South West Wiltshire Area Board

20 September 2023

South West Wiltshire Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- 1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the South West Wiltshire Area Board. These could include:
 - community area grants
 - youth grants
 - older and vulnerable people grants
 - area board initiatives
- 2. To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants	
Opening Balance For 2023/24	£ 24,876.00	£ 21,148.00	£ 7,700.00	
Awarded To Date	£ 4,248.02	£ 968.88	£ 1,000.00	
Current Balance	£ 20,627.98	£ 20,179.12	£ 6,700.00	
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 12,658.98	£ 29,179.12	£ 4,700.00	

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1291	Area Board Initiative	South West Wiltshire Area Board Health And Wellbeing Group	Celebrating Age Christmas Big Band Tea Party	£800.00	£500.00

Project Summary:

The Celebrating Age Programme is scheduled to deliver a regular activity in December 2023 for South West Wiltshire. We would like to make this a bigger style intergenerational christmas event in partnership with St John's Primary School, Tisbury.

ABG1260	Community Area Grant	Semley Village Hall	Semley Village Hall Loft Insulation to Reduce Energy Use	£988.00	£469.00
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Project Summary:

Installation of insulation in the loft space above the hall and kitchen at Semley Village Hall should reduce heat loss from premises by between 35% and 40% thereby reducing electricity consumption and thus electricity costs by between 25% and 30%. At a time when electricity prices are not capped, the anticipated reductions will help reduce outgoings and help ensure the financial well-being of the hall, thereby enabling the continuation of community activities at the village hall that benefit the young, the ageing, those in poor health, the isolated and lonely, and the financially challenged.

ABG1276	Community Area	Friends of Broad	Friends of Broad Chalke	£60000.00	£5000.00
	Grant	Chalke Playground	Playground		

Project Summary:

To completely upgrade the children's playground in Broad Chalke. Following on from our application in the last financial year we have set our sights much higher both in terms of equipment to be installed, the age range to be addressed and our desire to help parents in our community. Taking each in turn: Age Range: we want to provide facilities that will promote energetic play as well as stimulating the imagination of children from toddlers to sub teens. Equipment: We (subject to budget) anticipate replacing most of the existing playground equipment. A lot of thought has gone into ensuring how the new facilities will stimulate the imagination, provide for energetic play. Parents: Broad Chalke is a thriving but very rural and isolated village. It features on the WCC index for deprivation. Our intention is to provide some facilities for parents to meet, socialise and share their experiences. Doing so helps to create long lasting friendships within that peer group. 2023 is our year for fundraising. We hope to have raised somewhere between £60,000 and £90,000 by the end of this year (As of July 2023 we have raised £44,000). We expect to have the new playground built in 2024. A breakdown of costs of the minium project are estimated at: Equipment: £45,000 Groundworks inc safety surfacing: £15,000 Total Project cost (Minium version): £60,000 This grant application is to go toward funding the installation of new safety surfacing.

ABG1311	Community Area	Broad Chalke Cricket	Non Turf Match pitch	£5000.00	£2500.00
	Grant	Club	refurbishment		

Project Summary:

Broad Chalke Cricket Club are based at the Chalke Valley Sports Centre. The Club re-established in 2018 and have enjoyed success on the pitch. Cricket is supported by the villagers and there is always support for the team. Many of the players are local and we now have a squad of twenty players supported by six non playing members who assist in fund raising and preparation of matches. Currently there is a Non Turf Astro pitch on the cricket ground but unfortunately it is very old and showing severe signs of deterioration. We have made repairs over the past years but now need to resolve urgently for future use. We have looked at other Cricket clubs not turf strips and have selected Durant Cricket who were excellent on price and quality of material.

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ABG1269	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£10455.00	£1500.00

Project Summary:

Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW) will use arts & heritage activities to reach the most isolated older people in the South West Wiltshire area, helping to tackle loneliness and aiming to improve their health and wellbeing through creative and artistic engagement. In particular CAW will target those people who are vulnerable and socially isolated due to frailty, ill health, dementia, poor mobility or caring responsibilities. Our programme has developed four different strands of both live and online activity to meet the needs of this group. CAW is a partnership of community organisations across the county with Wiltshire Music Centre as lead organisation.

Background

- 3. 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.
- 4. 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)
 - Youth Grants (revenue)
 - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
- 5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

Main Considerations

- 6. 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.
- 7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
- 8. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

Safeguarding Implications

9. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Public Health Implications

10. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Environmental & Climate Change Implications

11. 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.

Financial Implications

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

Legal Implications

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

Workforce Implications

14. There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

Equalities Implications

- 15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
- 16. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

Proposals

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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