

## Wiltshire Council

### Trowbridge Area Board

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## Trowbridge Area Board Grant Report

### Purpose of the Report

1. 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
  - area board initiatives.
2. To document any recommendations provided through subgroups.

### Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
<b>Opening Balance for 2022/23</b>	£34,670.00	£30,464.00	£7,700.00
<b>Awarded to Date</b>	£15,000.00	£0.00	-£901.00 CR
<b>Current Balance</b>	£19,670.00	£30,464.00	£8,601.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£146,670.00	£23,539.00	£7,101.00

### Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG790</a>	Community Area Grant	Wesley Road Methodist Church	Wesley Road Methodist Church Renovation and Refurbishment of community buildings	£160,000.00	£5,000.00

#### Project Summary:

To provide safe and welcoming space for existing and future community use including providing accessible facilities for disabled people. Renovating and refurbishing of buildings. Upgrading and renewing toilets, kitchen, two community halls and meeting spaces, improving the entrance doors and hall. Improving accessibility by upgrading ramps, relocating and renewing disabled toilets.

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG769</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£11,065.00	£1,500.00

**Project Summary:**

Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW) will use arts & heritage activities to reach the most isolated older people in Trowbridge, 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. 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.

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG752</a>	Youth Grant	Trowbridge Future	Befriending Project	£9,250.00	£4,550.00

**Project Summary:**

This is a youth befriending project to be delivered across Trowbridge supporting youth work and development, young people's Mental Health and Informal Education. We will work with a core group of at least 20 young people within Trowbridge and the surrounding areas. Over this past year we have regularly communicated with the young people and throughout our youth sessions we have experienced a number of them finding general day to day life extremely difficult.

This is apparent from the information they are choosing to share with our youth workers, and the support they seem to require. The young people appear to need just to spend periods of time either doing an activity or having a chat one to one with a trusted adult or role model to talk about a variety of issues or worries that they may have at the time. These worries or concerns are generally something that they are not yet ready to share with Mum or Dad or their carers, and they recognise that is not always appropriate for them to do this in front of their peers during our youth sessions. Young people appear to value and appreciate 1:1 time with a non-judgemental trusted adult.

So far, we have experienced young people wanting to talk about exam and school pressures, planning for the future and problem solving, anger issues, confidence and self-esteem, friendship issues, gender identity, grief, learning how to do basic life skills such as running a home and opening a bank account etc and when doing 1:1 session this allows our youth workers a chance to get to know the young people better and understand their needs, signpost and refer the young people in much more targeted way and helps to build up trusting and professional working relationships.

We work closely with our young people's parents, and they do at times seek our help to convey information to their children and they use our youth workers as a positive different adult face and so far, we have experienced this having good outcomes. Social care teams in Wiltshire have also requested our support to visit different young people on a 1:1 basis for befriending and it is a way to engage and informally mentor young people.

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG806</a>	Youth Grant	Purple Noise CIC	Beats and Bars	£4,750.00	£2,375.00

**Project Summary:**

Weekly open music technology workshops for young people to experience a working music studio, learn music production and technology skills, and to use the equipment in Purple Noise's studio and recording booth in Trowbridge Town Hall, to create their own music tracks and record vocals, under the guidance of an experienced producer and teacher. Running from November until June 2023 (no further at this stage due to uncertainty on Town Hall availability).

**Background**

3. 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.
4. 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)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

**Main Considerations**

6. 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.
7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
8. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

**Safeguarding Implications**

9. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

**Public Health Implications**

10. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

**Environmental & Climate Change Implications**

11. 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.

### **Financial Implications**

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

### **Legal Implications**

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

### **Workforce Implications**

14. There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

### **Equalities Implications**

15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
16. 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.

### **Proposals**

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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