

<b>Report to</b>	Devizes Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	18/11/2019
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grant funding

**Purpose of the report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<b>Applicant:</b> St James Church <b>Project Title:</b> St James Centre - New Accessible Entrance  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£5,000.00

<b>Total grant amount requested at this meeting</b>	£5,000.00
<b>Total capital funding allocated to Devizes Area Board 2019/20</b>	£49,886.22
<b>Total amount awarded so far, 2019/20</b>	£25,644.00
<b>Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report</b>	£19,241.96

## 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
<a href="#">3492</a>	St James Church	St James Centre - New Accessible Entrance	£5,000.00

##### Project Description:

The fitting of a wheelchair accessible entrance and toilet and wet-room to St James Centre. At present the main entrance is too narrow, dark and uninviting. This project requires the preparation of the entrance opening including demolition the installation of the door and windows and the stripping of the low ceiling to reveal the original and attractive boarded roof. The toilet facilities require tiling, fitting and installation of hand-holds to assist the ambulant disabled.

##### Input from Community Engagement Manager:

St James' Church has begun an ambitious project to convert the former youth centre at Estcourt Road, Devizes into a community building for use by the church. This will include their outreach work, such as groups for younger and older people as well as money management and life skills, education and mentoring. The building will also be made available to other community-based groups to allow them to carry out their own work there too. There has been good interest in this space already.

This particular phase of the project is to create a new disabled accessible entrance and accessible toilet and wet room facilities.

St James' Church estimate the overall cost to purchase and refurbish the centre to be £230,000, of which they are contributing £70,000 themselves and the rest coming from grant applications and contributions.

It should be noted that St James' Church made an application to Devizes Area Board towards the purchase of the building in February 2019. As this new application falls in a new financial year, this is acceptable within the grant scheme's criteria.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application from St James' Church for £5,000.00

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

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