

Report to	Devizes Area Board
Date of Meeting	16/03/2020
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Devizes Eisteddfod Project Title: Lavington School Stage Drapes	£962.93
Applicant: Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race Project Title: Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race Awareness-raising material	£790.90*
Applicant: Devizes Open Doors Project Title: ICT equipment upgrade	£1,171.49*
Applicant: Devizes and District Foodbank Project Title: ICT equipment and software	£879.97

Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£3,805.29
Total capital funding allocated to Devizes Area Board 2019/20	£49,886.22
Total amount awarded so far, 2019/20	£45,932.86
Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	£148.07

* These applications have already been awarded via delegated authority due to time constraints

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
3639	Devizes Eisteddfod	Lavington School Stage Drapes	£962.93
<p>Project Description: Application to fund the purchase of new stage drapes at Lavington School. The hall is used by a number of notable local arts organisations including the Devizes Eisteddfod and White Horse Opera and the present curtains are in a very poor condition and indeed could be viewed as a safety hazard.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This application meets the criteria for the grant scheme. Devizes Eisteddfod themselves put on performances over several days each year, as well as White Horse Opera and the school itself.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Devizes Eisteddfod for £962.93</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3657	Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race	Awareness raising material, 2020.	£790.90*
<p>Project Description: Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race is the toughest canoe race in the world hence why it is known as The Canoeists' Everest. Our aim is to make more local people aware of the race and encourage people to take up canoeing and also join the local Devizes Canoe Club. With over 3,000 people coming to Devizes for the start of the race we also want to encourage them to come into the town and use the shops, restaurants, etc. and visit the many places of interest in the town.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This application meets the criteria of the grant scheme. The canoe race is becoming more widely known outside of the world of canoeing. This award will help to attract more visitors to the town to watch the race prepare and set off. This will benefit both the race and the town's economy from the spending these visitors will bring.</p> <p>Proposal This application has already been determined by the area board and awarded via delegated authority. This is due to the timing of the event and when area board meetings fall.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3605	Devizes Opendoors	ICT equipment upgrade	£1,171.49*
<p>Project Description: Devizes Opendoors is a charity set up to help people in Devizes Community Area who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and to benefit individuals in need including the marginalised and vulnerable. It provides three cooked meals a week at St. John's Parish Rooms, Long Street and a drop-in session on a fourth day. 15 to 20 people attend most sessions to receive good food and company, a shower, advice and support. We urgently need to better equip our two paid staff and our team of befriending volunteers by providing them with new computers to improve communications and co-ordination in their work. We also need to upgrade our kitchen equipment used in meal preparation including a microwave oven, scales, commercial standard toaster and utensils.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This application meets the criteria of the grant scheme. Devizes Opendoors provides an important service for some of the area's most vulnerable residents. The advice and support they give to their "guests" are invaluable in helping them</p>			

move forward. This new ICT equipment will allow the charity's two paid workers to access this advice and information more straightforwardly.

Proposal

This application has already been determined by the area board and awarded via delegated authority. This is due to the urgent need for this equipment and when area board meetings fall.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3670	Devizes and District Foodbank	ICT equipment and software	£879.97

Project Description:

The Foodbank needs to replace its laptop and printers which are several years old and have reached the end of their working life. We would like to purchase a Windows 10 laptop plus office software and an office printer that is capable of printing A3 size. This will enable the Foodbank to continue to run the administration necessary to facilitate the receiving of food, money, donations and the giving out of emergency food to those in need in the Devizes and District Area. Our database show that in the period April 2018 to March 2019 Devizes foodbank fed a total of 1,578 people of which 500 were children age 16 years and under. Already since April 2019, we have fed 1,897 people of which 775 were children - this shows that the need is increasing. The people who will benefit are financially disadvantaged in that at a given point in time they have insufficient money to buy food.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This application meets the criteria of the grant scheme. The figures given within the application show the high number of people that need the foodbank and also that this number has risen from 2018/19 to 2019/20. This new ICT equipment will allow the foodbank to administer their business more effectively and to support the local area's vulnerable residents.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Devizes and District Foodbank for £879.97

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

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