

Report to Devizes Area Board
Date of meeting 26 September 2016
Title of report Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

Applicant	Amount requested
Devizes and Roundway in Bloom (CURDS)	£1,000.00
Alzheimer's Support	£719.00
Worton and Marston Village Hall	£5,000.00
Devizes Cricket Club	£3,297.00

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 available here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-area-grants-criteria-2015-16-april.pdf>

The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>

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
2085	Devizes and Roundway in Bloom (CURDS)	Litter picking equipment	£1,000
<p>Project description</p> <p>To create a more attractive environment in and around Devizes by organising litter picking and the replanting of certain unused areas such as roundabouts which have not been sponsored to identify areas in need of improvement and to encourage community involvement in their enhancement.</p> <p>The community as a whole benefits from a more pleasant environment as do visitors to our town. We aim to encourage the community to be actively involved in looking after their own areas with our initial support. We also aim to get schools and young people involved. Community participation is key in this.</p> <p>We shall monitor the number of new independent groups of residents and business communities who seek our help or who set up their own clean-up dates in their areas. We will also see visual evidence of continued and long-term improvements after an area has been targeted.</p>			
<p>Proposal</p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application from Devizes and Roundway in Bloom CURDs for £1,000.00</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 2080	Alzheimers Support	Training Room Equipment	£719
<p>Project description</p> <p>Alzheimers Support has two shop front offices in Trowbridge and Devizes which have good sized meeting training rooms. We have over 90 staff who have comprehensive induction and ongoing training requirements. As dementia experts we offer training courses to professionals outside our organisation which generates income for the charity. Another method for generating income is the hiring of our rooms and their facilities to external customers. We want to increase our technological capabilities to move on from powerpoint and projectors to TVs and tablets. This will enhance our offer internally and externally and widen the range of training we can deliver.</p>			

Who will benefit - Alzheimers Support staff, other professionals such as care homes care agencies anyone who accesses our specialist dementia training. Organisations hiring the room will also benefit. How will they benefit – The training rooms will be well-appointed with modern up to date equipment which is more intuitive to use. The environment will be safer with no need for laptops projectors and trailing cables. We will be able to access a broader range of media in training delivery which in turn will make training sessions more interesting and diverse.

All training is monitored through feedback evaluation forms. Some staff training is mandatory and is required to comply with the Care Act. Staff must prove competency before being allowed to go on to work for us. Feedback forms following room bookings will also contribute to the monitoring process.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Alzheimers Support for £719.00

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 2063	Worton and Marston Village Hall	Village Hall Toilet Refurbishment	£5,000

Project description

We would like to redesign our toilet area to provide both Gents and Ladies that are accessible for those with disabilities and to provide baby changing facilities. Our current toilets are very old and do not allow for either. Consequently we have had wheelchair-using residents unable to use the Hall and our Toddler group in particular struggles with the lack of changing facilities. Updating the toilets will also make them more comfortable for all users. The hall is used by a number of individuals and community groups all of which will benefit from this work.

All residents of Worton and Marston about 750 plus those outside of the two villages who attend community events or private functions will benefit from updating the toilet facilities. The Hall is an important amenity for the two villages and helps tackle social exclusion by providing a venue for people to meet and participate in social groups such as Toddlers, Brownies, Rainbows, Womens Institute, Ladies Group and Gardening Club or improve health and fitness by attending pilates or dancercise classes. In addition it is used for celebrating different landmarks in the year of the two villages such as the Christmas Fayre and the annual Church supper and it is used for Parish Council Meetings. Over and above the modernisation it is those with accessibility needs and those with young children who will benefit most from the changes we plan to make to the toilet layout and the additional provision to meet their needs and make the Hall accessible to and usable by all. It is not clear how many people fall into these categories in the two villages as they have been largely excluded from being able to use the Hall through lack of appropriate facilities in the past.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Worton and Marston Village Hall for £5,000

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 2040	Devizes Cricket Club	Scoreboard	£3,297

Project description

A new scoreboard is required at Devizes cricket club with the old one broken beyond repair. The club

supports 4 senior teams and 5 junior teams as well as hosting country matches for senior men and women and juniors.

Every person watching and participating in cricket at Devizes cricket club will benefit from a new scoreboard in a tremendous way. Not only does it allow parents of juniors and other spectators to understand and see the score as matches progress but it also keeps the players up to date as well. As a large community club it is important that we are showing to the community that we support that we are willing to help make their cricketing experience as easy as possible and items such as a new scoreboard can help us achieve that. Without a new scoreboard we would not be able to do this and could result in loss of participation and spectators which are both scenarios the club does not want to create. It is hugely important to the club that we can provide the best facilities around. We therefore feel we have a responsibility to our local community to keep up to date and to keep people of all ages active in the game of cricket and having a new scoreboard goes a very long way to achieving this. In total there could be more than 1000 people benefitting from this new scoreboard annually whether they are spectators or players.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application from Devizes Cricket Club for £3,297.00

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

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