hall committee is reactivating the stage including repairing and servicing the disabled lift, providing moveable front stair access to stage and installing a new projector, screen and suitable PA system for the hall. Multiple speakers and echo damping will be used to provide a high sound quality. This will enable a wide range of community performances and projects to take place including non-vocational courses e.g. IT</p> <p>The stage has been unusable both on safety grounds and that disabled access was not available. The committee is repairing a disabled lift at their own cost. The stage will now be available for use by performers of all abilities etc. The main hall is regularly used by a range of organisations and having projectors and PA systems etc will greatly widen its use and scope.</p> <p>The cost of this project has increased since the original application was made now that accurate quotes are in place. The contribution from the village hall committee is increasing and Devizes Area Board is asked to support 50% of the cost, in line with criteria.</p>			

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from West Lavington Village Hall for £2,455.50 towards the improvements to the stage.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3198	Wiltshire Wildlife Trust	Devizes Orchard and Playing Fields Volunteer Group	£979.27

Project Description

The project will provide essential tools and equipment so that Wiltshire Wildlife Trust can establish a volunteer group at Devizes and Roundway Orchard and Playing Fields nature reserve. The volunteer group will maintain and improve this popular and well-used public green space in south Devizes. The volunteer group will provide an important transition for participants on the Trust's Wellbeing Through Nature project as well as be an opportunity for local residents to develop skills and be involved in the care of the reserve.

The project will directly benefit the volunteers themselves. These will initially be a mix of former participants from the Trusts Wellbeing Through Nature project and local residents. The group may attract people from the wider locality in time. The Volunteer group will give people who are transitioning off the Wellbeing project an important supported next step at an accessible site they are already familiar with - the reserve is one of the sites used by the Wellbeing Through Nature team. Many of the participants do not yet feel ready to take up mainstream volunteering and this project will form an important step on that road. The importance that being active in outdoor spaces is to peoples' physical and mental health and wellbeing is well documented and this project will provide those opportunities.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust for £979.27 towards new tools and equipment.

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

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