

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting	26/11/2020
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Provisional Figures	Area Board Grants Budget	H&WB Fund	LYN Fund
Opening balance 2020/21	£70,110.00	£7,700.00	£29,923.00
Grant Applications Awarded to date	£8,696.00	£2,000.00	£4,360.00
Current Balance	£61,414.00	£5,700.00	£25,563.00
Balance if all grants are agreed at this meeting	£49,753.00	£3,275.00	£15,363.00

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: HELP Counselling Services Project Title: Tablets for Online Counselling View full application	£675.00
Applicant: Trowbridge Town Hall Trust Project Title: Trowbridge community cinema View full application	£9546.00
Applicant: Wiltshire Rural Music Project Title: COVID-19 Preparations at the Hub View full application	£1750.00
Applicant: Trowbridge Environmental Community Project Title: Blue Heart Campaign View full application	£1115.00

<p>Applicant: Free Range Cafe Project Title: Christmas Lunch for Trowbridge</p> <p>View full application</p>	<p>£1000.00</p>
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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
3857	HELP Counselling Services	Tablets for Online Counselling	£675.00
<p>Project Description: HCS has continued its work throughout lockdown at one point we were the only organisation providing counselling in the whole of Wiltshire for 6 weeks. We have counselling through Zoom and Telephone throughout and we have been a lifeline to hundreds of local people. However we are having so tech issues. Many of our volunteers are using devices for online counselling which crash in the middle of sessions. Now that it looks like online counselling will have to continue for a significantly longer time we need to resolve this issue asap. We would like to purchase 4 tablets to help us continue our work. We also believe that these will be invaluable for years to come. Whilst we didnt do remote counselling before lockdown we see that this way of working will be indispensable it means we can increase the amount of people who may have been unable to come to our premises like disabled elderly carers lone parents and those of limited income.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: Application meets criteria and should be considered by Trowbridge Area Board.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3872	Trowbridge Town Hall Trust	Trowbridge community cinema	£9546.00
<p>Project Description: This funding will enable us to fit out the Supper Room at Trowbridge Town Hall as an independent community cinema. It will be used to match fund the British Film Institute BFI to put on weekly film nights between November 2020 and August 2021. Owning the equipment is essential to keep ticket costs low increasing access and to making the programme self-sustaining from autumn 2021 onwards. The equipment will be made available to community groups and residents associations across the Trowbridge Area to put on their own film nights in neighbourhood community centres. This will be free of charge.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: Application exceeds the usual maximum grant of £5,000 to which the applicant is aware. The application meets the criteria for capital grant funding although consideration needs to be given to the funding amount should money be awarded.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3884	Wiltshire Rural Music	COVID-19 Preparations at the Hub	£1750.00
<p>Project Description: Our creative hub in Trowbridge is a vibrant and busy venue which is home to a range of ensembles and groups which hire space to run music sessions throughout the month. Their members come from a broad range of ages social background and abilities most of whom live locally. COVID-19 social distancing brought in by the Government and Public Health England have drastically reduced our ability to accommodate visiting groups and members. We are working hard to make this space safe for staff and visitors with PPE equipment signage and installation of double glazing to improve air flow</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: Application meets the criteria for capital funding.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3885	Trowbridge Environmental Community	Blue Heart Campaign	£1115.00
<p>Project Description: This project will engage with members of the public on the Blue Heart Campaign which focuses on areas of land in gardens public open spaces or road verges that are left or enhanced for wildlife. Many wildlife meadow trials in Trowbridge have very little engagement as to why it is happening we seek to fill that gap by running family events to create their own blue heart for their own garden. We will then create our own wildflower patch in Trowbridge and run a series of talks and events demonstrating the benefits of reduced mowing and wildflower enhancements for wildlife.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager: The application is a mix of capital and revenue money, the applicant is aware that the Area Board will only fund the capital element of the application. Match funding is in place for the remainder.</p>			
<p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
3946	Free Range Cafe	Christmas Lunch for Trowbridge	£1000.00
<p>Project Description: We would like to fill the gap left by county hall this year and provide a Christmas lunch for the needy in Trowbridge. We have a great space with our cafe in the</p>			

Town Hall and extra rooms so that social distancing can be adhered to. Christmas is a crucial time for the old homeless and needy. This year more than ever they need their community to provide them some joy and support.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

Application submitted after confirmation from Wiltshire Council that there will be no provision at County Hall this year.

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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