
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.
22. All accompanying Area Board reports are attached as appendix 1. The feedback and recommendations of the Area Board as approve by the individual chairman following consultation with Members is attached along with any public feedback received as Appendix 2.

Decision

23. The Leader has determined the following applications as follows:

Chippenham AB – Community Area Grants	Amount requested	Award & Conditions
Sutton Benger Village Hall - Solar Panel project View full application	£3424	Award in full – £3424
Langley Fitzurse Cof E School PTA – Langley Fitzurse Play Pod View full application	£4010	Award in full - £4010
Chippenham Town Council Bath Road Car Park CCTV	£2000	Award in full - £2000

View full application		
Chippenham AB – Youth Funding	Amount requested	Award & Conditions
Chippenham Youth Theatre – Summer Film School 2020 View full application	£3750	Award in full - £3750
Malmesbury AB – Community Area Grants	Amount requested	Award & Conditions
Malmesbury Tennis Club – Club car park repairs View full application	£2662	Award in full - £2662
Malmesbury AB – Youth Funding	Amount requested	Award & Conditions
HEALS of Malmesbury - Summer 2020 Covid-19 Compliant Activity Programme View full application	£1600	Award in full - £1600
Pewsey AB – Community Area Grants	Amount requested	Award & Conditions
Pewsey Coronavirus Community Action - Community Association set-up costs View full application	£2000	Award in full - £2000
Salisbury AB – Community Area Grants	Amount requested	Award & Conditions
The Secret Garden Salisbury - Salisbury Bee Trail View full application	£1753	Award in full - £1753
Salisbury BID - Salisbury Digital Marketing Communications Channel View full application	£5000	Award in full - £5000
Salisbury AB – Health & Wellbeing Grants	Amount requested	Award & Conditions
Salisbury Older People's Champion - Silver Salisbury 2020 programme post covid-19 View full application	£1000	Award in full - £1000

Harnham Neighbourhood Association - Harnham Harvest Table View full application	£910	Award in full - £910
Trowbridge AB – Youth Funding	Amount requested	Award & Conditions
The Amber Foundation - Ambers Counselling Support View full application	£4360	Part award 50% £2180

Reason for Proposal

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

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Appendices

Appendix 1 - Area Board Grant Reports

Appendix 2 – Area Board Feedback, recommendations & Public Feedback