

Report to Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board
Date of meeting 8th May 2019
Title of report Health and Wellbeing Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the application for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Wiltshire Music Centre Celebrating Age (application available on the web based agenda pack).	£1500

1. Background

This application has been assessed against Wiltshire **Health and Wellbeing Spending Guidelines** and assessed by the Community Engagement Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Area Board as a potential priority for funding.

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that Health and Wellbeing Grants awarded in the 2019/2020 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be assured that carers, older and/ or vulnerable people will benefit from the funding being awarded. The money must be used to invest in projects that will support adults living within a community area. While not exclusively restricted to older people, the investment should be made in such a way as to make the maximum impact on health and wellbeing within a given community area.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to ensure measures have been taken in relation to safeguarding older and vulnerable people.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Health and Wellbeing 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

- 4.1. Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade (RWB&C) Area Board has been allocated £7,700 expenses in 2019/20
- 4.2. This is the first opportunity to award RWB&C Area Board Health and Wellbeing Funding in this financial year.

4.3. All decisions must fall within the Health and Wellbeing Funding allocated to RWB&C Area Board.

4.4 If funding is awarded in line with the Health and Wellbeing recommendations outlined in this report the remaining balance will be £6,200.

1. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

2. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

3. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Ensuring that Community Area Boards and Health and Wellbeing Groups fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in designing local positive activities for older people is essential to meeting the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

4. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary safeguarding policies and procedures are in place.

5. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
2019/20 RWB&C01	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age	£1,500
<p>Project description and links to the Community Area Priorities</p> <p>Celebrating Age Wiltshire Partnership led by Wiltshire Music Centre received a grant of £99,931 from Arts Council England to provide a programme of arts/cultural activities in 6 Wiltshire communities in Hubs, libraries and community centre settings as well as potentially in outdoor space e.g. public parks. A Project Development Worker continues to develop a programme of work in each community in consultation with existing groups of older people and representatives of charities working with these groups. The programme involves regular activity in library and other community settings such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • live performance with a focus on words • engagement activities for music, dance, visual art. <p>The programme is delivered in partnership with the arts/cultural organisations involved in the bid. They seek a small contribution from each Area Board where activity will be taking place.</p> <p>Celebrating Age is designed to create arts, culture and heritage activity for older people which is delivered in their own community settings in 6 local areas. The partnership includes Wiltshire Council Library Service as well as Age UK and cultural organisations. It is managed by a Project Development Worker who consults with local community groups sign posted by the Community Engagement Managers and other community workers to identify the sorts of projects that older people would like to see delivered. The project also offers free tickets for the people who undertake local activity to attend events, performance and exhibitions in the partner venues.</p> <p>The project focuses on priorities already identified by the RWB&C community in the last 'Our Community Matters' JSA event, specifically, top priorities around Older People, Culture, and Health and Wellbeing relating to social isolation and loneliness, support for carers, Dementia, mental health, healthy lifestyles, and affordable access to cultural activities.</p>			

The Project Development Worker will work with existing voluntary and community groups, including the Community Engagement Manager and local charities to identify how best to access the community in that area. Community groups will be consulted to decide what sort of activity is to be provided in the monthly session and also to identify the older people who may want to benefit from the activities.

The Head of Creative Learning at Wiltshire Music Centre will be responsible for safeguarding and the Project Development Worker will follow the WMC Safeguarding Policy. All staff and creative leaders running sessions for the Celebrating Age project will be DBS checked. They will be briefed on the policy and trained as appropriate.

Wiltshire Music Centre is creating an evaluation model based on seeking to identify social impacts and outcomes of taking part in the Celebrating Age activities such as reducing loneliness, increasing social confidence, developing new artistic, cultural or heritage skills and experience and increasing social interaction with other people outside the home.

The annual cost of this project is between £60,000 and £70,000 for three years. Arts Council England have committed grant funding between 47% and 55% for each year of the project. A small contribution of £1,500 per year is being sought from each Area Board where activity will take place.

During this year Celebrating Age will also be looking at developing the project to become sustainable into the future.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

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

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