

Wiltshire Council

Trowbridge Area Board

25 February 2021

Grant Applications Details for Trowbridge Area Board

ID	Grant Type	Project Title	Applicant	Amount Required
4049	Community Area Grant	Community Digital Divide	Collaborative Schools Ltd	£30000.00 £20,000.00 awarded at meeting on 11 Feb 21

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ID: 4049

Current Status: Application Received

To be considered at this meeting

1. Which type of grant are you applying for?

Community Area Grant

2. Amount of funding required?

£5001+

3. Are you applying on behalf of a Parish Council?

No

4. If yes, please state why this project cannot be funded from the Parish Precept

5. Project title?

Community Digital Divide

6. Project summary:

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

Expenditure (Itemised expenditure)	£	Income (Itemised income)	Tick if income confirmed	£
8 x Chromebooks	2300.00	Wiltshire Community Foundation	yes	2300.00
10 x IPADS	2700.00	Wiltshire Community Foundation	yes	2700.00
10 x refurbished Chromebooks	2450.00	Selwood Housing		2450.00
17 x refurbished Windows laptops	2550.00	Selwood Housing		2550.00
60 x refurbished Chromebooks	14700.00	Trowbridge Area Board		14700.00
102 x refurbished Window laptops	15300.00	Trowbridge Area Board		15300.00
Insurance	500.00	Trowbridge schools/CSL	yes	500.00
Software and security filters	900.00	Trowbridge schools/CSL	yes	900.00
Repair and maintenance	1000.00	Trowbridge schools/CSL	yes	1000.00
Total	£42400			£42400

11. Have you or do you intend to apply for a grant from another area board within this financial year?

No

12. If so, which Area Boards?

Trowbridge

13. Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project benefit your local community?

The issuing of devices will benefit the local community in numerous ways. Our project will help bridge the digital inequality linked to disadvantage which has become blindingly obvious during the unprecedented Covid Pandemic. It will allow impoverished children and families -Access to welfare and health advice impacting on wellbeing and happiness -To communicate with trusted adults and health professionals that they cannot see in person thus supporting their mental health-Equal opportunities to access learning and achieve

academically thus raising aspiration and life chances -A safe platform to communicate with peers and family thus avoiding isolation. By providing IT devices to children in need many families will benefit. For disadvantaged families the pressures to provide IT equipment will be immense. Many are struggling to meet minimum basic need eg increase in the numbers accessing food banks. Evidence is suggesting rising debt amongst low income groups. By removing the pressure of IT concerns families will be able to focus on other priority areas which may go some way to avoiding future debts and financial pressures. The devices will also allow older families members access to online life long learning opportunities. A subliminal benefit will be the reassurance struggling families will gain knowing that community groups organisations and schools are aware of their needs and willing to help. This will build community cohesion establish relationships and promote trust. It will also help build the confidence to seek help when needed in the future.

14. How will you monitor this?

We will issue devices within a loan agreement. We will communicate with children and families to establish feedback and the impact on their families. We will do this anecdotally via feedback forms and via online communication. We will be able to view how much online learning has taken place and will support families to achieve this. We will review our allocations at set times to ensure the need for the device remains and if not we will re-allocate.

15. Safeguarding. Please tell us about how you will protect and safeguard those involved in your project

The safeguarding of children and young people families and staff is paramount within Collaborative Schools Ltd CSL. All staff have received basic safeguarding training with those who work more closely with families and vulnerable children receiving more in depth training last a full day. CSL has a Designated Safeguarding Lead Manager who has overall oversight of safeguarding with the organisation and has received advanced two day training. Training is updated in line with national guidance and is compliant to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Peoples Partnership guidelines and is recognised by this body All the member schools of CSL place safeguarding as its top priority with the training systems and processes in place to ensure the safety of all. Every staff member and volunteer of CSL along with member schools is enhanced DBS checked. CSL and member schools hold an up to date Single Central Record in relation to safeguarding checks which is inclusive of checks taken at the point of recruitment ie references. CSL and member schools operate their safeguarding practices within a suite of relevant policies including Child Protection and Online Safety.

16. If your project will continue after the Wiltshire Council funding runs out, how will you continue to fund it?

The project legacy will continue for time. Once the initial spend ie purchasing the devices has taken place Collaborative Schools Ltd and its member schools are committed to insuring the devices ensuring maintenance and repair and regularly reviewing usage/need. This will allow devices to last over time and continue to be used in support of the most vulnerable families promoting education lifelong learning and welfare.

17. Is there anything else you think we should know about the project?

18. DECLARATION

Supporting information - Please confirm that the following documents will be available to inspect upon request:

Quotes:

yes I will make available on request 1 quote for individual project costs over £500 & 2 quotes for project costs over £1000 (Individual project costs are listed in the expenditure section above)

Project/Business Plan:

yes I will make available on request a **project or business plan** (including estimates) for projects where the **total project cost** (as declared in the financial section above) exceeds £50,000 (tick only when total project cost exceeds £50,000).

Accounts:

yes I will make available on request the organisation's **latest accounts**

Constitution:

yes I will make available on request the organisation's Constitution/Terms of Reference etc.

Policies and procedures:

yes I will make available on request the necessary and relevant policies and procedures such as Child Protection, Safeguarding Adults, Public Liability Insurance, Access audit, Health & Safety and Environmental assessments.

Other supporting information (Tick where appropriate, for some project these will not be applicable):

And finally...

yes The information on this form is correct, that any award received will be spent on the activities specified.