

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting	12/03/2020
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Provisional Figures	Area Board Grants Budget	H&WB Fund	LYN Fund	CATG
Opening balance 2019/20	£71,933.00	£7,875.00	£32,540.00	
Grant Applications Awarded to date	£45,856.00	£7,875.00	£32,540.00	-
Current Balance	£26,359.93	£0.00	£0.00	
Balance if all grants are agreed at this meeting	-£1,896.04	£0.00	£0.00	N/A

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Trowbridge Town Council Project Title: Community Area Speed Indicator Device View full application	£4883.97
Applicant: Trowbridge Sports Forum Project Title: Longfield Muga Enhancement View full application	£20000.00
Applicant: Trowbridge Town Hall Arts Project Title: Trowbridge Town Hall electrical services upgrade View full application	£972.00
Applicant: The Breathe Project CIC Project Title: Owlets and Owls Intergenerational Group View full application	£2400.00

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](#)

[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
3579	Trowbridge Town Council	Community Area Speed Indicator Device	£4883.97

Project Description:

The Area Board CATG has asked that a Speed Indicator Device is obtained for the Community Area to be shared by the five local councils.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The grant meets the criteria for a capital project and should be considered by the members of Trowbridge Area Board. The application has support of neighbouring parishes who will also benefit from the use of the equipment.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3478	Trowbridge Sports Forum	Longfield Muga Enhancement	£20000.00

Project Description:

Trowbridge Town Council obtained 4 multi-sport sites in separate housing estates across Trowbridge as an asset transfer from Wiltshire Council. The sites have lacked maintenance for some time prior to the transfer and as a result have become over time under used and a target for vandalism. The site at Grove has not had any investment in over a decade and has poor access for less able members of the community. The sites at Longfield Seymour and Studley Green are all located in areas of social and economic deprivation. The latter being in the top 10 nationally. The existing goal ends on 2 of the 4 sites are plywood 2 of the courts have been burned and 1 is gravel chippings unsuitable for play. Fencing on 2 of the sites are insufficient and the other 2 lack any kind of fencing at all. Investing in these multi-sport court facilities will make a massive contribution to the local communities creating a community hub for sports and recreation. We would like to completely renovate each site with new goal ends new fencing resurfacing courts where required line painting and provide improved access to sites where necessary. The Chair of TCAF Trowbridge Community Area Future which is a small local youth and community charity in Trowbridge believes that redeveloping these MUGAs will have a direct positive impact on the young people and residents we work with and ensure they have an increased value for their community and the local environment where they live.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The applicant has provided additional information upon request to support this application and will be delivering a presentation on the evening.

The grant meets the criteria for a capital project, however, it should be noted that the request for £20,000 sits above the usual threshold of £5,000 for a capital grant from an Area Board. Should members wish to award more than £5,000, detail of why this decision has been taken and how this grant has reached the 'exceptional circumstances' threshold needs to be documented.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3643	Trowbridge Town Hall Arts	Trowbridge Town Hall electrical services upgrade	£972.00
<p>Project Description: The Town Hall is operated by a Trust and seeks to develop the Hall as a venue for multi interest community groups public service events and entertainment. The Trust hope to open a refurbished court room in March but have to meet security and health and safety obligations. This grant provides for the installation of CCTV and kitchen equipment in the reception area.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant meets the criteria for a capital project and should be considered by the members of Trowbridge Area Board.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3585	The Breathe Project CIC	Owlets and Owls Intergenerational Group	£2400.00
<p>Project Description: The vision of The Breathe Project is to create affordable enjoyable outdoor experiences for our local community to improve physical and mental wellbeing. The Breathe Project would like to run a community group in Trowbridge Sensory Garden and Trowbridge Town Hall to cross the generations. It would be aimed at toddlers their parents and retired individuals.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The grant meets the criteria for a capital project and should be considered by the members of Trowbridge Area Board. The applicant is clear that any funding awarded by the Area Board is for the purchase of equipment only and not for the running costs of the group.</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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