

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	18/11/2015
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Area Board Grants Budget			
Opening balance 2015/16	Spend to date	Current balance	Balance if all grants are agreed in November 2015
£56,673.00	£40,538.00	£16,134.00	£6,248.00

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
<p>Applicant: YMCA Green Shoots Nursery, part of Bath YMCA Project Title: YMCA Little Fir Tree Nursery electronic assessment project View full application</p>	£1495.00
<p>Applicant: Young Melksham Project Title: Re-equip Canberra Youth Centre View full application</p>	£600.00
<p>Applicant: Seend Trust and Community Centre Project Title: Seend Community Centre Backstage and Storage Extension View full application</p>	£5000.00
<p>Applicant: West Wiltshire Multi Faith Forum Project Title: ESOL classes for women in Melksham View full application</p>	£844.00
<p>Applicant: Bloom in Melksham Project Title: Closed churchyard path View full application</p>	£950.00

<p>Applicant: Poulshot Village Trust Project Title: Control of Invasive Plants in Poulshot Green Pond</p> <p>View full application</p>	<p>£997.00</p>
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1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

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

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

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.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1379	YMCA Green Shoots Nursery, part of Bath YMCA	YMCA Little Fir Tree Nursery electronic assessment project	£1495.00
<p>Project Description: YMCA Little Fir Tree Nursery is in an area of deprivation on the River Mead School site and has a Good Ofsted judgement. This electronic observation and assessment programme will strengthen our parent partnership. Parents will be able to view observations daily and upload significant family events and milestones on their electronic devices. They will be more involved with their children's education from early on and this will greatly benefit children later in school. Children with additional needs will also benefit as we seek early professional help and advice. The system also benefits children whose home language is not English.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.</p> <p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1544	Young Melksham	Re-equip Canberra Youth Centre	£600.00
<p>Project Description: Young Melksham has secured a 2 year lease with Wiltshire Council to re-open Canberra. In order for us to deliver activities and provide facilities for children and young people in the Melksham Community Area we need to equip Canberra with kitchen items and equipment.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.</p> <p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1421	Seend Trust and Community Centre	Seend Community Centre Backstage and Storage Extension	£5000.00
<p>Project Description: To build a backstage lavatory and new storage facility in order to accommodate increased use and equipment for a wide range of activities and groups at the Community Centre.</p>			

<p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.</p>
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1520	West Wiltshire Multi Faith Forum	ESOL classes for women in Melksham	£844.00

<p>Project Description: The objective of our project are as per below with focus on women living in Melksham. To improve the women's skill in using English. To give the women a range of contacts within the community. To increase the women's confidence and reduce their isolation. To enable the women to be more independent and do things for themselves. To increase the chances of them meeting women from other communities. To provide a safe environment where the women can seek and receive support and information. To increase the women's employability. To help the women to find volunteering placements and opportunities for appropriate training and or further education. The equipment are needed as tools to do presentations To teach listening skills hear words sounds-pronunciation etc.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.</p> <p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			
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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1522	Bloom in Melksham	Closed churchyard path	£950.00

<p>Project Description: To reinstate the old path in St Michaels Churchyard. This led from the church to a gate in the wall near the present Bowling Green in the grounds of Melksham House. Lackham students will work with Bloom in Melksham Friends of St Michaels to reinstate this path. When it is finished it will allow easier access to a glorious and little used part of Melksham's heritage as well as adding a further footpath to the planned Campus.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.</p> <p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			
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Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1535	Poulshot Village Trust	Control of Invasive Plants in Poulshot Green Pond	£997.00
<p>Project Description: The Pond in the Village conservation area is accessible to local and wider community adjacent to the recreation area. It is becoming choked by aquatic vegetation including the invasive New Zealand Pygmyweed. This forms a dense carpet in the shallow eastern end of the pond. It threatens to reduce and shade the water and out competes all other vegetation and becoming a poorer environment for wildlife and valuable habitats. The pond has a breeding population of Great Crested Newts. Our aim is to control the growth of the invasive plants and stop it spreading.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant application meets the 2015/16 grants criteria.</p> <p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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