

Report to	Amesbury Area Board – Virtual meeting	
Date of Meeting	24/09/2020	
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding	

Purpose of the report:

To consider the 3 applications for funding listed and note the 3 applications already awarded.

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Amesbury Bowls Club Project Title: Continuous Improvement of Facilities View full application	£2500.00
Applicant: Wiltshire Music Centre Project Title: Celebrating Age Wiltshire Phase 2 View full application	£1500.00
Applicant: Amesbury Rugby Club Project Title: Playing strip training equipment - New Walking Rugby project youth ladies and Men View full application	£5000.00

Total of new requests = £7,500 main grants; £1500 Health and wellbeing

Grants awarded prior to Area Board meeting due to COVID.

Amesbury Area Board has already awarded the following 3 grants which were funded between Area Board meetings due to COVID and in line with delegated authority or the Leader of the Council's decision-making process:

Applicant: Durrington Town Council Project Title: Durrington Pavilion Gas Boiler (Awarded in August 2020) View full application	£1155.00
Applicant: Farley's Malone Community Project Title: Virtual community lunches (Awarded in April 2020) View full application	£450.00
Applicant: Buzz Action Foundation Project Title: Vulnerable Young Persons Isolation Activities Programme (Awarded in May 2020)	£1995.00

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 <u>Area Board Grants Guidance</u>

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 2020/21 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.

i. Main grants budget and expenditure to date:

Area Board Budget £52,834.00

Roll forward

Awarded £1,605

Balance: £51,229.00

(£7,000 for new applications if awarded)

ii. Health and Wellbeing budget:

Area Board Budget £7,700.00
Roll forward £0.00
Awarded £0

Balance : £7,700.00

(£1,500 for new application, if awarded)

iii. Local Youth Network budget and expenditure to date:

Area Board Budget £22,322.00

Roll forward £0.00 Awarded £1,995 Balance : £20,327.00

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			Requested
13841	Amesbury Bowls Club	Continuous Improvement of Facilities	£2500.00

Project Description:

This project seeks to deliver two substantial improvements to the bowls playing environment one to upgrade the rink to full Bowls England standards and the other to improve access and accessibility to the rink and surrounding area for both bowls and wider community activities. These improvements will sustain the club as a premiere bowls venue within the County while enhancing its ability to provide an activities venue within the heart of Amesbury. The outcomes will support 2 of the 5 Amesbury Area Joint Strategic Needs providing Accessible positive activities for all ages and supporting Mental and physical health and wellbeing.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This project has been assessed and it meets our grants criteria. Match funding is available and the funding is for capital items. It meets the Amesbury community area priorities from the latest JSNA report.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<u>3817</u>	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire Phase 2	£1500.00

Project Description:

Celebrating Age Wiltshire CAW Phase 2 will use arts heritage activities to reach the most isolated older people in the Amesbury area helping to tackle loneliness and aiming to improve their health and wellbeing through creative and artistic engagement. In particular CAW will target those people who are vulnerable and socially isolated due to frailty ill health dementia poor mobility or caring responsibilities. Due to Covid-19 outbreak our work now draws on five different strands of both live and online activity. CAW is a partnership of community organisations across the county with Wiltshire Music Centre as lead organisation.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This project has been assessed and it meets the Health and Wellbeing grants criteria. There is match funding in place. The project will support vulnerable and older people to improve there health and wellbeing through reduction of isolation and loneliness. This project will continue at this current time with innovative ways of keeping in touch.

Proposal				
That the Area Board determines the application.				
Application ID Applicant Project Proposal Requested				

<u>3850</u>	Amesbury Rugby Club	Playing strip training equipment - New Walking Rugby project youth ladies and Men	£5000.00
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Project Description:

We are a rapidly growing community focused club especially in the development of age groups outside of the existing adult rugby provision. We are in the process of establishing a walking rugby for over 50s to play although it can also provide for youth and adults recovering from injury. We are also expanding on our youth rugby and further developing our ladies rugby too. In each case we would like to provide suitable playing and training strips and training equipment to help them get up and running.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This project has been assessed and meets our grants criteria. The funding is for capital expenditure. Match funding is available. The project will improve the wellbeing of vulnerable groups and allow people to access Rugby who are not usually engaged.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

10. Projects already funded, to be noted.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
137h2		Virtual community lunches	£450.00

Project Description:

As a direct result of the Corona Virus the weekly community lunches for the elderly and vulnerable cannot now take place. These were a vital part of combatting social isolation within the Amesbury Community Area and were very successful in achieving their aim. We are setting up a virtual lunches across the Amesbury Community Area for those who would like to attend however although some of the population have internet access they do not have a tablet with a camera on it to enable them to take part fully in the lunchtime event. We are hoping that this will expand over time but currently need four basic tablets to enable those who would like to join in but cannot take part which will engage them in socialisation and chat over lunch time. This will also enable us to ensure the well being of those that join and advise or flag up where someone is failing either through ill health physically or mentally or neglect.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This funding was awarded in May 2020 through delegated authority. This is innovative project which reduces isolation and loneliness, helping older people to digitally engage. To be minuted.

Proposal

That the Area Board notes the funding of this project awarded through the Leader's decision-making process.

Application ID			Requested
13815	Durrington Town Council	Durrington Pavilion Gas Boiler	£1155.00

Project Description:

The Gas Boiler in our Pavilion is no longer viable it is over 25 years old and cannot be repaired further. The boiler can no longer produce hot water which is essential especially at the moment. We need to replace this so that we are ready to open the Pavilion for our community to use as soon as we are able.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This project was awarded via delegated authority in August 2020 to ensure that the Pavilion is ready for use in the Autumn / Winter. To be minuted.

Proposal

That the Area Board notes the funding of this project awarded through delegated authority.

Application ID			Requested
1833	Buzz Action Foundation	Continuous Improvement of Facilities	£2500.00

Project Description:

In these unprecedented times Buzz Action Foundation have been keeping in touch with the changing needs of the young people as the crisis has been developing and looking at how we can keep supporting their needs under very challenging circumstances. All families across the country will be facing trying times trying to provide an education entertainment food and adapt to a new way of life with an uncertain future. Many of the families we engage with lack the advantages that will help other families through this difficult time e.g. outdoor space exercise equipment organisational skills knowledge of where and how to access support. Loss of school routine income and childcare arrangements are adding to the stress. Young people will take part in managing their own bespoke activity programmes. They will also be working on these within the confines of their own homes or in schools. We shall be mentoring them by a variety of communications and multi media links. We shall only be working with them directly under strict conditions at schools or children's homes. Our project supports local needs by ensuring that there is a positive social network for local vulnerable young people to engage in for local families to feel supported for local community ties to be maintained despite the restrictions on movement and socialising.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This innovative project targets vulnerable young people and engages with them through positive activities. It aims to do this during COVID using special social distancing measures and keeping everyone safe.

Proposal

That the Area Board notes this application for Youth Activities, which was funded via the Leader's decision-making process.

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

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