

Report to Malmesbury Area Board
Date of meeting 9 July 2019
Title of report Community Area Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Malmesbury Youth Football Club (via officer delegated authority)	£1,000 (awarded)
Malmesbury Town Council	£2,500
Malmesbury Bowls and Social Club	£780

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:
<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 2019/20 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.

If all grants are awarded as below, Malmesbury Area Board will have a balance of £27,308 remaining in the 2019/20 Community Area Grants fund.

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
3286	Malmesbury Youth Football Club	End of season improvements	£1,000 (awarded)
<p>Project description:</p> <p>Unfortunately, some of the club’s kitchen equipment has broken over time including two fridges and a barbecue, and the football club would really benefit from a chest freezer. These items are regularly used for the club and are especially needed for events. We host school tournaments, a 6 a-side tournament and a club presentation day, as well as community activity days. We are also making much needed improvements to our football pitches. We are looking to try grass-marking carrot tufts to improve the accuracy of line-marking and reduce the time spent on it. The markers could save the club money at a time when the budget is hanging on a small surplus balance with all player fees paid. We also need line marking equipment.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</p> <p>This is an active, inclusive and thriving youth football club, run entirely by volunteers, that puts the wellbeing of children at the heart of its activities. The club serves over 200 local children each season and hosts various community activities, including a 6-a-side tournament annually in June. The club operates to a tight budget and requires assistance to purchase some new line-marking and kitchen equipment.</p> <p>To support the club to purchase the equipment in time for this year’s 6-a-side tournament on 15 June, this grant was awarded under officer delegated authority in consultation with members of Malmesbury Area Board.</p> <p>The total project cost is £2,237, the remainder of which is being provided by club funds.</p>			
<p>Proposal</p> <p>That the Area Board notes the award to Malmesbury Youth Football Club for £1,000.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3297	Malmesbury Town Council	Newnton Grove Play Area	£2,500
<p>Project description: To install a new play equipment installation in the Newnton Grove play area aimed at 3-8 year old's. The existing installation is damaged and consequently is unsafe. Although this risk is managed, the setup is unsatisfactory and limits the play experience. The new equipment will both make the facility safe and fit for purpose but also update it and make it a more positive, local and accessible play experience for the age range.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This project is a much-needed upgrade of a play area recently taken over from Wiltshire Council. Malmesbury Town Council is looking to support the major part of this play equipment from its reserves and where possible from other sources of partner funding. Due to the overall demand on the Town Council's reserves, any additional funds would help alleviate financial pressures resulting from the maintenance, repair or development of a range of other needed facilities across the area, hence this application to the Area Board.</p> <p>The total project cost is £21,475, the remainder of which is being provided by Town Council reserves.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Malmesbury Town Council for £2,500.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3339	Malmesbury Bowls and Social Club	Maintenance equipment for artificial bowls green	£780
<p>Project description: We anticipate work starting on our artificial green in September 2019. We will require several items of maintenance equipment for the new green. The Professional Walkover Sprayer is a crucial part of the maintenance process.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: Malmesbury Area Board supported this club in 2018 with a grant for a new artificial bowls green. The club is now looking for support to purchase essential maintenance equipment which is vital to ensure the upkeep and protection of the new green.</p> <p>The total project cost for this element of the project is £3,756, the remainder of which is being funded by a loan.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Malmesbury Bowls Club for £780.</p>			

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

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