

Report To Chippenham Area Board

Date of Meeting Monday, 26 September 2022

Title of Report Chippenham Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Chippenham 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 <u>2022/2023</u>	£ 33,527.00	£ 30,500.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 10,000.00	£ 86.00
Current Balance	£ 33,527.00	£ 20,500.00	£ 7,614.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 25,999.58	£ 17,000.00	£ 7,614.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG727	Community Area Grant	Chippenham Hospital Radio	Studio Tech Upgrade	£3447.00	£1500.00
<p>Project Summary: We are looking to update elements of software and hardware in our studio as much of this hasn't been updated for many years and is now presenting problems for both the operation of our on-air studio and also our station output. A number of these items are key to the operational running of our facility but also the user (volunteer) experience.</p>					
ABG742	Community Area Grant	Rag and Bone Arts CIC	Lighting improvements for Life Drawing and Independent Theatre visits	£2054.85	£1027.42

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<p>Project Summary: We require a set of rechargeable easel lights which would allow artists to see their subject or work more clearly during our painting and Life Drawing classes; often overhead lighting is not adequate, especially for older attendees or those who have difficulty with their vision. Often a drawing requires dramatic or minimal lighting to produce the correct atmosphere for the subject, but this means that there is inadequate light available for the artists to work. Other times the subject itself needs to be lit at close quarters (eg for a still life), which is not possible without a close bright light source. These lights would enable us to provide more successful and inspiring sessions for those who have sight issues, as well as improving the quality and diversity of all drawings. We also require a portable lighting rig so that we can provide a more professional environment for visiting independent theatre companies and local events/shows. Often, local venues with a realistic hiring fee for our company do not have a flexible lighting system that can be directed or controlled in the way that an independent theatre company require. Whilst Chippenham boasts viable venues for larger acts, we often miss out on smaller local touring shows because there is nowhere with adequate lighting available that falls within their financial capabilities. These lights would enable us to diversify and enlarge the number of events and venues available in Chippenham, and would of course be available for hire to other companies or venues who need a professional, portable lighting system. At the moment, the price of going elsewhere in Wiltshire/Bath/Bristol to watch independent theatre can preclude many from experiencing it.</p>					
ABG757	Community Area Grant	St John Ambulance	Wiltshire Community Support Unit Vehicle	£65000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: We are raising funds for a Community Support Unit (CSU) which is a specifically designed vehicle for our volunteers who support the local communities across Wiltshire. The CSU's are spacious four-wheel drive vehicles. They are adaptable for all terrains, so most outdoor locations can be reached. Up to six volunteers can travel together to an event, allowing briefing and preparation during the journey so they do not waste precious time on arrival. Along with the team members, the van will carry first aid kitbags necessary for the different situations the volunteers might encounter, as well as equipment which can be quickly removed from the van to set up a covered first aid post. The Community Support Unit contains facilities essential to enable rapid and safe response from our busy volunteers: a water heater for vital regular handwashing, a power supply to charge radios and mobile phones, a towbar to carry cycles for our specialist cycle responders, a table for setting up communications equipment if needed and four seats for the occasional rest and a cuppa! Improving the environment for our volunteers means improving the quality of our provision to all those who need us. Being able to respond quickly to an emergency incident is vital to our work. We have a number of ambulances and support vehicles which are part of an aging fleet. The new CSU vehicles will enable more volunteers to travel as one and as well as being just right for the job, it means we are able to 'retire' a number of older and less suitable ambulances from our fleet, improving our service and our environmental footprint. Since January 2022 our 627 volunteers in Wiltshire have delivered over 10,650 of volunteering hours to support a number of activities across the County. Across Swindon and Wiltshire, we have provided frontline support to communities, caring for patients in hospitals, supporting 999 services with our ambulances and working alongside the NHS in the delivery of the Covid-19 vaccine rollout by recruiting and training vaccination volunteers. Some events that we have supported this year have included five Larkhill Point to Point Races, Barbury Castle Point to Point Race, Sponsored Men's Walk for Dorothy House, Imber Ultra Marathon, Lackham College Lambing x2 Weekends, Corsham 10k, Forever Friends Appeal Walk of Life, Keynsham Jubilee Picnic, Corsham Street Fair, Avebury Solstice and the Melksham Carnival.</p>					
ABG801	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Chippenham Community Eco Hub	Chippenham Hub Warm and Safe Space	£8300.00	£2000.00
<p>Project Summary: Recently many people went through a long period of isolation due to the pandemic and the elderly were particularly affected by this. As the community began to get back to 'normal' life many older people were, and are still, reluctant to leave the isolation of their homes. With the forecasts of severe financial problems in the coming months and fuel poverty, future improvement in the present social isolation does not bode well. This project will be an extension of the new friendship group that has just started at Chippenham Community Hub which is run by its members with the clear message of "Don't just sit there alone wondering what everyone else is doing with their lives, come along to the Hub, relax in a laid back and enjoyable environment and have fun - swop stories, make memories, drink tea/coffee, and take part in quizzes". This is a bi-monthly activity that the Hub is going to expand to twice a week on set days throughout the winter, with the intent of affording a warm/safe and welcoming option for the older population with the addition of providing a hot drink/soup etc. It will also be an opportunity to signpost individuals to any help that is needed to the various organisations and social care professionals. The money will partly cover the cost of the room hire/refreshments.</p>					

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ABG759	Youth Grant	Chippenham Sports Partnership	Chippenham Olympic and paralympic legacy games 2023	£6000.00	£3000.00
<p>Project Summary: Wiltshire Council have used the event to provide a template for other areas. The event has become sustainable and every year we try to find funding approximately 5000. This has become a huge event in the Chippenham schools calendar and hits so many targets leadership inclusivity exit routes transition for year 6 pupils Olympic paralympic legacy community alternative sports etc. The Chippenham sports partnership are have to source funding ourselves in order for the legacy event to continue. Chippenham Town Council very kindly give us the facility of Stanley park for free and many of the specialist coaches we use give us reduced rates also.</p>					
ABG786	Youth Grant	The Chippenham Sports Partnership	Chippenham Dance Festival	£895.26	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: I would like to run a dance festival for the schools in Chippenham at the Neeld as a neutral and amazing venue for all our schools to enjoy. I will be inviting the local school children of Chippenham to perform and to experience being on stage, it will help to build wellness and resilience after a tough couple of years. This event is inclusive for all and its an event that all children can do. To continue the community feel, I will also ask the young people of Chippenham to compere and set up the festival, allowing everyone to find a role within this great event. It will have a large build up with schools having to learn dances to a theme "back to the 90s", and performing at the Neeld. It will also allow parents, grand parents, carers to come and watch and see their child perform.</p>					

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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