

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting	25/02/2021
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Provisional Figures	Area Board Grants Budget	H&WB Fund	LYN Fund
Opening balance 2020/21	£70,110.00	£7,700.00	£29,923.00
Grant Applications Awarded to date	£68,787.49	£4,250.00	£21272.25
Current Balance	£1322.91	£3,450.00	£8650.750
Balance if all grants are agreed at this meeting	£0	£200.00	£0

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Collaborative Schools Ltd Project Title: Community Digital Divide View full application	£30000.00 £20,000.00 awarded on 11 Feb 21

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 2015/2016 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
4049	Collaborative Schools Ltd	Community Digital Divide	£30000.00
Project Description: This grant will purchase refurbished digital devices to go into the homes of disadvantaged primary aged children. Many do not have the necessary technology that allows access to wellbeing and health support alongside promoting engagement with activities and learning that supports the life chances and aspirations of all ages. The digital poverty divide has been manifestly highlighted due to Covid 19. We will install software and filters ensure devices monitor use and support with internet safety. Devices will be issued within a loan agreement with usage alongside need reviewed regularly. Post Pandemic we will continue to allocate these devices to children and families in need.			
Note: The Area Board received the application and initially awarded £20,000 at its meeting on 11 February 2021. A total of £9973.66 could be additionally awarded from the Community and Youth grants budget.			
Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.			

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