

Report to	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	01/05/2019
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Redlynch Village Hall Project Title: The Old School - Community Room Project View full application	£5000.00
Applicant: Old Sarum Youth Club Project Title: Old Sarum Youth Club -Positive Activities View full application	£3095.96

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 2019/2020 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
3231	Redlynch Village Hall	The Old School - Community Room Project	£5000.00
<p>Project Description:</p> <p>This application is for a grant towards the cost of refurbishing the Community Room one of the rooms at The Old School a community facility acquired in 2016 by Lover Community Trust to address gaps in the facilities available to the inhabitants of Lover and Redlynch and the surrounding areas. The refurbishment will entail replacing the ceiling and lights following removal of asbestos ceiling tiles new flooring and installation of sliding glass doors giving access to the adjacent playing field.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</p> <p>The village of Lover lies within the Parish of Redlynch, a collection of hamlets and although in Wiltshire the village itself falls within the New Forest National Park. It is attached to the larger village of Redlynch and together they consist of approx. 1390 households with a population of 3448 (source 2011 census). Over the last ten or more years Lover has lost its village pub its post office and shop and its primary school. It is poorly served by public transport links to the nearest large village, with shops and medical facilities Downton and to Salisbury these being restricted to a limited bus service which provides a thrice daily service to Salisbury taking around 45 minutes. Particularly affected by this isolation are the elderly and the young who comprise an increasing proportion of the population in the village. Lover Community Trust is a charity which less than four years after its formation is making a real difference to the quality of life in this small rural community. It was featured in a February edition of the BBC1 Countryfile programme which showed the whole village coming together to deck the streets with heart themed decorations in support of the Trusts Valentines Post. This initiative centred on a pop-up Post Office in the</p>			

Old School building is just one example of how the Trust is breathing new life into the community. Other examples include Regular keep-fit sessions held 3 mornings a week in The Old School, the annual Lover 5k fun-run and walk now in its third year which brings in around 140 walkers and runners each year, the annual Lover Country Fayre held each July on Lover Green, another fundraising event which provides activity for many volunteers in the village and contributes to the local economy, use by the local primary school for their sports day and regular coaching and athletics sessions for juniors. This project is the next phase in refurbishing the building in order to increase the range and number of activities that we are able to facilitate. It will thus benefit all members of the local community but particularly those identified above as most affected by isolation and poor transport links.

We are taking a phased approach to refurbishing the Old School. Essential repairs have already been carried out and a new heating system installed. This third phase is to refurbish the main room – total cost is £30,000. Further phases will entail new toilets and a professional standard kitchen. These have not been fully costed but overall we envisage spending £100 000 to £150 000 on the building over the next 5 to 10 years. One wing of the building is being reserved for the local pre school and this is being managed by them as a separate project.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application – should the grant request be agreed, the funding would be deducted from the Area Board’s capital budget.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2967	Old Sarum Youth Club	Old Sarum Youth Club -Positive Activities	£3095.96

Project Description:

Old Sarum Youth club offers fortnightly free positive activities for local young people. Our club meets locally identified need providing safe fun structured activities which enable young people to learn and develop skills, build constructive friendship, boost confidence and self esteem. The club is lead by two appropriately qualified members of staff who are supported by a small but dedicated team of volunteers. Our club is established with 50 plus members and an average of 25 young people attending each session. Young people are involved at all levels of our club including planning the programme and young leaders who support the delivery of our activities. We are applying to Southern Wilts Area Board for the costs of our staff who lead the clubs provision and some new activities for members’ additional activities. Costs and venue hire will be funded from alternative sources.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This is a thriving youth club and supported by local volunteers, but in order to ensure appropriately trained staff can be retained to lead the club, funding support is required.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application - – should the grant request be agreed, the funding would be deducted from the Area Board's youth budget.

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

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