
Trowbridge Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Trowbridge Area Board. These could include:
 - community area grants
 - youth grants
 - older and vulnerable people grants
 - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2023/24	£ 34,670.00	£ 30,464.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 34,670.00	£ 30,464.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 29,170.00	£ 30,464.00	£ 2,707.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1052	Community Area Grant	Friends of The Down Cemetery	Friends of the down cemetery new strimmer	£566.00	£500.00
Project Summary: The friends of the down cemetery is a voluntary group that look to help maintain the cemetery so people can enjoy the outdoor space and the nature. We require a new battery industrial strimmer to assist with the clearing of the graves. We believe that battery operated machinery is better for the environment than using petrol motors					
ABG1215	Community Area Grant	Trowbridge Future	1 Mill Street Project	£52671.00	£5000.00

Project Summary:

Trowbridge Future have been delivering youth work from its current venues as well as other locations in the town, as well as detached youth work, in the community for many years. Following Covid we have noticed a significant increase in the demand for our services and have outgrown our current spaces. We recognise as the county town of Wiltshire, Trowbridge has no dedicated youth space. We have identified 1 Mill Street, in the heart of Trowbridge, as an ideal location for a youth space. We would be offering constructive youth activities managed by trained staff Monday to Thursday between 5pm and 9pm, with a staff office and other youth befriending between 9am and 5pm. We are seeking support for essential equipment to ensure that the premises are fully equipped to be operational to offer high-quality youth sessions in line with the National Youth Agency National Occupational Standards.

ABG1157	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Families Out Loud	Trowbridge Client Support	£10101.00	£4993.00
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Project Summary:

Families Out Loud (FOL) is a Wiltshire charity working with families challenged by someone else’s drug and alcohol dependency, supporting them to bravely build a better life. We currently support 22 families in Trowbridge with a target to reach a further 6 families over the next 12 months.

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)
 - Youth Grants (revenue)
 - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (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 Councils 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.