

<b>Report To</b>	<b>Trowbridge Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday, 07 October 2021</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Trowbridge Area Grant Report</b>

## Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Trowbridge Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young persons grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

## Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
<b>Opening Balance For</b> 21/22	£ 69,341.00	£ 30,464.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 14,443.92	£ 5,000.00	£ 2,500.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 54,897.08	£ 25,464.00	£ 5,200.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 44,374.28	£ 15,599.00	£ 3,700.00

## Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG93</a>	Community Area Grant	West Wiltshire University of the Third Age	West Wilts U3A Video Streaming Project	£922.80	£922.80
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>West Wilts U3a is moderately large community based educational charity. Up until the outbreak of the covid virus in 2020, we had in the order of 720 members and this appeared to be growing substantially year on year. Since the outbreak of the virus, membership has fallen by 15%. We have sought to maintain membership levels by various means, not least of which is video streaming to many of our groups. One of the problems that we have encountered in video streaming, is a tendency for presenters to become confused when attempting to switch between various video sources. There are technical solutions to this problem such as hdmi switching equipment. Research suggests that we could put such equipment to good use, both now and in the future. In fact we do foresee the nature of U3A presentations changing to a more hybrid type of event, simultaneous membership attendance alongside a video stream service that will encourage older and or infirm members to continue to attend such meetings, thus maintaining good social contact with their peers.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG206</a>	Community Area Grant	Independent Living Centre Semington	Bees and Oil Tank	£10158.00	£4600.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>            With have 2 urgent capital projects we need help with. One is that a survey has highlighted that our Oil Tank is rusty and needs replacing before we need to start using it again this winter. We are keen to make our building as efficient as we can so want to carry out an additional survey to improve the thermal efficiency and explore different ways of heating the building in the long term. The other is that we have a bees nest in our Chimney that needs further exploration to plan how it can be removed (to save the bees we may need to have the Chimney taken down and rebuilt). This is urgent also as we are getting wasps using the nest and getting into our building. One of our charity tenants has a staff member who is allergic to wasps so we need to deal with this as quickly as possible.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG191</a>	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£11000.00	£1500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>            Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW) will use arts &amp; heritage activities to reach the most isolated older people in the Trowbridge 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. Responding to the Covid 19 crisis, our programme has developed four different strands of both live and online activity to meet the needs of this group. CAW is a partnership of community organisations across the county with Wiltshire Music Centre as lead organisation.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG110</a>	Youth Grant	Trowbridge Future	Studley Green Drop In	£9730.00	£4865.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>            Trowbridge Future is a youth and community charity based in Trowbridge. Trowbridge Future currently runs five structured youth work sessions across the town, in Longfield, Seymour and Studley Green. In October 2020 the charity were fortunate enough to establish a new youth space in Studley Green on the edge of the Lambrook Playing Fields. The Studley Cabin has been really well-received and enabled us to engage with a significant number of children and young people already. We are asking the Area Board to support the salary costs of two youth support workers to deliver a weekly 2hr drop-in session at the Studley Cabin to deliver informal youth work to engage up to 20 young people each week not already accessing our sessions who hang out at the BMX track and can be seen to be participating in some anti-social behaviour. We see this as an opportunity to engage young people in positive conversations, building positive relationships and looking at potential ways to work together. We will also deliver further detached youth work on the Longfield Estate as an opportunity to increase our relationship building with young people on the Estate as part of our community development process, in the hope we will be able to install a further dedicated youth space on Longfield in the future. This will ensure that this will be a space designed for and by young people.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG182</a>	Youth Grant	4Youth South West	TeenTalk Young Peoples Counselling	£15076.00	£5000.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b></p> <p>We want to extend our services to deliver early help to vulnerable young people experiencing emotional or mental health challenges, exacerbated the COVID- 19 lockdown and social distancing restrictions, by providing face-to-face counselling in Trowbridge. 4Youth (South West) have been delivering our TeenTalk counselling service for over eight years and in that time have help hundreds of young people. Initially the service focussed solely on young people from the Melksham Community Area but in recent years we have been working with young people from across Wiltshire and have seen a 4-fold increase in the number of young people from the Trowbridge Community Area so far this year. We would like to open a new outreach service based in Trowbridge Town Hall that will offer six 50 minute appointments per week for young people to receive support. The service will run on Monday's and will be provided free at the point of access for young people. Referrals in to the service will be accepted from young people, parents/carers and professionals (ie teachers/GPs etc). Each young person accepted on the scheme would normally receive six weekly sessions, with possibility of a limited extension of the service if required. Some of the feedback received from past service users in Melksham include: "Amazing service its helped me open up my feelings. They dont judge me." "I have felt more safe talking about my problems and I feel like my feelings are valid" "It has given me the opportunity to talk more about things that I can't talk to others about It has taught me ways to cope with my anxieties and episodes of low mood It has made me realise that I have great people around me, that love and support me" "It has helped me feel more confident . I feel better able to cope and I've felt noticeably less anxious with things that would've made me feel anxious before." "It has helped me to view situations in a less negative way, improving my overall mental health." "It has helped - out of all the attempts at therapy I've had this has been the most helpful. Im happy with the service I have received." "I would 100% recommend TeenTalk. Catherine is a really understanding woman." 100% of those who have used the service say they feel more listened to and understood following a course of therapy. 87% say they feel more confident and 96% say they are more positive about themselves. By opening a new outreach provision in Trowbridge we hope that we will be able to offer the service to significantly more Trowbridge young people. When we opened a similar facility in Chippenham last year we saw a significant increase in referrals from the town with the main reason given being that the service was not more accessible as it did not require transport to access. Accessibility to the service is important to us and we are looking to run the sessions in Trowbridge with two counsellors every Monday with appointments at 3.30pm, 4.30pm and 5.30pm to help avoid young people having to miss school to attend. 4Youth (South West) are organisational members of BACP and all of our counsellors have to be registered with BACP or an equivalent professional body. Our service is delivered inline with the ethical guidelines set out by BACP.</p>					

## 1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.

Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:

- Community Area Grants (capital)
- Young People (revenue)
- Health and Wellbeing (revenue)

The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

## 2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young persons funding guidelines have been adhered to.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

## 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

Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

## 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.

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

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