

**Report To** Southern Wiltshire Area Board

**Date of Meeting** Thursday, 23 February 2023

**Title of Report** Southern Wiltshire Area Grant Report

## Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Southern Wiltshire 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
<b>Opening Balance For</b> <u>2022/2023</u>	£ 22,642.00	£ 19,321.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ -4,370.29	£ -4,529.80	£ -4,315.70
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 27,012.29	£ 23,850.80	£ 12,015.70
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 17,012.29	£ 16,688.80	£ 5,914.95

## Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG918</a>	Area Board Initiative	Southern Wiltshire Area Board	Youth Employment Event	£1500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>            The objective is to deliver a joint area board youth employment event at Wiltshire College in May 2023 (Salisbury, Southern and South West Wiltshire). The principle costs involved are transport. We would like to benefit around 100 young people from as many of the schools within these community areas. We will look to use school minibuses, but may also need to use community transport or coach hire.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG987</a>	Area Board Initiative	Cllr Rich Rogers Chairman Southern Wiltshire Area Board	Volunteers Fair	£250.00	£250.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>            This event is to showcase, promote and encourage more volunteers to support the existing infrastructure of community groups in Southern Wiltshire, including youth and adult groups.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG988</a>	Area Board Initiative	Cllr Rich Rogers Chairman Southern Wiltshire Area Board	Volunteers Fair	£250.00	£250.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>To provide a fun fair for all community groups in this community area to promote what they do and to generate more volunteers.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1001</a>	Area Board Initiative	Cllr Rich Rogers Chairman Southern Wiltshire Area Board	Up front funding boost for the new Winterslow Youth Club	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The Area Board has been working via the Rural Youth Outreach Project to set up a new youth club in Winterslow for the last year. The club is now up and running and looking to meet monthly at first, moving to fortnightly during 2023. The club has plans to fund raise, and this initial grant support would assist it in its first year.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG867</a>	Community Area Grant	Whiteparish Cricket Club	WICKET Project ie Whiteparish Inclusive Cricket Key Engagement Team	£20000.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Whiteparish Cricket Club (WCC) is aiming to upgrade it's facilities in order to better engage the community. WCC has successfully developed an 'All Stars' 5-8 and 'Dynamos' 8-11 Youth cricket set up along with a Ladies cricket team over the past two years in addition to two mens Saturday teams and a midweek team. WCC is now seeking to develop an 11-14 Youth team feeder team into the adult team and also a second ladies team. This amount of cricket now means that the club needs to elevate its facilities to provide improved access and engagement for parents, visitors and other teams in the form of an improved seating area, patio, signage and so forth and we are seeking support to enable this to take place. WCC is going from strength to strength with youngsters and adults partaking from both within the village and from as far as Amesbury.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG996</a>	Community Area Grant	Winterslow Village Hall	Winterslow Village Hall Toilet improvements	£10150.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The 3 toilets in the Village Hall (Male, Female and Disabled) are now 30 years old and in need of improving. The heating needs improvements. The female toilet in particular needs changes to the ventilation, being without an external window.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG966</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Whiteparish Surgery	Health and wellbeing support club	£468.00	£468.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>To develop a peer support group for those who want to improve their mental health and wellbeing, who want to find a social and supportive network, to provide patients opportunities for volunteering giving a sense of meaningful and purposeful engagement in running the club, to provide a safe, warm and welcoming environment where patients can build trust and confidence as a group with no prejudice.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG982</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Redlynch Parish Council	Silent Disco	£400.00	£400.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The aim of the project will be to engage the older and more vulnerable members of our community who have not yet experienced such an event. It will be a fun way to facilitate good social interaction and gentle physical activity, in the full knowledge that older people have benefitted from such an event.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG983</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Winterbourne Glebe Hall	Silent Disco at Winterbourne Glebe Hall	£347.00	£347.00

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<b>Project Summary:</b> <b>Silent disco for older and vulnerable adults, including those living with dementia</b>					
<a href="#">ABG984</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Sounds Better 2022 CIC	Downton Downtime	£6198.50	£2998.50
<b>Project Summary:</b> <b>Downton Downtime is a safe, supportive and creative weekly space in which people affected by dementia and memory loss can feel connected to others in a similar position in their local community. We work in a person-centred way to provide creative arts, music, movement and fun activities with, and for, people with dementia and their supporters. We are working to co-produce Downton Downtime along with members of the group, harnessing the skills, experience and interests of those who attend, enabling them to contribute to, and be valued by, their community. Downton Downtime emerged from partnership work between Sounds Better CIC (formerly Music for Wellbeing CIC) and MUSE SW CIC. The partnership began during the pandemic in which we delivered a creative online dementia-focused project. This transformed into a face to face music project since September 2021 in Downton, after identifying a local need for dementia-focused support and activities. This was ascertained through talking to local people, GP surgeries, social prescribers and other healthcare professionals. As part of the project, we have also identified a need to hold a local consultation with people living with dementia, their supporters, and other local community stakeholders such as care homes, businesses, and other local groups. We intend to ascertain what the wider needs are for people affected by dementia in this rural area which will help to inform any future course of action for us and the local community, as well as initiate a network of interested parties (whether formal or informal). The project will encompass 12 creative and social sessions for people with dementia and their supporters, plus a consultation event to include the wider community and interested stakeholders. It is intended that we raise more funds to continue Downton Downtime after Area Board funding finishes, and will be led by the outcomes of the consultation.</b>					
<a href="#">ABG1004</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Old Sarum Community Centre Committee	Old Sarum and Longhedge Pantry	£3527.25	£1637.25
<b>Project Summary:</b> <b>Over the period of the pandemic a volunteer of ours has been receiving food from Pantry partnerships and distributing this food to the local community. Our volunteer has continued to do this and now sees around 100 people request and collect food from her each week and demand is increasing through the cost of living crisis. We would like to support this demand by setting up a Pantry to run on a weekly basis at the Old Sarum Community Centre and a warm space. The centre is in close proximity to the local primary school. This would operate where families pay a small weekly fee based on who and how many people they live with. The community funding would be to kickstart this project to initially cover the cost of food from Fareshare, fuel to collect from another provider, equipment costs and food for warm space - this is for the first 6 months of running. We have connected with Fareshare who are able to offer us 80kg of surplus food at a weekly charge of £36.75 but we will need to collect this food from the Fareshare drop off point in Andover £1532.25. We also need further equipment for the project and weekly food to offer refreshment during these times £1595 (£3127.25). As part of the Community Pantry we will be opening our centre as a warm space providing a hot drink and light refreshment for those who come regardless of whether they access the food from the Community Pantry or not. Volunteers will be on hand to support families and where possible refer onto other agencies if needed. We also need further equipment for the project and weekly food to offer refreshment during these times £1595 (Total £3127.25). We feel that the initial funding will pay for the food/equipment/fuel while we get the Community Pantry into a self supporting service as well as Warm Space to the local community during the opening hours. This project is in line with supporting those who are older and the most vulnerable within this community. Our aim is to support the community in this way and become a sustainable project that will continue after the funding comes to an end and be a hub for the local community - signposting to other services including those who need support with employment.</b>					
<a href="#">ABG985</a>	Youth Grant	Phoenix Stars	Gymnastics coach training	£1824.00	£912.00
<b>Project Summary:</b> <b>I am applying for funding for two 18 year old coaches to enable them to take one level 1 Gymnastics coaching course and 1 Level 2 Gymnastics coaching course. A Level 2 gymnastics coaching course would enable them to run a session within our new gymnastics facility which we are opening in August/September 2023.</b>					

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<a href="#">ABG991</a>	Youth Grant	The Bridge Youth Project	Community Mentoring in Schools	£10016.00	£5000.00

**Project Summary:**

The Bridge Mentoring Project safely recruits and trains voluntary community mentors and matches them with students in school to offer the additional level of mental wellbeing support to students experiencing stress and anxiety. Our flagship resource "bringing hope", takes the mentor and mentee on a 10 week journey, equipping the student with tools and coping mechanisms to increase confidence and resilience. Senior leadership in schools remind us that with increasing need (particularly in-light of the pandemic) and limited resources, they are reliant on programmes like this one to enrich school life and to enable students to flourish. One young person described their time with a Bridge community mentor as "the highlight of my week; she listens to me and encourages me". Moreover, 80% of those completing our 10 week programme with a mentor felt increasingly more confident. This application looks to build on our current mentoring offer by moving from our current model (one mentoring co-ordinator working across multiple schools) to enabling our workers embedded in schools to coordinate mentoring within their own school. The advantage of this shift is that it will enable us longer term to reach further schools and increase the capacity of students reached. Additionally, our schools workers will be able to refer young people using their broader knowledge from working already within each context therefore enabling an increasingly more targeted and therefore more impactful approach to the work. We envision this shift (with the support of this grant) enabling us to sustain our work with around 75 students each year and increasing that reach by an additional 25 in the first year.

## 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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