

Trowbridge Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Trowbridge 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	£ 34,670.00	£ 30,464.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 21,106.98	£ 13,636.08	£ 7,700.00
Current Balance	£ 13,563.02	£ 16,827.92	£ 0.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 11,963.02	£ 9,392.92	£ 0.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG2053	Community Area Grant	Wiltshire Rural Music	Wiltshire Rural Music Building Repairs	£3200.00	£1600.00

Project Summary:

The Victorian building housing our offices/hub and a flat giving us vital rental income needs some repairs and improvements. Like many charities (especially arts) our finances were hit hard by the pandemic and so these repairs have been delayed and are now getting urgent (a recent legacy means we can now afford some of these projects, plus giving match funding for this application). These repairs are needed both for safety reasons and accessibility, especially as our work with older people is rapidly increasing. Please see attached PDF of images.

REPAIRS TO BRICK WALL AT FRONT OF PROPERTY The mortar of the old brick wall at the front of the property adjacent to the public foot path is crumbling and bricks dislodging. This is a potential hazard. We have a quote which would make good using the existing bricks for £350.

CREATING A MORE ACCESSIBLE EMERGENCY PATH, FRONT DOOR RAMP, AND HANDRAIL. There is a hoggin (small stones) covered pathway from the back of the main performance/ rehearsal/ room to the front of the building that gets used when music exam candidates leave their exam (to allow for the next candidate to enter as soon as possible) and which is also a fire escape route. We need to replace the hoggin with tarmac to make it more accessible. We must also install an accessibility compliant ramp at the front door with a handrail. We have a quote for this of £2850. In line with Area Board criteria, we obtained two quotes - we felt this was the more complete, as well as being best value. The total for both projects is £3200. Please could we have £1600 towards this cost. This building is where we hold our fortnightly Musical Lunch Club for older people who are isolated and vulnerable, where people of all ages (especially young people and children) attend ABRSM music exams, where we hold our increasingly popular Tune@Noon (live acoustic or classical music plus yummy cake and a cuppa for a fiver), where we hold a great selection of low-cost choirs and musical groups for all ages, as well as being our office where we organise projects for Wiltshire people, including our valued "Keep Music In Mind" for people living with dementia (which also benefits carers, family and care staff.)

ABG1809	Youth Grant	Sustainable Image Lab CIC	Colour and Light Youth Art Programme	£4980.00	£2460.00
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Project Summary:

The Colour and Light Youth Art Programme will be a series of workshops, an exhibition and a legacy publication by young people in Trowbridge. It will be delivered by SILT directors Anna Chyrstal Stephens and Alison Ballance and the exhibition will be held at the SILT Studio in Trowbridge Town Centre. The Trowbridge young people will be identified by Trowbridge Future and St Augustines, Trowbridge. The workshops will be focussed on sustainable image making using plant based colour and photo-sensitive surfaces. There will be six workshops in total and cover: making plant based emulsions and light sensitive papers for anthotype prints, cyanotypes, exploring camera obscuras, a plant identification and colour-finding walk, exploring gradients and colour use and a collage session incorporating sustainable materials from the SILT studio and the previous art sessions. The exhibition will be professionally curated and have an accompanying text and poster. Following the workshops and exhibition, a pair of legacy books will be produced to be housed at the Trowbridge Future Youth premises and at SILT which document the programme - electronic copies will also be available.

ABG2071	Youth Grant	The Pump Trowbridge CIC	Future Sound of Trowbridge 2025	£9950.00	£4975.00
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Project Summary:

A youth orientated project, aimed at giving many teens agency and the ability to shape their community and their peers experiences within it.

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.

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.

For further information on how to apply for an Area Board Grant and to view the criteria, please click on the links below:-

[Area Board Grants - Wiltshire Council](#)

[Area Board Funding and Grants criteria.pdf](#)

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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

