

Report To Westbury Area Board

Date of Meeting Tuesday, 27 September 2022

Title of Report Westbury Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Westbury 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 2022/23 | £ 15,716.00 | £ 12,892.00 | £ 7,700.00 |
| Awarded To Date | £ 0.00 | £ 0.00 | £ 0.00 |
| Current Balance | £ 15,716.00 | £ 12,892.00 | £ 7,700.00 |
| Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations | £ 10,316.00 | £ 7,372.50 | £ 7,700.00 |

Grant Funding Application Summary

| Application Reference | Grant Type | Applicant | Project | Total Cost | Requested |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------|-----------|
| <u>ABG755</u> | Community Area Grant | Westbury Heritage Society | Westbury Museum and Westbury Heritage Society Artefact conservation and storage project | £900.00 | £400.00 |

Project Summary:

This a joint project with Westbury Museum and is a project to improve the way the museum and society conserves and stores its artefacts. This is a project which is overdue mainly as a result of the difficulties around moving the collection from its previous location in High Street, Westbury, to its new location in Westbury Library. Further complicated by Covid restrictions at the time. Current storage is based in a 2nd floor room without heat or ventilation and the majority of the collection is stored at present in plastic boxes which are not acid free and let in light. We took advice from Wiltshire Council Museums Officer and looked to purchase wire shelving - lightweight because of concerns over load-bearing on the wooden floors and also that which would allow air flow to reduce dust and damp - and archival quality boxes for the individual items within the collections. We start the project with 2 racks each holding 20 boxes of varying sizes.

| <u>ABG758</u> | Community | Bratton Jubilee Hall | New heating and lighting for Bratton Jubilee | £20480.18 | £5000.00 |
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| | Area Grant | Management | Hall | | |
| | | Committee | | | |

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Project Summary:

We need to replace the old boilers, unsuitable heating systems and fluorescent lighting with energy efficient and lower carbon emission systems. Our heating bills are already high and are set to increase markedly. Since Covid the hall has struggled to maintain sufficient income to cover costs, and we are conscious that local organisations using the hall may not be able to increase their contributions.

| <u>ABG668</u> | Youth Grant | Westbury Youth Club | Westbury youth club | £11144.50 | £3519.50 |
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Project Summary:

A weekly youth club during term time for young people aged 11-19 and up to 25 with learning disablities. We offer an informal education and a safe place for our members. We also off off site trips and activities outside of club hours.

| <u>ABG745</u> | Youth Grant | Crosspoint Westbury | Counselling for Young People | £4000.00 | £2000.00 |
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Project Summary:

Crosspoint has provided counselling for young people for the last 8 years. This is aimed at young people who do not meet the criteria for Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) but who nonetheless may be suffering depression, anxiety, historical abuse, low self-esteem or difficult in dealing with Life's challenges. The majority of these young people are referred by the White Horse Health Centre. Although we have instigated a new process with our adult clients since the beginning of the year to adopt a more consistent approach in attracting donations according to means, none of the younger people currently having counselling are in a position to contribute to this service and so the full cost is borne by Crosspoint - hence the reason that grant funding is sought.

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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