

Report To Bradford On Avon Area Board

Date of Meeting Wednesday, 22 February 2023

Title of Report Bradford On Avon Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Bradford On Avon 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>2022/23</u>	£ 14,160.00	£ 11,528.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 8,163.09	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 5,996.91	£ 11,528.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 437.34	£ 7,798.00	£ 0.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG977	Community Area Grant	Bradford on Avon Mens Shed	Bradford on Avon Mens Shed Facilities Development	£1576.34	£788.17
<p>Project Summary: The BoA Men's Shed serves our community and was established in August 2019 and we are proud of our progress and seek your on-going support to improve the facilities available and extend our membership and range of activities. Our immediate need is for finance for: • Additional serviceable equipment £889.30 • Materials only, to replace 12 roof lights on the large shed. £687.04 The skilled labour involved in installation and maintenance will be provided by our volunteers, as previously, when when we recieved a grant to repair the small workshop. We have also used member's labour and donations to install the a façade, electrics, doors and to provide benches and equipment etc.</p>					
ABG1000	Community Area Grant	Equinox Explorer Scout Unit	Equinox ESU Paddle Sports	£22826.40	£4271.40
<p>Project Summary: Within the West Wilts district we have the resource of the River Avon. We hope to utilise mainly the stretch of river between Melksham and Bradford on Avon and provide Stand-up paddle boarding to 13-18 year olds.</p>					
ABG1022	Community Area Grant	The Bradford on Avon Green Man Festival	BoA Green Man Festival	£811.00	£500.00

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<p>Project Summary: The annual BoA GMF is a family friendly community event of traditional dance, music, song and folklore throughout the town. We attempt to include all sections of the local community including residents of all ages, community groups, shops, hospitality outlets and businesses. 2023 will be our sixth year although Covid and other factors mean it is only our fourth full festival. We are expecting at least 35 dance groups (about 350 dancers and 100 musicians) making us one of the UK's largest such events</p>					
ABG970	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Wildlife Trust	Bradford on Avon Wellbeing in Nature Project	£10011.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: WWT will provide an evidence-based Nature Based Therapy (NBT) programme delivered and evaluated by trained and experienced practitioners. The sessions will involve meaningful outdoor occupation in a supportive environment. Skills in practical conservation and wildlife identification as well as ways of managing mental health and loneliness through nature connectedness, reflection and mindfulness will be taught. Group discussions and individual support as well as the proven effects of 'nature as therapist' are all essential aspects of the course.</p>					
ABG1014	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Music Centre	Seated Dance Workshops at Wiltshire Music Centre	£700.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: A series of six seated dance workshops for adults with limited mobility. Led by trained and experienced dance practitioner, Annette Wilsher, participants will be led through a series of fun, friendly and social dance movements that will encourage well being and increased physical health for those unable to walk or stand confidently for long periods of time. For a maximum of eight people, the course will be able to respond directly to each participants capabilities and confidence, and provide new ways to exercise and express themselves in a comfortable and friendly environment. After each 45 minute session, tea, coffee and cake will be served in our foyer by volunteers to encourage social interaction and friendship building.</p>					
ABG1020	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Arts Together	Arts Together Projects for Isolated and Vulnerable Older People	£6570.00	£2500.00
<p>Project Summary: Arts Together is a Wiltshire charity that runs a support group for isolated and vulnerable older people in the Pewsey area, offering meaningful creative activities that build trust, confidence and friendship and support them within their community. From April 2023 to March 2024 we will run 6 such art projects in Bradford on Avon, led by local artists and supported by local volunteers and a professional carer. Each project takes place over a 5-week block at a weekly art group held in the community lounge at Adhelm Court sheltered housing in Bradford on Avon. Assisted transport is arranged for the group members, the majority of whom would be unable to attend otherwise. We also provide refreshments, a hot lunch and a warm accessible place to be at each weekly project session, increasingly important for frail older people during this cost-of-living crisis. Our art tutors are professional artists fully insured and with DBS checks and our volunteers and support team (also DBS checked) are trained in supporting members who might have barriers to taking part either through poor health, disability or mental health issues. This year our costs have increased enormously. The transport costs alone are set to more than double from our budgeted amount due to increased need from members and increased running costs from our service provider. The food and materials costs have also greatly increased. We are constantly fundraising and request £2500 from Bradford on Avon Area Board towards the cost of running 3 of these engaging, confidence building and life enhancing projects for some of the most vulnerable members of our community.</p>					
ABG910	Youth Grant	Mighty Girls CIC	Mighty Girls Projects 2023	£11705.00	£3430.00
<p>Project Summary: We want to use the Grant to help fund x 5 projects we would like to run this year, including our Thursday Club, Body Positive Workshops, Self Defence Workshops, 3 day Summer Camp and a Musical Gathering Event for local youth.</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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