

Report To	Warminster Area Board
Date of Meeting	Thursday, 11 November 2021
Title of Report	Warminster Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Warminster 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
Opening Balance For <u>2021/22</u>	£ 43,118	£ 19,457	£ 7,700
Awarded To Date	£ 16,775	£ 4,929	£ 1,500
Current Balance	£ 26,343	£ 14,528	£ 6,200
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 11,843	£ 11,628	£ 5,201

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG271	Area Board Initiative	Warminster Community Area Board	Parish Fingerposts	£10000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Proposal is to allocate £5000 of Community Area Grant Funding to fingerposts within the Warminster Community Area. Members recognise the contribution of fingerposts to our rural communities. The £5,000 will be used to fund up to 50% of the cost of finger posts for parishes in the Warminster Community Area - up to a maximum of £500. Each parish council in the community area is eligible to apply for this funding up to a maximum of 2 fingerposts per financial year</p>					
ABG272	Area Board Initiative	Warminster Community Area Board Health and Wellbeing Management Group	Health and Wellbeing Group Event	£999.00	£999.00
<p>Project Summary: The Warminster Health and Wellbeing Management Group holds a regular HWB Fair annually, and this funding is to contribute towards the 2022 event, taking into account previous event in 2020 which did not take place, but some of the materials which were created for this will be re-usable</p>					
ABG245	Community Area Grant	Kingdown School	Improving mental health and wellbeing for Warminster children	£11700.00	£3900.00

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<p>Project Summary: We would like to provide a counselling service to support our young people with the following issues: o Anxiety o Self-harm o Low mood o OCD tendencies o Covid anxiety o Home issues e.g. bereavement, divorce, family illness o Relationships Our first School Counsellor left her post during lockdown after 12 years. The need for counselling has increased but the capacity to provide it has decreased. We have provided 10 hours of counselling per week, but needs coming out of lockdown show an increase is required. We were also expecting a (trainee) placement counsellor who has withdrawn her place due to a change in circumstances. The current waiting list sees students now waiting until mid February 2022 to see a school counsellor. We will shortly have to tell parents we therefore do not have counselling provision in place. School counselling is the first wave of intervention according to GPs, who send parents and children back to us for this intervention. Without capacity, we cannot provide this vital service.</p>					
ABG260	Community Area Grant	Tynings Allotments Association	Tynings Allotments road works	£9100.00	£4500.00
<p>Project Summary: The work is the second phase of upgrading work to the entrance roadway and the main car park. The existing road and car park have been in use for some time and have been covered in road planings. Due to the increased use of the allotments the surfaces are becoming pitted and worn.</p>					
ABG269	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Stepping Stones	Garden upgrade	£12180.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: At Stepping Stones we know how important outdoor play is for young children's development , health and well being . We believe passionately our children (all of whom have Special needs) should be able to have greater access to outdoor learning and play experiences. We want all the Stepping Stones children to have an exciting and stimulating play area regardless of their individual disabilities. Children attending Stepping Stones live all over West Wiltshire including the Warminster and Westbury area. The importance of access to an appropriate outdoor learning environment has been highlighted during the Covid pandemic. Outside play is essential for children's health and well being, and sadly some of our children who have physical difficulties and live in flats may not have ready access to this. The need for us to upgrade/update our garden area (that is now over 10 years old) to make the garden area a safe and stimulating clean outdoor learning environment for all of our children to use all year round. The project will be divided into phases. Phase one Has been completed this involved removing the current real grass area that gets very wet and muddy and replace it with Just Like Grass, and also replace the old rubber surface with a brand new clean non slip surface. Phase two We are also planning to incorporate a brand new outdoor classroom, that can be accessed by all of our children all year round, along with brand new accessible, stimulating play equipment. Phase three Purchase/upgrade exciting new play equipment for the garden, including the refurbishment of some of the existing equipment. We currently have 70 children on our books all under the age of 5 years and all have Special Needs. This project would really help all of the children who attend our setting, but not just at the moment, all of the children who will be attending our setting in the future.</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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