

Report to	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board
Date of Meeting	03/07/2019
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Community Area Grant Scheme:	Amount requested
Applicant: Wessex Male Choir Project Title: New Piano and associated equipment View full application	£1341.00

Positive Youth Activity Scheme:	Amount requested
Applicant: Cricklade Local Youth Network Project Title: Positive Youth Activities in Cricklade View full application	£3783.00

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 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
3313	Wessex Male Choir	Wessex Male Choir New Piano	£1341.00
Project Summary: The Wessex Male Choir wishes to acquire a new piano and associated equipment.			
Input from Community Engagement Manager: This group provides a social focal point for its members, many of whom are retired. The benefits of singing are well documented in terms of its links to combatting early stage dementia and maintaining an active mind and, while there are other local choirs, this one primarily attracts men and provides opportunities that may be considered similar to the well renowned 'Men's Shed' organisation. Younger members are also welcomed to the choir and provide opportunities for intergenerational activity and mutual support. It is suggested that membership of the group can help build confidence, self-esteem and teaches new skills. It is not clear from the application how many members of the current choir are residents in the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area. Whilst by nature this is a male choir, both the Musical Director and one of the accompanists are female and many of the groups support volunteers. As such they consider themselves to be an inclusive organization (albeit subject to the confines of the musical genre which they represent). The group aims to raise funds throughout the life of this new equipment to enable it to be serviced, repaired and replaced as required in the future.			

This application links to local priorities relating to social inclusion, combatting loneliness and improving mental health.

A grant to this project would represent 50% of the total project cost.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
0712	Cricklade Local Youth Network	Provision of Local Youth Activities in Cricklade to end of March 2019.	£3783.00

Project Summary: To maintain and increase local youth provision, in light of consultation with local young people through face to face interactions with the Local Youth Network and through young people led surveys.

Input from Community Engagement Manager: The Cricklade Local Youth Network is relatively young but is making great strides in developing discussions with local young people and gaining an understanding of their specific needs.

Young people have been involved in the LYN from the start and the group is about to appoint 2 young people as Joint Vice Chairs – (The existing adult Chair will adopt a secretarial and advisory role).

Young people have also been fundamental in developing and running the consultation process which has informed their first local needs assessment.

This has shown that previous youth provision, provided solely by area board funding, is of value should be maintained and, where possible increase to address a wider range of the needs of young people.

This application clearly meets the local priorities relating to Children and Young People: Positive leisure time activities and Mental and emotional health.

The Chair of the LYN has confirmed that volunteers have undertaken safeguarding training and are familiar with the need to protect young people. Leaders from the various youth organisations that are represented on the Cricklade LYN have had safeguarding clearance. Records are kept and the current Chair of the LYN is ultimately responsible for safeguarding. The group does not yet have an online presence, but group leaders have provided assurance that necessary arrangements will be in place to keep young people safe. The current Chair of the LYN attends and makes a report to the quarterly meetings of the Town Councils Community and Leisure Sub Committee.

A grant to this project would represent 50% of the total project cost.

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

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