
Warminster Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Warminster 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 2024/25	£ 21,559.00	£ 19,457.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 6,982.00	£ 6,000.00	£ 2,800.00
Current Balance	£ 14,577.00	£ 13,457.00	£ 4,900.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 12,082.59	£ 13,457.00	£ 3,400.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1897	Community Area Grant	Bishopstrow Village Hall	Solar power and battery storage	£10499.00	£2000.00
Project Summary: The Bishopstrow Village Hall is currently run entirely off electricity (there is no mains gas) and the Trustees have agreed that to install solar panels, with a battery storage system, will (a) save the hall money and (b) support the environmental benefits of using less electricity from the grid. Three quotes have been obtained and one provider selected.					
ABG1949	Community Area Grant	Warminster Bowling Club	Purchase adaptive equipment for Warminster Bowling Club	£494.41	£494.41

Project Summary:

Warminster Bowling Club is after purchasing some equipment from Bowling Aids | Lawn Bowls Equipment for Disabled (bushhillbowls.co.uk) The project is to purchase some more adaptive equipment to help and support some of our older members to be able to play by supporting them. The club is great social safe space and the members can stay longer in the sport, this will also attract other people who think they cannot join to reconsider if we have the adaptive equipment in place. This will help remove social isolation, but also the space is friendly enough for carers to take a break and relax whilst the wellbeing of the individual is maintained.

ABG1944	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£10809.00	£1500.00
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Project Summary:

Celebrating Age Wiltshire is a Creative health and wellbeing project that delivers high quality professional creative arts, music, theatre and heritage events and activities on a monthly basis for older, vulnerable adults in local daytime settings.

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

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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.