

Report To Chippenham Area Board

Date of Meeting Monday, 12 December 2022

Title of Report Chippenham Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Chippenham 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 2022-23	£ 33,527.00	£ 30,500.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 7,527.42	£ 13,000.00	£ 2,086.00
Current Balance	£ 25,999.58	£ 17,500.00	£ 5,614.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 20,349.58	£ 12,361.00	£ - £136.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG839	Community Area Grant	Yatton Keynell Recreation Association	Zip wire upgrade	£12000.00	£5000.00

Project Summary:

The current zip wire in the Yatton Keynell recreation ground is at the end of its life, having been used extensively over the last 15 years. A recent RoSPA safety report recommended major refurbishment; parts for the platforms, which need urgent repair, are no longer available from the manufacturers. In order to continue to give the village even more fun and exercise, we plan to replace the zip wire, sourced from the UK, to make it suitable for all ages to use. We know from consultation that this will be especially popular with the school and youth group (which meets in the village hall) and the aim is to make the facilities as safe, fun and inclusive as possible.

ABG841	Community Area	St Peters Church	St Peters Community Lunch Project	£1300.00	£650.00
	Grant	Chippenham			

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Reference				Cost		

Project Summary:

The church has long been involved with its local community, providing a range of facilities for a variety of groups, including the Lords Mead Playgroup and the Tom Metcalfe Centre for adults with learning challenges. Unfortunately, as of the end of November, the church's long association with the Tom Metcalfe Centre is coming to an end due to staffing /recruitment issues as we understand it. The Family Action Charity, of which it is a part, have decided to cease operations at the Church Community Hall and have given notice to quit. This will leave a big gap in our finances, but we are seeking to mitigate the impact by moving the Lordsmead Playgroup into the main Church Hall, allowing them to take on additional children (for which there is a continuing and growing demand) to cover the increased costs of the larger facilities on offer. Whilst this solves one problem, it creates another. The Playgroup will be using the Hall full time, which means that the monthly Community Friendship Lunches and other activities we support will have to move into the smaller meeting room. This, too, has a kitchen, but with a limited range of facilities which were never designed to cope with the potential numbers now involved eg. a very modest cooker and fridge incapable of meeting the needs of groups of 30 or more. The entire kitchen has not been improved since the hall was built in the 1990s and, as a minimum, we therefore need to buy a large range cooker (around £750) and fridge/freezer (approx. £330) to meet this need if the lunches etc are to continue. Installation and disposal costs will also be required. Post Covid, we have found that these lunches, which particularly draw in the elderly and isolated in the community have helped to rebuild friendship groups, restore confidence and re-establish a more normal form of life.

<u>ABG885</u>	Older and Vulnerable	Waste Not Want Not	2023 Publicity and Advertising	£1500.00	£750.00	
	Adults Funding		Campaign of WNWNs services			

Project Summary:

With professional assistance, funded by the National Lottery WNWN has redesigned its publicity leaflet to give full details of the services it provides to the local community. WNWN is a not for profit registered charity that collects surplus furniture and household items, still in good condition, to pass on at affordable prices to people on low income including the elderly and those that are vulnerable. With only one full time member of staff (Project Manager) and one part time member of staff (Shop Supervisor) WNWN is reliant on volunteers to make up the majority of its work force. This provides training and work expereince opportunities to the local community. WNWN is happy to take on volunteers of any age including those with additional needs. The new leaflet will be displayed and made available in and around Chippenham's public places such as the Town Hall, Chippenham Hub, Libraries, Citizens Advice Bureau, Social Housing organisations and Wiltshire Council's public spaces. Advertising will be placed in local publications that reach the elderly and vulnerable adults.

<u>ABG893</u>	Older and Vulnerable	Doorway Wiltshire	Support Worker to enable Doorway	£12000.00	£5000.00
	Adults Funding		to expand its service		

Project Summary:

As a result of an increase in demand and to support vulnerable adults through the cost of living crisis Doorway needs to employ an additional part time Support Worker to help run our drop-ins and support groups. We intend to add a drop-in session and a hot meal on a Friday evening for rough sleepers and those in temporary accommodation such as hostels, hotels, B&Bs and caravans. We also need more cover for our groups which includes Women's Group, Addiction Support Group, Art Group and a new Gardening Group which this person would enable us to get.

ABG828	Youth Grant	The Open Blue Trust	Welly place youth community	£6339.79	£3169.00	
			integration and transition			

Project Summary:

Youth activities based on need, for families living on an isolated MOD housing estate, outside of the wire and across the runway from the nearby army base. The project will aim to support new and existing young people with their transitions of moving to Hullavington, and integrate with those already living there.

<u>ABG838</u>	Youth Grant	Sheldon Road	Autumn and Summer youth	£3940.00	£1970.00	
		Methodist Church	programme			

Application Grant Type Applicant Reference	Project	Total Cost	Requested	
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Project Summary:

We reach out and give pastoral and practical help to disadvantaged youngsters and families in the Chippenham area. We work together with Heals of Malmesbury who organise some of the events that our local youngsters and families can attend. We propose to take 30-35 youngsters and appropriate adults from Chippenham to the Pantomime in Swindon, 40 youngsters and appropriate adults from Chippenham to Crealy adventure Park in Devon and 30-30 youngsters and appropriate adults from Chippenham to Noah's Ark Zoo in Clevedon. We only accept families either with fostered, adopted or behaviourally challenging youngsters and hope to give respite to parents/guardians and siblings.

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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