

Report to	Marlborough Area Board
Date of Meeting	03/11/2020
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below:

Capital

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Kennet Valley School Project Title: Playground Equipment Upgrade	£5000.00
Applicant: Mildenhall Parish Council Project Title: Footpath improvements	£754.00
Applicant: White Horse Cricket Club Project Title: Pitch roller refurbishment	£960.00
Applicant: Avebury Community Sports & Social Club Project Title: New accessible toilet and kitchen	£5000.00
Applicant: Area Board Initiative: Cllr Dobson Project Title: Speed limit review for Frees Avenue	£1875.00

Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£13,589.00
Total capital funding allocated to Marlborough Area Board 2020/21	£33,264.00
Total amount awarded so far, 2020/21	£0.00
Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	£19,675.00

Health and Wellbeing

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Carers' Support Wiltshire Project Title: Counselling for unpaid carers	£2500.00

Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£2500.00
Total Health & Wellbeing funding allocated to Marlborough Area Board 2020/21	£7,700.00
Total amount awarded so far, 2020/21	£0.00

Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	£5,200.00
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Youth

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Marlborough Town Council Project Title: Dark Skies Festival, 2021	£1478.00
Applicant: Marlborough Town Council Project Title: Skatepark floodlighting	£5000.00

Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£6,478.00
Total Youth funding allocated to Marlborough Area Board 2020/21	£18,634.00
Total amount awarded so far, 2020/21	£0.00
Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	£12,156.00

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 2020/2021 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

Capital

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3879	Kennet Valley School	Playground Equipment Upgrade	£5000.00
<p>Project Description: Current play equipment is dated and often unusable in poor weather. Old equipment to be replaced with a multi-level activity zone offering a range of options catering for all ages 4-11. These works will vastly improve the small playground promoting education sport fun health and wellbeing. The school will also use the playground more formally in the school day for the Daily Mile run which the children participate in each morning and during Physical Education lessons as part of the curriculum. The upgraded playground will thus benefit both the children and the staff. Additionally the upgrade will provide further opportunities for the daily breakfast club the after school wrap around care sessions and more specific extracurricular sport clubs such as Netball, Rugby, Football etc.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This application meets the criteria for the grant scheme. Provision for outdoor activity is important for children to enjoy, to learn about being fit and healthy and develop mobility and coordination.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Kennet Valley School for £5,000.00</p>			

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3890	Mildenhall Parish Council	Footpath improvements	£754.00
<p>Project Description: Minal footpaths are particularly accessible from Marlborough and benefit the wider community. The Parish has put funds towards this project but the current pandemic restrictions mean that the footpaths are being accessed more people than expected. Mildenhall is a medium sized village and has many footpaths around it which are used by people from the village and surrounding area. Many of the wooden stiles are in a poor state having been repaired several times. Also, there is an increasingly elderly population in the area and the parish council wishes to allow safe access to the countryside in line with the health and wellbeing strategy from Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This application meets the criteria of the grant scheme. Accessing the countryside and taking outdoor exercise is important for people's physical and mental wellbeing, especially so at this time of pandemic. This project will make access to the countryside and the network of footpaths easier for everyone, in particular those less mobile</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Mildenhall Parish Council for £754.00</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3904	White Horse Cricket Club	Pitch roller renovation	£960.00
<p>Project Description: Recycle and re-use existing heavy pitch roller with new engine and gearing. A new roller would cost approx. £15,000. Higher quality pitches are essential to a cricket club's success as it delivers improved safety and player satisfaction - enabling the club to retain players in cricket and to progress up leagues. White Horse Cricket Club has proven over the last 10 years to be a welcoming club for players and supporters and has offered youth cricket via ECB Allstars.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This application meets the criteria of the grant scheme. White Horse Cricket Club is developing the facilities at their ground and providing a good and reliable playing surface is important. Both for the players' ability to enjoy the game safely and for the club the progress upwards through different leagues.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from White Horse Cricket Club for £960.00</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3905	Avebury Community Sports and Social Club	New accessible toilets and kitchen	£5,000.00
<p>Project Description: This project is to add a small extension to the Avebury Community and Sports Social Club, a community facility based in the heart of Avebury. Since lockdown, its membership base has trebled and the plan is to add badly needed disabled W.C. facilities, refurbish the existing able-bodied W.C. facilities and create a kitchen adjoining the function room. This will enhance the breadth and variety of activities which can take place at the venue as well as the age range of those who can book and use the building.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This application meets the criteria of the grant scheme. As people look to facilities more local to them during the pandemic, community buildings like this become more important. The increase in memberships has shown this. Also, by having these improved, accessible facilities and making everyone welcome, this project increases the club's long term sustainability by making it more attractive for bookings, etc.</p> <p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application from Avebury Community Sports and Social Club for £5,000.00</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3911	Area Board Initiative: Cllr Dobson	Speed limit review, Frees Avenue	£1,875.00
<p>Project Description: Local residents need a speed review on Frees Avenue which will highlight the need to reduce the risk to children and pedestrians trying to safely cross the road. This project arises from the Community Area Transport Group. Marlborough Town Council would like a speed limit review in order to help protect players and spectators at the football and rugby clubs on Frees Ave. Many people, including Junior players, cross the road there. Visibility is not good and the speed limit is currently 40mph. The cost of the speed limit review is £2,500. Marlborough TC has committed £625 towards the cost of this review. There is no funding remaining with CATG for 2020/21 so Marlborough Area Board has been asked to contribute the other £1,875 towards this. This members' initiative seeks that funding.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: This application meets the criteria of the grant scheme. Area boards are able to transfer funding from their capital budget into the CATG budget for Highways projects. Both Marlborough Area Board and Marlborough TC see this as a priority.</p>			

Proposal

That the Area Board determines this Area Board Initiative for £1,875.00

Health and Wellbeing

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3887	Carers' Support Wiltshire	Counselling for unpaid carers	£2,500.00

Project Description:

Carer Support Wiltshire seeks support to fund counselling service specifically for unpaid carers living in the Marlborough area. The service would run for approximately six months and would benefit four to eight carers depending on how many sessions they require. According to the 2011 census, there are over 47,000 unpaid carers living in Wiltshire. The mental health of these carers is likely to be significantly impacted by the Covid-19 crisis.

The winter can be an extremely challenging time for carers and even more so this year as carers will experience even greater social isolation and concern for the health of loved-ones. Carers' Support believes that a counselling service dedicated for carers in the Marlborough area will help them to cope better with the heightened anxiety, depression, loneliness and isolation they may feel at this time.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This application meets the criteria for the grant scheme. This is a much-needed service within the community area and will benefit carers and help with their mental health.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Carers' Support Wiltshire for £2,500.00

Youth

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
794	Marlborough Town Council	Dark Skies Festival, 2021	£1,478.00

Project Description:

As part of the Dark Skies Festival Marlborough Town Council will be bringing in activities to inspire and engage with young people. They will be working with experienced participatory artists No Added Sugar who come highly recommended and have 20 years of expertise working in partnership within local communities. Young people will take part in the creation of two large collaborative paintings along the theme of the Night Sky which will later be exhibited locally. Artists will also provide an art activity that young people can take part in and take home on the day.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This application meets the criteria for the grant scheme. This application was

deferred in March 2020 due to the Covid pandemic. The festival is now due to take place in autumn '21. The event and this element for young people will be an important activity for this younger age group who have missed out on so much during the pandemic.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Marlborough Town Council for £1,478.00

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
855	Marlborough Town Council	Floodlighting of skatepark	£5,000.00

Project Description:

The installation of new floodlighting at the skatepark within the Recreation Ground Marlborough to enable extended use and enjoyment of the facility by the young people of Marlborough during the darker winter months. When the clocks go back in October each year this facility is not used during the week for almost six months. The new floodlighting will be installed on a timer set to turn off at a specific time in the evening with 9.00pm being the suggested switch off. This facility is very well used by young people of all ages and users of the skatepark have been lobbying the Town Council to consider floodlighting for a number of years now.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This application meets the criteria of the grant scheme. Marlborough's skatepark is well used and attracts skaters from a surprisingly wide area to come and use it. New floodlighting will allow the facility to be used in the dark winter evening and provide an outlet for young people during those times. Marlborough Town Council has surveyed residents about floodlighting and taken into account concerns around noise and anti-social behaviour. These concerns and supporting comments have been shared with the area board.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Marlborough Town Council for £5,000.00

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

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