

Report to Calne Area Board
Date of meeting 6th June 2017
Title of report Health and Wellbeing Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested	Health and Wellbeing Group recommendation
Wiltshire Music Centre Celebrating Age	£1500	£1500

1. Background

This recommendation from the Health and Wellbeing Steering Group has been made in accordance with the following guidelines:

- **Health and Wellbeing Groups Spending Guidelines**

Members of the Calne Health and Wellbeing Steering Group have considered this application and identified it as a priority for Area Board funding.

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that Health and Wellbeing Groups awarded in the 2016/2017 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be assured that carers, older and/ or vulnerable people will benefit from the funding being awarded. The money must be used to invest in projects that will support adults living within a community area. While not exclusively restricted to older people, the investment should be made in such a way as to make the maximum impact on health and wellbeing within a given community area.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to ensure measures have been taken in relation to safeguarding older and vulnerable people.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Health and Wellbeing 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

- 4.1. Calne Area Board has been allocated £6700 in 2017/18

4.2. This is the first opportunity to award Calne Area Board Health and Wellbeing Funding in this financial year.

4.3. All decisions must fall within the Health and Wellbeing Funding allocated to Calne Area Board.

4.4 If funding is awarded in line with the Health and Wellbeing recommendations outlined in this report the remaining balance will be £5,200.

1. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

2. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

3. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Ensuring that Community Area Boards and Health and Wellbeing Groups fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in designing local positive activities for older people is essential to meeting the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

4. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary safeguarding policies and procedures are in place.

5. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
17/18 Calne001	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age	£1,500
<p>Project description and links to the Community Area Priorities</p> <p>Celebrating Age Wiltshire Partnership led by Wiltshire Music Centre has received a grant of £99,931 from Arts Council England to provide a programme of arts/cultural activities in 6 Wiltshire communities in Hubs, libraries and community centre settings as well as potentially in outdoor space e.g. public parks. A Project Development Worker will develop a programme of work in each community in consultation with existing groups of older people and representatives of charities working with these groups. The programme will involve regular activity in library and other community settings such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • live performance with a focus on words • engagement activities for music, dance, visual art. <p>The programme will be delivered in partnership with the arts/cultural organisations involved in the bid. We are seeking a small contribution from each Area Board where activity will be taking place.</p> <p>Celebrating Age is designed to create arts, culture and heritage activity for older people which is delivered in their own community settings in 6 local areas. The partnership includes Wiltshire Council Library Service as well as Age UK and cultural organisations. It will be managed by a Project Development Worker who will consult with local community groups sign posted by the Community Engagement Managers and other community workers to identify the sorts of projects that older people would like to see delivered. The project will also offer free tickets for the people who undertake local activity to attend events, performance and exhibitions in the partner venues.</p>			

In this way, it focuses on priorities already identified by the Calne community in the 'Our Community Matters' JSA event and subsequent report to the Calne Area Board. The Project Development Worker will agree the work to be delivered with the community. The work will include many of the sorts of projects aspired to by the community at the same Our Community Matters event. Specifically, top priorities in Culture, Health and Wellbeing relating to Diversity and Social Inclusion, Mental Health and Social Isolation and Loneliness and other priorities relating to Active & healthy lifestyles, Dementia, Deprivation and poverty, Participation in arts crafts and culture and Support for carers.

Celebrating Age supported sessions could include Photo Walks – older people could learn about photography; Our Lives, Our History – older people could work with creative writers to capture their stories; Walk Back in Time – older people could work with village historians to document village history; Strictly Ballroom/Memory Dances – tea dances and other dance classes; Singing for the Brain, Art Therapy, Our Lives, Our History, Memory Café.

The Project Development Worker will work with existing voluntary and community groups, including the Community Engagement Manager and local charities to identify how best to access the community in that area. Community groups will be consulted to decide what sort of activity is to be provided in the monthly session and also to identify the older people who may want to benefit from the activities.

The Head of Creative Learning at Wiltshire Music Centre will be responsible for safeguarding and the Project Development Worker will follow the WMC Safeguarding Policy. All staff and creative leaders running sessions for the Celebrating Age project will be DBS checked. They will be briefed on the policy and trained as appropriate.

Wiltshire Music Centre (WMC) is a professional arts organisation with a Creative Learning team delivering music education projects for all ages across the county. As such it is fully committed to safeguarding the young/old and vulnerable people it works with on a year-round basis. WMC has been delivering this sort of work for almost 20 years and is very experienced in all aspects of safeguarding.

WMC as part of its line management duties for the Project Development Worker, will create an evaluation model which will be based on seeking to identify social impacts and outcomes of taking part in the Celebrating Age activities such as reducing loneliness, increasing social confidence, developing new artistic, cultural or heritage skills and experience and increasing social interaction with other people outside the home.

The Project Development Worker will carry out evaluation at least twice a year with participants and activity leaders which will identify a baseline position and then movement from this every period. In this way it will be possible to identify if the project has successfully achieved the social outcomes sought.

The annual cost of this project is between £60,000 and £70,000 a year for three years. Arts Council England have committed grant funding between 47% and 55% of the project depending on the year. A small contribution of £1,500 per year is being sought from each Area Board where activity will take place. If this funding the applicant will seek funding from other local sources.

The project seeks to establish groups in each area involved in choosing the activities. The Project Development Worker will aim to encourage these groups to become sustainable and to continue after the project formally ends.

Recommendation of the Health and Wellbeing Group

The timescale of the unitary election and the scheduling of the first Calne Area Board meeting in the 2017/18 year has meant the Health & Wellbeing Calne Voices Group is yet to consider this application formally.

The group has however discussed the project favourably at a previous meeting and members have received information about this application by email. The Community Engagement Manager has also discussed the project with the Health and Wellbeing Steering group and Older People's Champion all of whom are in favour of recommending that the Calne Area Board awards £1,500 to this application from its Health and Wellbeing fund.

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

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