

Report to Marlborough Area Board
Date of meeting 26 March 2019
Title of report Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider a councillor-led initiative requesting funding from the Area Board.

Applicant	Amount requested
Cllr Nick Fogg	Any remaining funding from 2018/19

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](#)

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2018/2019 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 and practice papers for [councillor-led initiatives](#)
- 2.4. Best practice advises that applications relating to young people or highways and transport should be considered by, and seek a recommendation from, the Local Youth Network or Community Area Transport Group.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Councillor led-projects are designed to enable councillors to tackle issues in their area, including projects and initiatives which have been initiated by the community e.g. a community issue. Councillor-led projects should not be used to fill gaps where there are service shortfalls or where it is possible for the matter to be resolved through the use of the Community Area Grants scheme.

4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure. The Community Area Grants scheme which funds Councillor-led initiatives can only provide capital funding.

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.

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 Name	Provider	Project Proposal	Requested
Support for Marlborough's day services for adults	New Road Centre, Marlborough and Jubilee Centre, Marlborough	Support for these centres to continue providing services to vulnerable people	£ Any remaining funding from 2018/19
Project description <p>In recent weeks, the core funding from Wiltshire Council to both New Road Centre and Jubilee Centre has been threatened. Whilst both centres will continue to receive 100% of their funding for 2019/20, Marlborough Area Board would like to support both these centres over the coming 12 months to enable them to become more robust, sustainable and more able to face any possible funding cuts in 2020/21.</p> <p>The area board's budgets are made up of both capital and revenue funding. The New Road Centre has members who are 25 years old and younger and is therefore eligible for revenue funding from the Local Youth Network. Indeed, it has been supported from this fund in the past.</p> <p>The Jubilee Centre provides services for older people from the wider Marlborough area. This includes offering a home cooked meal at lunchtimes. The Jubilee Centre has already provided the area board with a list of kitchen items it would like to see replaced or refurbished. These are all eligible for funding through the board's capital budget.</p> <p>Marlborough Area Board is asked to consider using any funding that remains at the end of the 2018/19 financial year to offer to the New Road Centre and Jubilee Centre, split equally between them.</p>			
Proposal <p>That the Area Board determines the application from Cllr Nick Fogg for any remaining funding at the end of 2018/19.</p> <p>This final figure will depend on the amounts of funding to be agreed at the area board meeting on 26th March so cannot be stated in this report.</p>			

Background documents used in the publication of this report:
Equipment Renewal List, February 2019; Jubilee Centre.

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