

Report to Devizes Area Board
Date of meeting 15 July 2019
Title of report Community Area Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Avon Road Community group, Devizes	£640.00
Urchfont Village Cricket Club	£5,000.00
South Western Ambulance Charity	£1,600.42
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£7,240.42
Total capital funding allocated to Devizes Area Board 2019/20	£49,886.22
Total amount awarded so far, 2019/20	£11,278.62
Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	£31,366.96

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 updated version is available here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/downloads/7155>

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 2019/2020 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 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
	Avon Road Community group	New picnic tables for Rec ground	£640.00
Project Description The residents' group wishes to install two octagonal picnic tables with attached benches in Avon Road Recreation Ground Devizes. The group helps to maintain the public space at Avon Road, Devizes and make it pleasant and attractive for people to come and visit and to spend time outdoors. The group also puts on different activities during the year, including carols at Christmas and a "Picnic on the Rec" during the summer. By installing two new picnic tables at this community space, the group hopes to encourage even more people to spend time outdoors, enjoying the open air and getting the health and wellbeing benefits this brings.			
Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Avon Road Community group for £640.00 towards new picnic tables.			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3285	Urchfont Village Cricket Club	New practice nets at the Club	£5,000.00
Project Description Urchfont Cricket Club wish to install new practice nets on an all-weather surface at their ground within the village.			

This facility will be available to all the local community, even if they are not members already. The club has run a successful junior coaching programme over the last few seasons and this has been going again in 2019, attracting about 20 young players. This has had the effect of attracting several dads back to playing cricket again.

Club members will be keeping a close eye on people using the nets on a casual basis – they are available for the whole community to use. Members will encourage anyone using the nets to consider taking part in matches, so the new facility will help to recruit new players to the club as well as providing facilities for existing members.

This new facility will enable practice all year round.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Urchfont Village Cricket Club for £5,000.00 towards a new all-weather practice nets.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3348	South Western Ambulance Charity	Lifting Chair for Devizes Community First Responder group	£1,600.42

Project Description

A Lifting Chair is a battery-operated mobile lifting chair that helps a fallen person up to almost standing position within a few minutes. Equipping a Community First Responder with an emergency lifting chair will enable early assistance to a patient who has experienced a non-injury fall and reduce potential complications associated with long lies. This will also help ensure the most appropriate allocation of emergency services resources.

Research shows that falls are a leading cause of emergency calls in the over 65s and account for 10-25 percent of emergency ambulance responses each year for adults aged over 65 years. 1 in 3 people aged over 65 and up to 1 in 2 aged over 80 will fall at least once every year. By having this equipment to hand, Community First Responders will be able to deal with falls more easily and quickly. This will mean that an ambulance is not needed in every case, freeing up valuable resource to be available elsewhere.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from South Western Ambulance Charity for £1,600.42 towards new lifting chair equipment.

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

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