

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 |
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| Opening Balance for 2022/23 | £34,670.00 | £30,464.00 | £7,700.00 |
| Awarded to Date | £20,000.00 | £6925.00 | £1500.00 |
| Current Balance | £14,670.00 | £23,539.00 | £6,200.00 |
| Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations | £10,740.00 | £16,696.39 | £5,150.00 |

Grant Funding Application Summary

| Application Reference | Grant Type | Applicant | Project | Total Cost | Requested |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| ABG926 | Community Area Grant | HELP Counselling Services | New furniture for our new office and counselling rooms | £3930.00 | £1965.00 |

Project Summary:

We are moving to a double suite, in the same building we are currently working in. It offers a much better space for our counsellors and clients to work in, as well as giving us more counselling rooms, so we can see more clients. Currently, we only have 3 counselling rooms, and only 1 has a window. In the new rooms, we will have 4 rooms plus a large meeting room, a reception area, a storage room and a large office. Importantly all of the counselling rooms have large windows. As these rooms were used by the Citizens Advice, before they moved, all the rooms are quiet and confidential. The rooms were previously used by Wiltshire Wellbeing, who did up the rooms beautifully, so we have no decoration costs. We are able to buy many of their old furnishings at a fraction of their new price, but we do need some new office furniture. We received them well over 10 years ago and they were in bad condition then. Much of it will not survive, being dismantled and built again. Additionally, we also hope to bring on a new member of staff who will be our new 'keep in touch counsellor' who will

contact all clients who are waiting, to offer them sessions and check-ins whilst they are waiting for counselling. We wish to buy 4 new desks, a cupboard, a small bookcase, 3 hardback chairs (for clients that struggle using our normal chairs), and an office chair. We have found the cheapest ones we could find.

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| ABG929 | Community Area Grant | Collaborative Schools Ltd | Fencing to support safe child and parenting community activities | £3930.00 | £1965.00 |

Project Summary:

I am submitting a grant request for funding to build fencing around The CSL Hub which is based on the site of The John of Gaunt School. The fencing will ensure the building has an enclosed outdoor area that will allow safe access to children (particularly those of early year age) and their parents. The fenced area will provide both patio and grass spaces along with areas to grow plants and flowers which we will engage children and families in. This area is required to allow delivery of a number of different provisions for the vulnerable within our community. These activities include but are not limited to:

- 1) The delivery of a weekly sensory programme to children of early year ages (2-5). There is broad recognition of the challenges linked to speech, language and communication (SL&C) amongst young children along with developmental delay.

This programme will aim to impact on SL&C, motor and social skills along with providing families and settings with strategies to support continued progress. Whilst not solely applicable, there is a corresponding link between poverty and these needs along with SEN and Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs therefore children and their families will be targeted to engage ensuring we are providing access to those on low incomes. The programme which will run on a rolling basis will be facilitated by an Occupational Therapist specialising in sensory and trauma needs.

- 2) The delivery of parenting programmes focusing on targeted areas eg supporting positive mental health and wellbeing, positive parenting strategies etc. 3) The delivery of family learning activities eg gardening, healthy eating, outdoor physical activities etc Timings will be flexible across cohorts to meet different lifestyles which will in turn promote engagement and will be targeted at the most vulnerable across the community.

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| ABG930 | Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding | Trowbridge Town Council | Park Yoga | £2100.00 | £1050.00 |

Project Summary:

Park Yoga provides a free yoga outdoor in public parks in the UK. The sessions are free for one

hour on Sunday mornings between May and September. Park Yoga is a registered charity and funded through donations and grants. In 2021 Trowbridge hosted its first Park Yoga with 984 people attending over the 20 week period, an average 49 per week. We would like to welcome Park Yoga back in 2023. One of the most cited benefits of taking part is the sense of community it instils in its participants. At a time of the cost of living crisis a project outdoors and open to all is much needed within Trowbridge. There is strong evidence base showing the benefits of access to greenspace and outdoor exercise on wellbeing and mental health.

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| ABG909 | Youth Grant | Trowbridge Town Council | Urban Festival | £2689.24 | £1344.62 |

Project Summary:

We wish to work with key partners to provide a Urban Festival enabling young people to connect and take part in sports, music, activities, art and support organisations. The Urban Festival will be held at stallards park 5.00 - 8.30 on Friday 7th July allowing them to socialise safely and develop relationships with adults they can trust. All of the activities will improve young peoples self esteem , mental health and wellbeing and will afford us the opportunity to promote all activities available within the community. The Festival will also allow us to engage with the young people in consultation to understand how they view there community, town and how we can make Trowbridge better for our young people.

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| ABG914 | Youth Grant | Wiltshire and Swindon Sport | Beat the Street Trowbridge | £34580.00 | £5000.00 |

Project Summary:

Beat the Street is a community wide programme designed to improve the health and wellbeing of a town by getting people of ages moving. It is evidence based and aims to develop long term behaviour change in attitudes towards walking and cycling. We are looking for the Area Board to partner Beat the Street Trowbridge and make a contribution to the cost of delivery. The first phase of the game is spent building anticipation of the project. This involves engaging with schools and communities to create champions, teams and generate excitement about the game. Though the delivery partners local knowledge is used to create suitable walking and cycling routes, local events and amenities in order to produce a safe, effective game for the community to enjoy and feel part of. The main Beat the Street experience lasts for 1 month and transforms a town into a giant playground. Participants can pick up a Beat the Street card which contains radio-frequency identification (RFID) technology and tap them against sensors called 'Beat Boxes' located on lamp posts across the Town.

Players receive points for each box they tap and can even create or join teams which can receive prizes for tapping the most boxes; this motivates entire schools, community groups and businesses into becoming more active. Once the game is complete, Beat the Street creates a

legacy of physical activity; using the power and popularity of the game, Beat the Street will signpost people to events and activities in their area as well as working with local partners to continue to build active communities.

In 2020 WASP and Trowbridge Town Council worked with Intelligent Health to pilot a new version of Beat the Street. 4602 people played the game covering 53432 miles. Around one third of the participants described themselves as inactive prior to involvement in the game and in the follow up study 59% of adults and 54% of young people said they had through participation become active. Age: 54% of players were adults (using cards) and 46% were children (using fobs). Gender: 73% of adults were female. Ethnicity: 94% were of white ethnic background. Long-term Medical Condition: 12% had a long-term medical condition. Disability: 4% had a disability. Level of Deprivation: 10% were living in the 20% least affluent areas (ranked by Index of Multiple Deprivation), whereas 27% were living in the 40% least affluent. 304 children provided qualitative feedback post-game.

These responses suggested children had become more physically active and more connected to each other and the local area. "It helped clear my head and feel a lot more refreshed getting out and about after revising for my A levels. Gave me family time too as spending time together. Loved it!!!" "It made us cycle and walk round different parts of Trowbridge that we hadn't been round before. We found lots of new pathways." "Gave us purpose and element of fun to our walks. Brought us together as we took Nanny and Grandad out on walks too." "Beat the street has encouraged me to cycle on my own and with my family more often. Without participating in beat the street I would never have walked and cycled as much as I do now" "It helped me get out walking, something I'd never do before. I would like it to come back" "Gave focus and incentive to go out, excellent idea and was lovely seeing young families out."

WASP, Trowbridge Town Council together with some of the Parish Councils now want to run Beat the Street again in 2023.

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| ABG922 | Youth Grant | Wiltshire Youth for Christ | Enhancement of Trowbridge pop up cafe | £497.99 | £497.99 |

Project Summary:

Every August we hold a pop up youth cafe in Stallard's recreation ground, Trowbridge, using our pop up van. Despite the high temperatures, we had 66 visits from young people under 18 over 4 days, with appreciative feedback from young people and parents. For summer 2023 we need to enhance our resources to ensure that we are better equipped for hot weather and also have a wider range of activities available.

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.

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.