

Report To	Devizes Area Board
Date of Meeting	Monday, 21 June 2021
Title of Report	Devizes Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Devizes Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young persons grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
Opening Balance For <u>2021/22</u>	<u>£51,739.00</u>	<u>£22,320.00</u>	<u>£7,700.00</u>
Awarded To Date	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
Current Balance	<u>£51,739.00</u>	<u>£22,230.00</u>	<u>£7,700.00</u>
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	<u>£42,979.00</u>	<u>£19,332.27</u>	<u>£4,920.44</u>

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG83	Area Board Initiative	Devizes Mens Shed	To reopen the shed	£300.00	£150.00
Project Summary: To cover the cost of PPI as we have had no income for the last 14 months. Now we can reopen the shed by supplying PPI and signs.					
ABG88	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Devizes Rotary	Be Active Tea Dance 2021	£270.50	£150.00
Project Summary: An event for older people to meet for a chat with friends over a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits, and to have a go at ballroom dancing.					
ABG89	Community Area Grant	Seend Parish Council	Repair of Bus Shelter	£2657.00	£1000.00

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<p>Project Summary: The bus shelter was damaged in July 2017 by a car hitting it in a road traffic collision. At the time Wiltshire Council, who own the shelter, said there was no funding allocated to the repair of bus shelters. The shelter was made safe by removing of broken glass and leg reinstated, but no further repairs made. The shelter is the first thing you see when entering the village, and does not present a good image. At the time, the Parish Council could not afford to replace the whole shelter, so it was left in its current state. However, the Clerk has since found out that the damaged parts can be replaced, rather than replacing the whole shelter, and whilst we have some available funds to go towards this project, it would be helpful if the Area Board could help with the costs.</p>					
ABG94	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Wiltshire Museum	Common Ground	£900.00	£900.00
<p>Project Summary: 'Common Ground' is a programme of work enabling different groups to discover and share their experiences and memories through object-based reminiscence. Using Area Board funding the Wiltshire Museum will train a team of local volunteers from the Museum and local organisations working with older people to deliver quality reminiscence sessions using 6 themed boxes rooted in the collections of the Wiltshire Museum. Volunteers will be trained and supported to run sessions that are structured and social to enable people, living with dementia or experiencing social isolation, to engage with local heritage and culture and experience quality reminiscence work. This project has the initial added impact in that it will encourage people who have been increasingly isolated and struggling with mental health due to the COVID-19 pandemic to get out and socialise once again.</p>					
ABG6	Community Area Grant	Wharf Theatre	New Boiler	£2520.00	£1260.00
<p>Project Summary: The Wharf Theatre are seeking a new boiler for their heating systems as the existing boiler is now failing to continuously run. Over past few years numerous repairs and replacement parts have been undertaken, however, we are now at a point a replacement needs to be sourced.</p>					
ABG35	Community Area Grant	Bromham Parish Council	Resurface Bromham Bike Track with tarmac	£14300.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Bromham Bike Track was built in 2014 with fundraising and area board grant support. It has been maintained by the Parish Council with help from volunteers and resurfaced completely once, about 18 months ago. It's rise in popularity, especially since last year, has seen a significant increase in use. People are using the track everyday and it attract users from all over Wiltshire. There are small children on balance bikes to semi professional BMX riders. With this increase in use, the existing gravel surface has worn significantly and needs constant maintenance, which is difficult in a small village. Having a hard all weather surface will remove the need for extensive maintenance and make the track accessible to different users, eg.those with scooters or skateboards. Having the the resurfacing done by a specialist bike track company will maintain all the technical aspects of the jumps, berms and rollers that make it such a great track that attracts many riders.</p>					
ABG39	Community Area Grant	Erlestoke Parish Council	Erlestoke SID	£3000.00	£1500.00
<p>Project Summary: We would like a solar powered, moveable SID for our village. The system we would like shows drivers their speed on entering our village, with a smiley face when they are at the correct speed and a sad face if they're over the limit!</p>					
ABG49	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Devizes Rotary	Devizes Be Active Event 2021	£3329.56	£1579.56

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<p>Project Summary: The Devizes Be Active Event 2021 will be the third free community event aimed at making connections between the adult community and organisations, clubs, groups and charities who provide health and well-being services and activities throughout the Devizes Community Area. It will take place on the Small Green in Devizes on Saturday 4th September 2021 from 11am to 3pm. The event will again be open to exhibitors and demonstrators of activities such as arts & crafts, exercise, singing, dancing, and, where possible, will include have-a-go sessions to encourage people to be active.</p>					
ABG61	Youth Grant	Youth Adventure Trust	Supporting disadvantaged young people through the pandemic and beyond	£17727.73	£2987.73

Project Summary:

We would like your support to help fund the programme costs of the 10 Devizes young people currently on the programme, but specifically helpful would be the Youth Worker/Programme Manager salary costs associated with the support of these 10 young people. Youth Adventure Trust recognises that there needs to be positive action and intervention to improve the outcomes for the most disadvantaged people in society. The young people we work with are the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in Wiltshire and Swindon who are facing additional challenges because of COVID-19. During lockdown, schools, support services, charities and youth organisations have worked incredibly hard to utilise resources in order to continue to support the most at-risk young people, including moving their services online. However, the reach of these resources cannot compare to the support structure these young people would have had access to prior to the lockdown. As a result, many young people no longer have access to the support they so desperately need (or are not receiving an equivalent level of support) and their needs are going unnoticed and unaddressed. We have serious concerns about the increased risk to our young people and we expect to see an increase in the number of children needing the support of our charity. Our programme includes 3 residential camps, an Explore Day, 6 Activity Days and 4 Pathway Days over a period of three academic years, all supplemented with the on-going support, mentoring and guidance of our skilled programme team. It allows us to deliver a sustained long-term impact on the lives of our young people and increase the chances of them maintaining the effects of the programme over time. This is then followed by a mentoring and bursary scheme to sustain the positive impact the programme has had on the young people, until age 16. We focus on the 'Forgotten Children', those children that are not yet a statistic but are heading that way. We intervene and offer a lifeline through the provision of a long term and immersive experience and by building strong relationships. "The Youth Adventure Trust is special because it provides opportunities that are otherwise unavailable. It helps give a boost to those that need an extra hand in life." (Carer)

The Youth Workers are the beating heart of our charity, who support the young people throughout the programme, helping them set objectives, supporting them on every camp and activity day and giving them continuous 1:1 support and mentoring. The Youth Workers ensure that each child gets the very most out of the programme. They go the extra mile with each and every one of them, focusing on their individual problems and working hard to overcome their issues and challenges, as well as being positive role models. They give of themselves personally and the children respect them and are emotionally connected to them as a result. They provided invaluable online mentoring sessions to our most vulnerable young people during the lockdowns, which involved having an hour-long video call with the young person each week. It was an opportunity for someone to check in on them, see how they were managing, talk about any issues or worries, have an eye into the household to see how they were all doing, to have some social interaction and to play lots of fun games and challenges along the way. They also encouraged the young people to think about their wellbeing and make use of their daily exercise allowance by getting outside. For many, having one hour of undivided attention from an adult is a rarity and the positive interaction they had with their Programme Manager mentor undoubtedly helped to boost their self-confidence, promoted better mental health and ensured they were continuing to build their resilience. "I think it's great that she's been given this opportunity to speak to someone else outside of the home. She usually has video counselling sessions with CAMHS but we're waiting to hear when the next ones will be. I think it will be useful as she's not doing schoolwork and it's all very difficult." (Parent)

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.

Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:

- Community Area Grants (capital)
- Young People (revenue)
- Health and Wellbeing (revenue)

The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young persons funding guidelines have been adhered to.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

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

Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

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.

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

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