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**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 2024/25	£ 24,876.00	£ 21,148.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 23,495.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 3,427.00
Current Balance	£ 1,381.00	£ 19,148.00	£ 4,273.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 162.50	£ 19,148.00	£ 543.00

**Grant Funding Application Summary**

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG2025</a>	Area Board Initiative	South West Wilts Area Board	Techie Tea Parties mobile phone support for older and vulnerable adults	£500.00	£500.00
<b>Project Summary:</b> Following a successful series of digital inclusion sessions in the South West Wiltshire community area, we will deliver a fourth series of digital inclusion sessions for older people due to the popular demand and waiting list. This will include 3 Techie Tea Party events in Tisbury, Mere and Wilton for 1-2-1 support with mobile phones, aiming to benefit up to 12 local residents at each event.					
<a href="#">ABG2038</a>	Community Area Grant	Fovant Village Hall	High Traffic Floor Sustainable Upgrade	£2437.50	£1218.50

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Fovant Village Hall currently has a traditionally laid pine wood floor of approximately 65 square meters. It was laid some time ago; its original intention was to provide a solid &amp; attractive base for general purpose use. Over the last three years however, the floor is showing signs continual and increasing damage from the variety of groups who use the hall; yoga, pilates, tap, seated exercise, &amp; orchestra. It is now in a state where the Hall committee must act. Having considered replacing the floor completely and &amp; reflected on the advice offered by experts in flooring, we have decided the best course of action is to retain our floor and strip, sand and varnish with a specialist commercial grade lacquer capable of withstanding sports activities. This will lengthen substantially the useful life of the floor, the value of the floor &amp; the benefits to be gained from the floor by the community. It is also a more sustainable and environmentally solution which appeals to our values and vision as well as the County's. We have sought three quotations from local companies with secure reputations. The lacquers used to provide a hard wearing surface are not solvent based so they are environmentally friendly and the sanding machines used will ensure no dust is produced. Two to three layers of lacquer will be applied ( BONA Traffic HD) with appropriate finishing and preparation in between layers to ensure the floor can sustain high traffic and sporting activities for the present and future life of the Hall.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1984</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Carer Support Wiltshire	Peer support cafes for unpaid carers in Mere Tisbury and Broadchalke	£6460.00	£3230.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  We host x3 carer peer support cafes in the south west of Wiltshire. Our Mere cafe is held monthly at the Angel Corner Tearoom and our Tisbury café is held at Beaton's Tearooms and the Broadchalke cafe is held at The Hub. Each café supports local unpaid carers who are struggling with particularly with isolation and loneliness. It is an opportunity to socialise with others in a similar situation to them, to encourage peer to peer support and a chance for them to have a small break away from their caring responsibilities in a warm, friendly environment with light refreshments. Guest speakers and trained volunteers attend groups so there is always someone there for them to lean on for direct help and advice if they are at crisis point. Many of our elderly carers are not confident using the internet and find continual online referrals and application forms etc daunting. Guidance navigating information online is a constant request we receive and something we or other attendees can help them with at these groups via casual skill sharing. We often provide extra activities at these cafes, taking the group for Christmas lunch, Easter Egg hunts and other festive activities throughout the year as these festive periods which we look forward to are often dreaded by carers as their support systems fade away for the holidays and they are further left to fend for themselves. The cafes remain one of the best ways for CSW to stay in touch with carers on a personal level and provides an easy approachable avenue for new carers coming forward who are perhaps reluctant to admit to their circumstances as we so often hear is the case. The 3 groups each cost the same to run.</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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