

Report To Westbury Area Board

Date of Meeting Thursday, 23 March 2023

Title of Report Westbury Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Westbury 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>	£ 15,716.00	£ 12,892.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 3,400.00	£ 11,727.55	£ -1000.00
Current Balance	£ 12,316.00	£ 1,164.45	£ 8,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -1,110.00	£ -1,845.55	£ 0.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1095	Area Board Initiative	Westbury Area Board	Westbury Community Area Health and Wellbeing Day	£2700.00	£1350.00
Project Summary: Community event to showcase health and wellbeing services and activities available in the local area. Giving the opportunity for providers to engage and spread awareness of services.					
ABG1110	Area Board Initiative	Westbury Area Board	Youth Pop Up Event Westbury	£2625.00	£1312.50
Project Summary: Provision of a pop up cafe van run by Wiltshire Youth for Christ for a weeks event in Westbury during the summer holidays. The van will set up an outdoor cafe and serve refreshments. They have game consoles and for the week, will also run activities.					
ABG963	Community Area Grant	The Laverton Institute Trust	The Laverton New Audio System	£13943.00	£5000.00

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<p>Project Summary: The Sound System within The Laverton hall is outdated and in need of updating. The Abrahams Kitchen Project, run under The Laverton Institute Trust, hosts a free community meal for local residents during the school holidays. During the meal, children present are entertained by a film. The updated system will provide an improved experience for some of the most deprived residents who otherwise may not experience such entertainment. The Laverton has also provided film showings catering to other groups of residents such as the elderly. The new system will provide a facility for recording council and other meetings which are held within the building, enabling as many people as possible can attend these meetings virtually, increasing opportunities to have their say on the running of their town. The improved facilities will increase the opportunities for the space, benefitting the whole community.</p>					
ABG995	Community Area Grant	Westbury and District Cricket Club	Cricket Ground Improvements	£6852.00	£3426.00
<p>Project Summary: Westbury & District Cricket Club wish to improve the facilities at the club to provide the best possible experience for players, families and visitors. The provision of sightscreens is crucial to ensure that the cricket ball when bowled can be 'picked up' by the batsman against the backdrop of hedges, tree's and a dark back ground. There are stringent rules enforced by the league to complete the games within a certain time with fines if this is not achieved. The use of left and right arm bowlers / batsmen mean that screens need to be moved in some cases every over / ball which slows down the game considerably. The two sight screens here will avoid having to do this and improve the game for both club and supporters. A batting cage is used by all players (men, ladies and juniors) in training , placed on the cricket wicket this allows batting and bowling in a 'semi' live environment replicating playing on a weekend thus improving the effectiveness of training sessions. The current net is rotten, riddled with holes and needs replacing. In order to maximise reach of matchdays the NV Play camera's allow live streaming which will be on you tube and the clubs website. This not only allows games to be followed by supporters, improves the reach of the club but also allows new sponsors to be signed up with their logo's on the screens. Families and supporters often turn up to gains and need to bring their own chairs, the provision of 6 benches at the lower part of the ground near the sports centre will allow sun shades, drinks from the bar and social activities to be provided. With over 70 juniors on a friday attending training sessions, the parents will be able to enjoy the cricket from comfortable benches rather than stood against the wall or lying on the floor which is often the case. This will enhance the facility for families. Two new Sight Screens - £2,630 + VAT Batting Cage Net - £350 + VAT NV Play Club Elite Cabled IP Camera Hardware: Elite Kit - £1656+VAT 6 x Benches for cricket ground £1074 + VAT Total = £5710+VAT Application is for 50% = £2855 + VAT</p>					
ABG1103	Community Area Grant	Bratton Institute Management Committee	Institute Roof repair refurbishment insulation and retile	£33427.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: The Institute is one of the oldest and most prominent community buildings within the village, centrally positioned with good access from all 4 directions of the village. It is fortunate to have its own garden alongside with good outdoor facilities for tentage and childrens play area. Prior to the pandemic much work had been done to refurbish the interior of the building to make it more 'carbon friendly' including double glazing the windows, updating the boiler, and modernising the heating system. In addition much voluntary work had been done to repaint and refurbish the interior. Externally however a more serious long term problem had been identified regarding the brickwork over the main entrance, and damage to the roof and tilings. In 2017 a £3k repair by ALoft was done to rectify the short term immediate danger areas. However in doing the repairs, a more serious largescale issue was identified requiring complete replacement of battens, insulation and attention to the tilings to the roof area of the main hall. The cost of the work involved as well as the challenges of the pandemic period have delayed action required which has included appropriate insulation to the roof - hence the proactive fundraising campaign of 2022 and aspiration to complete the work in 2023. The desire and inspiration to complete the work has been spurred on by the welcome return of many users of the hall. Those utilising the hall have been many of the traditional village activities such as Guides, Brownies, Mothers & Toddlers, the Bratton band, dance classes, WI, U3a, Pilates etc as well as several new organisations such as art classes, bee keeping, and a number of private parties and bookings. However there is a clear duty of care and responsibility to ensure the long term safety of the ageing roof and the associated leaking issues. Hence the hope that the Area board will support this bid for financial support towards meeting our goal.</p>					
ABG1080	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Crosspoint Westbury	Counselling to improve mental health and resilience	£18000.00	£5000.00

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<p>Project Summary: Crosspoint has a well-established subsidised counselling service. This is aimed at young people and adults who do not meet the criteria for statutory mental health services, but who nonetheless may be suffering depression, anxiety, domestic abuse, historical abuse, low self-esteem or difficult in dealing with Life's challenges. The majority of these clients are referred by the White Horse Health Centre, or through self-referral. Nevertheless the majority of clients are not in a position to contribute significantly towards the full cost of the service, hence the reason that grant funding is sought.</p>					
ABG1112	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Westbury Marketplace Events CIC	Westbury Community Tea Dance and Celebration	£4700.00	£2350.00
<p>Project Summary: A free community event on Saturday 6 May following the coronation event being held by the Town Council. In Westbury marketplace we will be holding a tea dance. Performances from Swing and Jazz singers. The afternoon event will be aimed at older and vulnerable people. Invitations will be sent to care homes and older people's groups throughout the community area to attend the event for free. The local cadets will be invited to parade through the event, and members of the Officer Selection board in Westbury will be invited to inspect the cadets along with the mayor. Later performances by the Wiltshire Youth Orchestra will finish the afternoon event which will then run into an evening concert.</p>					
ABG900	Youth Grant	Westbury Town Council	Soapbox Derby Workshops	£2000.00	£1000.00
<p>Project Summary: The project will focus on engaging with children of 14-16 yrs old that are eligible for free school meals. These children will have the opportunity to build a soapbox cart over a number of months, assisted by trained engineers and wtc staff. The young people will then be able to compete for free in the White Horse Soapbox Derby on May 20th. The focus of the project is to inspire these young people to find an interest in STEM activities, while also opening them up to the various engineering courses and careers on offer, particularly in the surrounding area.</p>					
ABG969	Youth Grant	Westbury Parochial Church Council All Saints Church	Drop In Youth Cafe	£3276.50	£697.50
<p>Project Summary: The Drop In Youth Cafe is a Friday evening drop-in for young people in Westbury. This is a partnership project between 4Youth who will provide the staff and activities and develop awareness sessions and All Saints' Church to offer the venue, with volunteer help and funding. The sessions will provide a warm, safe space with access to hot food and drinks. The sessions are aimed at hard to reach individuals with whom 4Youth have regular contact with during their detached youth work within Westbury. This project has been developed following anti-social activity by young people in the local area and a desire by the members of All Saints to provide a safe space for young people in the local area.</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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