

**Chippenham Area Grant Report**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Chippenham 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	£ 33,527.00	£ 30,500.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 7,500.00	£ 16,500.00	£ 7,050.00
Current Balance	£ 28,527.00*	£ 14,000.00	£ 650.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 20,705.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 400.00

*\*£2,500 credit applied – Rag and Bone Arts CIC refund*

**Grant Funding Application Summary**

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG2050</a>	Area Board Initiative	Wiltshire Council	Chatty Bench	£872.00	£500.00**
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>                      To provide information to the community who are feeling lonely and isolated. Bench contains information for those requiring help, guidance and support in difficult and challenging times.</p> <p><i>**Proposed 50/50 split between Youth and O&amp;VA funding</i></p>					
<a href="#">ABG2000</a>	Community Area Grant	Yatton Keynell Recreation Association	Monitored fire alarm installation and safety upgrades for Yatton Keynell Village Hall	£10000.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>                      The building has limited and outdated fire alarm provision, and doors and shutters require upgrading. To address this, we plan to install a L3 wireless fire alarm with remote monitoring and notification. We also plan to upgrade cupboard doors to standard 30-minute fire safety requirements.</p>					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG2021</a>	Community Area Grant	Chippenham Cricket Club	Chippenham Cricket Club Ground Maintenance equipment	£5645.00	£2822.00

**Project Summary:**

**Chippenham CC membership continues to grow and now numbers nearly 300 registered members making us by far the largest cricket club in the Chippenham area and one of if not the largest in Wiltshire. Junior & ladies cricket are the largest drivers of this growth and we also work in conjunction with the Wiltshire Cricket Board to provide playing opportunities for disabled cricketers. The growth and the volume of cricket matches and practice sessions held creates significant pressure on our machinery. Our grounds team consists entirely of volunteers and maintain 3 cricket pitches including 2 at Sheldon School and have a continual struggle to complete the work required with largely old and unreliable equipment. Our project will replace a number of our current petrol fueled grass mowers with multi-purpose battery powered machines. This will be more efficient, reliable and environmentally friendly and safeguard our ability to continue to support the growing demand for match and practice provision for all age group, including juniors. We estimate the cost of this initiative to be £4-5,000 and will be able to contribute some of this amount through our own fundraising.**

<a href="#">ABG1959</a>	Youth Grant	We Hear You	Counselling in Chippenham for young people aged 13 to 19 affected by cancer	£37445.20	£5000.00
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**Project Summary:**

**Our mission is to support the mental and emotional wellbeing of local young people affected by cancer and other life-threatening conditions. Each year, we provide high-quality counselling for over 500 individuals, families, children and young people across Wiltshire, Bath and North-East Somerset and Somerset, with a focus on supporting those with limited income. We are applying for funds to help us continue to provide free and low-cost counselling for young people of Chippenham, who have been affected by cancer or other life-threatening conditions. We have been providing high-quality, compassionate and person-centered counselling across our region for 30 years. We have a team of highly experienced professional counsellors, with extensive knowledge of and insight into life-threatening illness. They provide a safe and comfortable space to help young people talk openly about the problems, feeling and worries they are facing. In Chippenham, our counselling takes place at 'The Therapy Rooms' on Pew Hill. We also offer online sessions and sessions by phone, if this is preferred by the client. During each session, young people can say the unsayable, and ask the unanswerable, without fear or judgement. We help young people come to terms with their diagnosis or bereavement, work through their emotions, and build tools to cope. The average number of weekly sessions used is 9 per person, but we offer up to 16 sessions and more if needed for those with the most severe concerns. Over the last year, we have been able to offer three sessions a week at our Chippenham space. But we have recently recruited more counselling resource for this area, which will enable us to offer help to 10 local residents per week from September. We have taken this step due to the high level of demand we are receiving from people affected by cancer and other illnesses in this area. This will enable us to triple the number of local residents we can support over the course of the year, but we are in great need of funds to enable this level of support to continue. The total cost of 10 sessions per week for 12 months is £37,445.20 which includes counsellor costs, clinical management and supervision, service coordination, room hire, and a small contribution to our essential running costs (admin, finance, HR, utilities etc.) A grant of £5,000 will fund just under 50% of the cost of three sessions per week in Chippenham which will be solely for young people for one year.**

<a href="#">ABG1998</a>	Youth Grant	Families Out Loud	Families Out Loud Specialist Teen Support in Chippenham	£2507.00	£1250.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Families Out Loud are seeking funding from Chippenham Area Board to provide specialist support to 4 Young People affected by a loved one's alcohol or drug addiction.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG2020</a>	Youth Grant	CPM Sounds CIC	Future Sounds of Chippenham and Take The Stage live music events for young people	£10974.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Live music events and performance opportunities for young people in Chippenham. We ran a "Future Sounds of Chippenham" gig as part of the Teen Takeover event in April 2024 which proved to be popular among 13–18-year-olds. Apart from providing a safe, positive activity for teenagers to take part in, we also work closely with Wiltshire College Chippenham and provide opportunities for students on their media courses to gain valuable work experience in live event photography, filming, poster design, marketing events, etc, and for music students to gain work experience in live sound engineering and as musicians. We are asking for funding for 10 events, to take place at regular intervals (monthly, where not coinciding with a Take The Stage heat). Our Take The Stage battle of the bands gigs see audiences of 100s of young people between January and April, we hope to continue the momentum and provide more events throughout the year, with more of a showcase ambition, than a competition.</b></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 person's 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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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.