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**Tidworth Area Grant Report**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Tidworth 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	£ 16,353.00	£ 16,710.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 1,595.00	£ 0.00	£ 5,243.00
Current Balance	£ 14,758.00	£ 16,710.00	£ 2,457.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 9,758.00	£ 16,710.00	£ -843.00

**Grant Funding Application Summary**

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1988</a>	Community Area Grant	St James Bellringers	Ludgershall St James Church bells	£32865.00	£5000.00

**Project Summary:**

**Repair and improvement to the bells situated in the tower of St James Church Ludgershall. Church bells are a traditional British sound and form the background to both secular and non-secular national and local events. In recent times, these bells have been rung to celebrate the platinum jubilee of Queen Elizabeth the 2nd and then in her memory at the death. Then again to celebrate the coronation of King Charles 3rd. They are also rung for remembrance services. In previous years they have also been rung at the start of Ludgershall town council street events. Bellringing is multi cultural, multi faith, and welcomes people of all ages, genders,cultures and belief. The bells in St James Tower have had no work done to them since the early 1900's , some or the bells date back to the 1600's. They are now in need of some essential repair and renovation to both the bells and the bell frame to ensure that they continue to be able to be rung for the people and parish of Ludgershall. If not done it is likely that the bells will become unringable in the future**

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1916</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	The Castle Practice	Dollys Carers Cafe	£4200.00	£2100.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We have set up a carers café in an existing café, (all health and safety/food preparation standards and governance are in place) this enables us to look after carers. Carers are part of our vulnerable groups in our population, this project helps tackle the health inequalities they encounter. The aim of the cafe is for the carers to feel valued and to intergrate them within the community where they often feel socially isolated, as they have specific needs. Carers often have higher incidences of long term conditions and experience deprivation, unable to finance or access activities for their own well-being.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1971</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Castledown Bowls Club	End of season winter bowls green project	£2400.00	£1200.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>To prepare the bowling green for winter shutdown with a view to improving the playing surface for the 2025 season</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 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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