

Southern Wiltshire Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide details of the grant applications made to the Southern Wiltshire Area Board. These could include:
 - community area grants
 - youth grants
 - older and vulnerable people grants
 - area board initiatives
- 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	£ 22,642.00	£ 19,321.00	£ 8,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 22,642.00	£ 17,167.66	£ 8700.00
Current Balance	£ 0.00	£ 2,153.34	£ 0.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 0.00	£ -2,239.06	£ 0.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1546	Area Board Initiative	Councillor initiative	Researching possible youth activities in Alderbury	£500.00	£500.00
Project Summary: Currently there is no provision of youth activities in Alderbury. Unsurprisingly, in recent months there has been an upsurge of ASB and the Parish Council is anxious to establish some sort of diversionary activities for young people in the village. However, it has so far not been possible to define a programme of events and activities which would be supported by the target audience of young people. There are conflicting views which are not based on any research or evidence. This proposal is to hire for one day the skilled resources from Community First who have undertaken this kind of evidence gathering in the past. The time will be spent speaking to young people at Bus Stops in the morning and evening school-trip times and also knocking on doors around the village and the estate known as Spiders Island in particular. As a result of this work Community First would prepare recommendations for the Parish Council which may, or may not require a further grant application.					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1579	Area Board Initiative	Southern Wiltshire Area Board	Southern Wiltshire Community Area Youth Forum	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Area Boards are required to work with an existing, or set up a Youth Forum to facilitate a strong partnership approach to youth engagement. The forum's responsibilities will be insight and evidence gathering of the scale and location of needs, developing a programme of events to supplement and support existing village led activities, to facilitate youth voice and influence in board decisions, and possibly to restart discussions on the idea of establishing a Youth Charity or Trust with the ability to attract more external funding.</p>					
ABG1425	Youth Grant	Alderbury Football Club	New Goals for Football Club	£3664.80	£1832.40
<p>Project Summary: To provide new up to date portable goals for our players</p>					
ABG1587	Youth Grant	Old Sarum Youth Club	Old Sarum Youth Club	£3298.00	£1560.00
<p>Project Summary: Old Sarum Youth Club offers fortnightly free positive activities for local people, our club meets locally identified need providing safe fun structured activities which enable young people to learn and develop skills, build constructive friendships, boost confidence and self-esteem. The club is led by one qualified member of staff, who is supported by a small, dedicated team of volunteers, including four young leaders, who have all attended young leaders ASDAN weekend residential. Our club is established with 50 plus members and an average of 25 - 30 young people attending each session. Young people are involved at all levels of our club including planning the programme and young leaders who support the delivery of our activities, from movie nights, bingo, cooking, sports sessions. We are applying to Southern Wilts area Board for the cost of the staff member who leads the clubs provision, and some new activities, for additional activities cost and venue hire will be funded from alternative sources.</p>					

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.
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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.