

Report to	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board
Date of Meeting	25/11/2020
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

a) To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Allsorts Pre-school & Nursery Project Title: Wheelchair Access ramps and Fire Exits View full application	£2953.00
Applicant: Royal Wootton Bassett Local Youth Network Project Title: Second hand uniform initiative View full application	£934.80
Applicant: The Friends of Lydiard Park Project Title: Lydiard Tregoze Grave Matters Digital local history project View full application	£1000.00

b) To note allocation of funds decided under authority delegated to the Community Engagement Manager in consultation with the Chair of the Area Board as follows:

	Amount allocated
Details of the allocation: The Rise Trust - Pop-up Youth Engagement sessions in Lyneham, during the half term period, October 2020.	£320.00

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
3895	Allsorts Pre-school & Nursery	Replacement Wheelchair Access ramps and Fire Exits	£2953.00
Project Description: To fit new fire exits and a new metal wheelchair access ramp at the Allsorts pre-school /Nursery.			
Input from Community Engagement Manager: This organisation has installed wooden replacement ramps previously, wood was a necessary choice in order to meet their budget. They now feel that, with support from additional funders, they might be able to provide a new metal alternative which would provide greater longevity and cost-effectiveness.			
The organisation reports that approximately 60-70 families from the community use this service every year. They suggest they have a large number of 2-year funded and Early Years Pupil Premium families several families with a Child in Need or Common Assessment Framework as well as a Special Educational Needs & Disabilities child in need of 11 care which is financially supported by the setting.			

With the challenges of Covid-19 this year, the nursery has seen a reduction in income, while remaining available to support keyworkers, it has also seen an increase in outgoings as the requirement for cleaning and PPE has increased. In addition, opportunities for fundraising activities have reduced. An award to this project would represent 50% of the total cost.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3902	Royal Wootton Bassett Local Youth Network	Second hand uniform initiative	£934.80

Project Description:

Recycled Uniforms – A group of volunteers collect unwanted school uniform wash, repair, remove names and sort. It is then distributed to young people in need of school uniform at no cost to them. This offer is in place for all schools in the town.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

It is recognised that start-up costs for school uniforms can create a real pressure on some families within the community. Often this is accentuated by strict rules about wearing the correct uniform and no option to source a lower priced option.

The rationale for enforcing a strict code of adherence to a school uniform is based on sound principles, fostering ideas of connection to and pride in the establishment and locality and also enabling all young people to be seen equally on a level playing field, with the removal of the competitive and exclusionary aspects of youth culture that are linked to the fashion industry.

This project predates the Covid-19 crisis, however, with the additional economic pressures that families are now facing, the demand for this service from the project has risen and it seems likely that, with continued economic stresses on local families, the demand for this service will continue to grow.

The organisation suggests that volunteers have committed more than 120 volunteering days to the broader RWB helpers project in the last 6 months and have supported in the region of 80 families.

This project only serves pupils attending schools in Royal Wootton Bassett; however, the organisers would be happy to provide information to other volunteers wishing to develop similar operations for pupils attending schools in other towns.

An award to this project would represent in excess of 95% of the total cost, however Members may like to consider that the overall cost is relatively low when compared to the potential benefit to local families.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3898	The Friends of Lydiard Park	Lydiard Tregoze Grave Matters Digital Survey and local history project	£1000.00

Project Description:

Grave Matters is a project providing a professional online digital survey of the graves in St. Mary's churchyard and Hook Street Cemetery with accompanying family history research and photographic record which promotes the local history of Lydiard Tregoze telling the stories of people who lived and worked there. Our volunteer team will engage Atlantic Geomatics who are in partnership with the Church of England to create digital surveys for all C of E burial grounds in England. We are also working with North Wiltshire Young Archaeologist Club to encourage younger people's interest and engagement in local history.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

The 'industry' of social and family history is growing and, alongside the local community, people from across the world will be interested in being able to discover where their ancestors are buried (many people emigrated from the Lydiards in former centuries).

Interest in the origins of ancestors could help to promote the area as a place to visit and explore and this could help support other areas of tourism to develop in the area.

The project organisers believe it will also provide a sense of place - a proven benefit for people's wellbeing. They suggest that new residents will gain insight into the community they have joined and older residents an increased sense that their history is valued and interesting to others. They believe all will gain valuable insight into the history of their parish and make connections with life today and that this is of relevance in the Covid-19 period.

Local school children belonging to Wiltshire Young Archaeologists Club will be involved in the experience of mapping activities and local families will have the opportunity to take part in a family history day activity.

An award to this project would represent approximately 34% of the total project cost.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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