

Report To	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	Thursday, 26 May 2022
Title of Report	Southern Wiltshire Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Southern Wiltshire 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>2022/2023</u>	£ 22,642.00	£ 19,321.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 84.30
Current Balance	£ 22,642.00	£ 19,321.00	£ 7,615.70
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 17,672.00	£ 18,651.00	£ 2,735.70

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG585	Community Area Grant	Downton Bowling Club	Downton Bowling Club Mower	£6940.00	£3470.00

Project Summary:

Downton Bowling Club has for the past 40 years, been a source of community activity both as a physical activity and social bonding. We are also finding that with some of the older members, the Club is a strength for their mental well being, including dementia sufferers. The pace of bowling suits those members with weak hearts. Our sport and facilities have also served the community outside of the Bowling Club membership. To a large extent the Club relies on one main factor - the health of the playing surface, "The Green". The essential tool for keeping the green in good condition is the mower. Our present mower is so old that the bodywork is corroding, and parts are not available, so we need to buy a new machine at a cost in the region of £6940. This is something we can ill afford as our income is diminishing relative to the increase in the cost of running the Club. Over the past two years we have had a restricted income due to COVID safety regulations. We were unable to receive full compensation at the start of the pandemic because we do not pay business rates. Our income relies on Membership, and playing matches; both, as I say have been restricted in 2020, less so in 2021. Our membership has not increased over the last four years, but unfortunately costs have, and are likely to rise in the near future. We are hoping for an increase in the next couple of years due to "normality" and a higher profile of bowls which is to be featured in the Commonwealth Games, hence more members(fingers crossed). That is for the future and the mower is needed within the next twelve months. The previous mower has lasted over twenty years and the new mower needs to be of high spec to have the same longevity and be able to cut a fine turf. The mower itself has a cost saving feature of interchangeable cassettes, these cassettes may be purchased in the future as a cheaper alternative to dedicated scarifiers and aerators that will eventually need replacing.

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ABG640	Community Area Grant	Alderbury Village Hall Management Committee	Alderbury Village Hall Commercial Dishwasher	£3000.00	£1500.00
<p>Project Summary: The Village Hall has recently been refurbished and upgraded to high standard. It is now a much more attractive and enhanced asset and venue for events such as weddings, large family parties and social gatherings. The kitchen has also been upgraded to cater for larger and more formal events. The refurbishment was an excellent example of project management delivered to budget and on time. Inevitably, this involved strict cost control as the project progressed and, for good reasons at the time, some requirements were trimmed, one of which was a commercial dishwasher. It has now become clear, however, to maximise use of the Hall, specifically for larger events, a commercial dishwasher is essential. Most village halls in the area have one installed as standard and the majority are of a commercial standard.</p>					
ABG416	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Alabare Christian Care and Support	Somewhere to Go Salisbury	£38032.80	£1000.00
<p>Project Summary: Food, showers, laundry facilities, advice and support for local rough sleepers and households in Salisbury who are low income, vulnerable and at risk of losing their accommodation. Our rough sleeper drop in is being extended to include preventative work with clients who are risk of becoming homeless. With the current housing crisis, the increased costs to families during COVID and the large energy cost rises, we anticipate an increasing number of referrals from Wiltshire Council and other organisations. We will provide education around budgeting and eating healthily on a low income, as well as tenancy support and mediation. We will sign post clients who need further specialist support to the relevant agencies and ensure our clients are able to feed themselves and their families. We expect clients from all areas of Salisbury and its surrounding villages to access this support now it is open to those experiencing debt, tenancy issues and who are struggling in some way to maintain their tenancies/accommodation. So far, we have had clients from a broad area, including: SP1 2BQ, SP1 3EP, SP1 8FH, SP2 7SP, SP2 9JP, SP2 9JR, SP2 9JS, SP3 4TQ, SP4 2JP, SP4 7DE, SP6 2EJ, SP9 7AA. We are unable to predict who will use this support service in the coming 12 months but would expect any areas where residents are accessing foodbanks to be included.</p>					
ABG672	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Silver Salisbury Group	Silver Salisbury 2022 in Downton and surrounding villages	£1000.00	£900.00
<p>Project Summary: To further develop on the outreach work conducted in Downton and surrounding villages in 2021/2 to alleviate isolation and loneliness by co-ordinating a programme of activities and events for older people around 1st October in celebration of International Older People's Day. To consult with older people we visited a number of groups and circulated a questionnaire which told us that one of the major barriers to getting to groups was transport: we have met with Downton Link and plan further discussions with them regarding transport around the autumn programme. We also met with service/activity providers and compiled a list of all the activities in the area and commissioned a centre page pull-out in the Downton newsletter delivered to some 1,500 homes in Downton and an additional 200 hard copies and distributed them in the surrounding villages. We feel that we have established the connections and generated the impetus for Downton groups to contribute to a Silver programme this autumn including ideas on helping people get transport to events. This project is to promote and co-ordinate the programme, produce, get printed and circulate the programme brochure.</p>					
ABG677	Health and Wellbeing Grant	West Dean Parish Council	West Dean River Dun and Wildlife Project	£5980.00	£2980.00
<p>Project Summary: Summary document attached.</p>					
ABG512	Youth Grant	Alderbury Explorer Scout Unit	New tents and provision of external provider for adventurous activities	£670.00	£670.00

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<p>Project Summary: Alderbury Explorer Scout Unit is taking 8 young people (ages 14-18) to camp in Switzerland in the summer. The cost is over £500 per person and the young people are expected to raise the funds for this. However, we need some new tents to support this activity and future explorer scout camps. In addition one of the things which helps out volunteer leaders is if we can occasionally outsource an evening by hiring in someone to, for example, run a session of fencing or similar. I would like to request funding to pay for four new tents and two evening sessions to be outsourced to an external provider.</p>					

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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