
Individual Cabinet Member Decision

Leader of Wiltshire Council- Cllr Philip Whitehead

Service -Communities

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Area Board Grant Funding

Purpose of Report

1. This report sets out applications for Area Board Funding and seeks a decision from the Leader of the Council to determine urgent Area Board grant applications, where the Area Board has not been able to meet, and the amount of funding applied for exceeds delegated authority to Community Engagement Managers.

Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

2. Area Board grants promote the development of stronger and more resilient communities through collaboration with public, voluntary and private sector partners locally to meet the aspirations of local people. Three types of grants are available to support community need: Youth grant funding, Health and Wellbeing Grant Funding and Community Area Grant funding. The grant system is designed to address identified local need. Further information about the grant system can be found [here](#)

Background

3. The Area Boards operate under the Council's Executive Arrangements and powers delegated from the Leader under the Council's [Constitution](#) . Area Boards ensure local influence in decision-making and one of their functions is the determination on grant applications which support community need.
4. As the Council takes precautions for the safety of its residents and councillors during the coronavirus situation, Area Board meetings have been cancelled and the determination of urgent business is to be taken by the Leader of the Council to ensure local communities continue to be supported.

Main Considerations for the Council

5. In awarding grants, the Leader will need to be satisfied that grants meet the relevant grants criteria, an identified community need and are able to proceed within a year of funding being awarded.

6. The representations made from local Area Board members will carry significant weight in the determination of grant awards. The Leader will also consider representations from the public, as public engagement would usually take place at Area Board meetings where grants are usually discussed.

Overview and Scrutiny Engagement

7. As is usual practice for Area Board decisions, no Overview and Scrutiny Engagement has taken place in the content of this decision as the decision-making for Area Boards is driven by local need.

Safeguarding Implications

8. In recommending grant awards, Area Boards should be satisfied the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Public Health Implications

9. In recommending grant awards, Area Boards should be satisfied the project would not have detrimental public health implications.
10. Promoting Health and Wellbeing is a priority for all community areas and applications may specifically be presented to support public health.

Procurement Implications

11. Grant recipients will be required to provide quotes for work upon request, as required in the grants criteria.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

12. 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.
13. Area Board members must be satisfied that for grants they recommend, the projects meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

14. 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.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision and related work is not taken

15. Community projects will go unfunded and may not succeed, these projects have been identified as of need in the communities affected.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision is taken and actions that will be taken to manage these risks

16. Projects will be managed by the grant applicants locally and are not the responsibility of Wiltshire Council.

Financial Implications

17. In recommending any grant awards, Area Boards should be confident financial awards can be made within their existing local budget allocations.

Legal Implications

18. The process to advertise these decision meets the legal requirements for the advertisement of executive decisions.

Workforce Implications

19. There are no known implications.

Options Considered

20. Due to the cancellation of Area Board meetings as a response to the coronavirus situation, it is considered that determination by the Leader in accordance with the process for single-member decision making ensures timely and transparent decision-making.
21. Each grant application has been considered on its merit and in light of representations received from Area Board members and the public. Some grant applications have been assigned recommendations for suggested funding amounts, this was due to prior consideration by the sub-groups of the Area Board. If applicable these recommendations were included in the individual Area Board reports. The recommendation of the CEM that applications were to be decided by the Board may also be included on those reports.

All accompanying Area Board reports are attached as appendix 1. The Feedback and recommendations of the Area Board as approved by the individual Chairmen following consultation with Members is attached as Appendix 2, and Public Feedback is attached as Appendix 3.

Decision

22. The Leader has determined the Area Board Funding applications as follows:

Chippenham AB – Community Area Grants	Amount requested	Award Amount & conditions
Councillor Led Initiative – Community Gardening	£1900.00	£1900

		Funds to be released once delivery of provision is confirmed
Waste Not Want Not – Facia Sign Replacement	£654.00	£654 Funds to be released once delivery of provision is confirmed
3 rd Chippenham Scout Group – External Defibrillator Machine	£1000.00	£1000 Funds to be released once delivery of provision is confirmed
Malmesbury AB – Health & Wellbeing Funding	Amount requested	Award Amount & conditions
Artlift – art on prescription for mental wellbeing	£3,692	£3692
Malmesbury AB – Youth Funding	Amount requested	Award Amount & conditions
The Prepared Project – self-defence and confidence building workshops in partnership with The Stay Safe Initiative and Malmesbury School	£2,544.58	£2544.58
Melksham AB – Area Board Cllr Initiative	Amount requested	Award Amount & conditions
Melksham COVID-19 Fund (From the Health & Wellbeing fund)	£1490	£1490
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade AB – Community Area Grants	Amount requested	Award Amount & conditions
Wiltshire and Swindon Users Network – 3Ms memory and social wellbeing group (from the Health & Wellbeing Fund)	£1123.35	£1123.35
Clyffe Pypard and Bushton Village Hall Committee – Kissing gates	£350.00	£350
St Mary’s Church, Purton – Improved toilet facilities	£5000.00	£5000
Tea and Talk volunteers – Equipment to facilitate tea and talk sessions (funding to be held by the Board in to the 2020/21 financial year to allow the group to evolve & consolidate)	£175.00	£175

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Hall Museum – Museum laptop and projector	£450.00	£450
Wiltshire Wildlife Trust – Morningside Meadows Ditch Improvements	£5000.00	£5000
Purton Magazine – New Magazine Web Site	£600.00	£600
C and DCA – Cricklade Leisure Centre – New gym equipment at Cricklade Leisure Centre	£5000.00	£5000
Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade AB - Youth Funding	Amount Requested	Award Amount & conditions
Purton Parish Council – Youth Provision 13-18 year olds in Purton	£4430	£4430
Salisbury Area Board – Community Area Grants	Amount requested	Award Amount & conditions
Phoenix Stars Cheerleaders – Tumble Fast Track for Phoenix Stars	£2172.50	£2172.50
Salisbury Trust for the Homeless – New showering facilities Winding Way	£850.00	£850
The George Herbert in Bemerton Group – Furnishing and equipping of George Herbert Heritage Centre	£5,000.00	£4940.18 (Reduced amount due to remaining budget)
Salisbury Area Board – Youth Funding	Amount requested	Award Amount & conditions
Tall Tree Theatre – Happy Birthday Grandma (Youth Group recommendation – award in full – as detailed in the AB report)	£2295.00	£2295
Area Board Initiative - Intergenerational Project (No application to view as proposal is to accrue remaining funds whilst project brief is developed, with a view to procure in summer 2020)	£2590.00	£2590
Salisbury Area Board – Health & Wellbeing Funding	Amount requested	Award Amount & conditions

Alabare Christian Care and Support - Alabare Place Artwork Project (HW Group recommendation – award £400 as detailed in the AB report)	£528.00	£400 (Reduced amount due to remaining budget)
Cycling Opportunities Group Salisbury - Clean Air Day 2020 (HW Group recommendation – award £363.96 as detailed in the AB report)	£592.00	£363.96 (Reduced amount due to remaining budget)
South West Wiltshire AB – Community Area Grants	Amount requested	Award Amount & conditions
Wilton Carnival Committee - Wilton Community Carnival	Withdrawn by applicant	Withdrawn
Read Easy Blackmore Vale North - Read Easy in Mere	£170.00	£170
South West Wiltshire AB – Youth Funding	Amount requested	Award Amount & conditions
Youth mental health project fund', to cover costs associated with future events, initiatives and activities.	£2000	£2000
Seeds4Success – Health & Wellbeing activities for young people (total cost £456.30 – see report for breakdown)	£36.30 <i>From Monday night youth club funds</i>	£36.30
South West Wiltshire AB – Fingerpost Funding	Amount requested	Award Amount & conditions
Donhead St Andrew Parish Council – Replacement of 4 fingerposts. Condition: The parish council to contribute £125 towards the costs.	£400 from 2019/20 scheme & £400 from 2020/2021 scheme	£800
Warminster AB – Community Area Grants	Amount requested	Award Amount & conditions
The Wessex Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Therapy Centre - MS Therapy Centre Automatic Doors	£1884.00	£1884
Warminster Town Council – Outdoor Gym	£5000.00	£4072.27 (Reduced amount due to remaining budget)
Warminster Town Council - VE DAY Celebrations	£999.00	£999
Wylde Coyotes Afterschool Club - Raising the Roof	£3980.00	£3980

Salisbury Plain Rights of Way Volunteers Group - Salisbury Plain Rights of Way Volunteers Pole Saw Bid	£1000.00	£1000
Warminster Common Volunteer Group – Warminster Common Wild Flower Project	£474.00	£474
Smallbrook Meadows Nature Reserve volunteers Smallbrook Meadows Wildflower Restoration Project	£284.40	£284.40
Warminster Community Shed - Warminster Community Shed	£5,000	£4072.26 (Reduced amount due to remaining budget)
Warminster AB – Youth Funding	Amount requested	Award Amount & conditions
Westbury and Warminster youth club - Warminster youth club.	£4747.62	£1608.50 (Reduced amount due to remaining budget)
Westbury AB – Health & Wellbeing Funding	Amount requested	Award Amount & conditions
Westbury Shed – PAT Tester for Westbury Shed	£980	£980
Trowbridge Service Users Group - Westbury Group	£2000	£1239.70 (Reduced amount due to remaining budget)

Reason for Leader Decision

23. To ensure community priorities are met by the projects identified.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Grant Reports

Appendix 2 – Area Board Feedback & Recommendations

Appendix 3 – Public Feedback