
Malmesbury Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Malmesbury 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 2024/25	£ 17,219	£ 14,679	£ 7,700
Awarded To Date	£ 5,000	£ 9,500	£ 500
Current Balance	£ 12,219	£ 5,179	£ 7,200
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 4,219	£ 5,179	£ 5,700

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1882	Community Area Grant	Charlton Recreational Centre Committee	Charlton Village Hall Energy Improvements	£12500.00	£2500.00
Project Summary: Following the results of an independent energy survey, the CRC are looking to improve the energy efficiency of the village hall through the implementation of most of the proposals. These include the addition of Solar Panels to the roof, installation of a battery to store spare electricity as well as the replacement of the halls lighting system to a more energy efficient and cost effective version.					
ABG1884	Community Area Grant	Charlton Recreational Centre Committee	Charlton Village Hall Fitness Equipment	£23000.00	£2500.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p>Project Summary: The Charlton Recreational Centre (CRC) committee sent out a survey in 2022 to identify what local residents wanted in and around the village hall playing field. The survey identified 2 main areas for improvement. The first was to replace and improve some of the young childrens play equipment adjacent to the hall. The second was to put some fitness equipment around the halls playing field. This request is to assist in the funding for the latter project of fitness equipment.</p>					
ABG1891	Community Area Grant	Malmesbury Victoria Football Club	2024 25 Ground Grading Improvements	£150000.00	£2500.00
<p>Project Summary: Malmesbury Victoria FC have seen a significant growth in recent years, culminating in promotion to step 5 of the FA Pyramid. This promotion brings with it, a number of facility improvement requirements listed below. 1. Floodlights to be upgraded to LED 2. Covered seating for 100 visitors 3. Replacement of pitchside safety barriers 4. Provision of a fully functioning kitchen 5. Disabled access toilets and covered seating 6. New Dugouts for substitutes and managers 7. Walkway covers for players from changing rooms to playing area. 8. Gated ground entry with turnstile kiosk</p>					
ABG1965	Community Area Grant	Corston Quarry and Pond Local Nature Reserve Voluntary Management Group	Mower for Corston Quarry and Pond Local Nature Reserve LNR	£650.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Corston Quarry and Pond LNR is managed for people and wildlife by a group of local volunteers who meet several times each year to carry out practical management tasks to keep the reserve in top condition. Currently, the species-rich grassland areas are only grazed by rabbits, but their number fluctuates widely year on year and we need more control. The volunteers cut back invading bramble and rose with hand tools and clear paths with a strimmer, but this is not enough to keep the grassland in good condition for glow worms and orchids, which have been increasing in numbers. We therefore need to purchase a robust and reliable mower to enable us to have greater control over the management of the grassland. This application is for funds to purchase a heavy duty Stihl RM453.3 mower and fuel can from a local supplier.</p>					
ABG1950	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£10809.00	£1500.00
<p>Project Summary: Celebrating Age Wiltshire is a Creative health and wellbeing project that delivers high quality professional creative arts, music, theatre and heritage events and activities on a monthly basis for older, vulnerable adults in local daytime settings.</p>					

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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