

<b>Report to</b>	Chippenham Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grant Funding

**Purpose of the report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Sevington Victorian School  <b>Project Title:</b> Sevington Victorian School new toilets with disabled access</p> <p><a href="#">View full application</a></p>	£5000
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Castle Combe Parish Council  <b>Project Title:</b> Instillation of three heart defibrillators across Castle Combe</p> <p><a href="#">View full application</a></p>	£3495
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Bybrook Benefice  <b>Project Title:</b> Community Audio Visual system in the Church.</p> <p><a href="#">View full application</a></p>	£5000
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Chippenham Sea Cadet Corps  <b>Project Title:</b> Security Fence</p> <p><a href="#">View full application</a></p>	£750

## **1. Background**

Area Boards have authority to approve Community Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Community Area 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 2017/2018 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**

4.1 Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

4.2 Applications will be considered at each Area Board meeting of the year while funding remains. The deadline for the final funding round in 2017/18 is 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 for consideration on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

4.3 For 2017/18 Chippenham Area Board has been allocated a budget of **£67,043 capital funding**. Following the awards made at the Area Board meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 the balance was **£47,026**.

4.4 If Councillors approve the application contained in this report, the balance of Chippenham Area Board funding will be **£32,781**.

## **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
<a href="#">2446</a>	Sevington Victorian School	Sevington Victorian School improved pathways and new toilets with disabled access	£5000
<p><b>Project Description:</b></p> <p>We want to attract more adult visitors to Sevington with activities appealing to older people. Helped by funding from the area board we have built up a thriving programme of Open Days and we know that older visitors really enjoy their step back into the past. But the feedback from visitors is that we need to make the site more friendly for people with mobility problems. So, we are trying to raise money to improve the pathways and build a new toilet block with good disabled access and more cloakroom space for our child visitors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This application meets the 2017/18 funding criteria</li> <li>• This application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Council Business Plan “Strong Communities” “Reduced Isolation and Loneliness” “Improved Leisure Provision</li> <li>• This application demonstrates a link to a priority selected at the Chippenham Our Community Matters event on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017. “Positive Leisure Time Activities” “Social Isolation and Loneliness”</li> <li>• The applicant has secured the support of Grittleton Parish Council. The Parish Council has made a financial contribution of £1,000.</li> <li>• This applicant has a proven track record of successfully delivering projects to improve Sevington Victorian School.</li> <li>• Officers are of the opinion that this educational charity provides a unique and valuable facility for the community area.</li> <li>• Officers are of the opinion that this project will benefit a wide variety of people in the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Children who visit Sevington with their schools or with families on open days</li> <li>○ Older people: the immersive experience can be very beneficial for those living with memory loss or dementia</li> <li>○ Those with mobility issues will be able to move around more safely once the existing gravel pathways are converted to smooth surfaces</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If the board makes an award to this project, the award is conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and that any and all necessary permissions are secured</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Proposal</b></p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2564</a>	Castle Combe Parish Council	Instillation of three heart defibrillators across Castle Combe	£3495

**Project Description:**

Following two recent heart related incidents one of which proved fatal residents are keen to install heart defibrillators in three key locations enabling assistance to be provided within critical timescales. Costs including training and installation are estimated at 6995 and villagers have succeeded in raising 2703 towards this. The Parish Council will contribute further funds to enable a 50 per cent contribution overall. An Area Board grant for the balance would enable future such incidents to be dealt with rapidly and with confidence due to the high quality of the proposed equipment and professional training.

- This application meets the 2017/18 funding criteria
- This application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Council Business Plan “Strong Communities” “Healthier Population”
- This application demonstrates a link to a priority selected at the Chippenham Our Community Matters event on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 “Safeguarding the vulnerable”
- Castle Combe Parish Council has made a financial contribution of £797.
- Officers are of the opinion that the defibrillators will be a valuable resource for both local residents and the many visitors to Castle Combe.
- If the board makes an award to this project, the award is conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, that the devices are registered with the ambulance station if required and that they are regularly maintained.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2553</a>	Bybrook Benefice	Community Audio Visual system in the Church.	£5000
<p><b>Project Description:</b> The church is used for numerous community events and currently lacks a hearing loop and suitable visual system. This system will help enhance existing groups and start new ones. We use a temporary system that is put up and taken down which is inadequate and border line unsafe. These groups include wedding preparation days, parenting courses, weekly breakfast and lunch provisions, regular use by the local primary school toddlers group, community cream teas, Christmas lunch provision, concerts, various classes, cookery, flower arranging, meeting room charity points to highlight some main ones. All will be assisted and improved by this system.</p> <p><b>Nov 2014</b> - Grant of £1,000 awarded by Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust (WCHT)</p> <p><b>Oct 2015</b> – Unconditional grant of £5,000 awarded by Yatton Keynell Parish Council (YKPC). This grant was as a result of funding YKPC received to distribute to local organisations from the solar farm project.</p> <p><b>July 2016</b> – Priest left</p> <p><b>March 2017</b> – YKPC added condition to their award; funding would only be released upon the appointment of a new Priest who supported the installation</p> <p><b>June 2017</b> – Area Dean confirms full support for the project, advises that the date for the appointment of a new Priest is unknown and that funds from WCHT may be lost if the release of YKPC funding is delayed.</p> <p><b>Oct 2017</b> - the final faculty for the work was signed off by the Chancellor with 1 year to complete work</p> <p><b>Oct 2017</b> – No applicants to advertised vacancy for Priest</p> <p><b>Nov 2017</b> – Diocese decided not to recruit new Priest until after Easter 2018, earliest start date - Sept 2018</p> <p><b>Nov 2017</b> – YKPC reviewed decision but declined to lift the condition imposed March 2017</p> <p>We are obliged to seek alternative funding to enable this project to proceed; in the absence of the £5,000 funding award from YKPC, other funding and permissions will expire and the project will not be able to proceed. As, when and if the £5,000 award from YKPC is released, any award from the Area Board would of course be rescinded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This application meets the 2017/18 funding criteria</li> <li>• This application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Council Business Plan “Strong Communities”</li> <li>• This application demonstrates a link to a priority selected at the Chippenham Our Community Matters event on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 “Digital Engagement &amp; broadband” “Diversity &amp; Social Inclusion”</li> </ul>			

- Chippenham Area Board would normally expect to see a financial contribution to projects from the Local Town/Parish Council. Yatton Keynell Parish Council has made an award of £5,000 towards this project, however, as the applicant states in the project summary, this award has now had a condition placed upon it.
- Officers understand that since the application was submitted, at the Parish Council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018, correspondence regarding the status of the Church Yard was considered and Parish Councillors resolved:  
  
*“It was agreed that until such time as the responsibilities of the Parish Council and the financial implications are better understood, any further grants from Parish Council funds, including the proposed grant to fund the church AV system are deferred.”*
- Officers are of the opinion that the installation of audio visual equipment will benefit all those who attend events and activities in the Church.
- If the board makes an award to this project, the award is conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, that any and all necessary permissions are secured and that as, when and if Yatton Keynell Parish Council releases the £5,000 funding awarded in October 2015, the applicant will rescind the funding award from the Area Board.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2615</a>	Chippenham Sea Cadet Corps	Security Fence	£750
<p><b>Project Description:</b>  Purpose of the applications Funding for perimeter fencing for Sea Cadet Unit required to provide a safe and secure environment to train our young members and help protect the premises and equipment that has been invested in over the years allowing more young people to join and participate and have fun at the unit In the future. This also provides security to other young users of these premises who use the unit premises for ad hoc camping events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This application meets the 2017/18 funding criteria</li> <li>• This application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Council Business Plan “Strong Communities”</li> <li>• This application demonstrates a link to a priority selected at the Chippenham Our Community Matters event on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 “Positive Leisure Time Activities”</li> <li>• As this application if for under £1,000, no financial contribution is required from the local Town/Parish Council.</li> <li>• Officers understand that the Sea Cadet Corp offers a range of social and educational opportunities for young people and adults alike. The unit (which is based by the river) provides an indoor and outdoor venue used for two parade nights per week and a range of activities taking place on weekends and during school holidays. Cadets have the opportunity to learn a variety of new skills both on and off the water leading to a number nationally recognized qualifications.</li> <li>• Officers are of the opinion that the installation of a security fence will help to provide a safe and secure environment for young people and will also help to protect the premises and equipment.</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Proposal</b>  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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