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**Marlborough Area Grant Report**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Marlborough 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**

	<b>Community Area Grants</b>	<b>Youth Grants</b>	<b>Older and Vulnerable People Grants</b>
<b>Opening Balance For 2024-25</b>	£ 15,835.00	£ 17,786.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 9,217.00	£ 6,500.00	£ 4,215.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 6,618.00	£ 11,286.00	£ 3,485.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 1,618.00	£ 1,286.00	£ - 434.56

**Grant Funding Application Summary**

<b>Application Reference</b>	<b>Grant Type</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Requested</b>
<a href="#">ABG2194</a>	Area Board Initiative	Marlborough Health and Wellbeing Group	Marlborough Health and Wellbeing Groups Spring Networking 2025	£500.00	£500.00
<b>Project Summary:</b> In order to raise awareness about both it and the many voluntary and community sector organisations working in the local area, Marlborough Health and Wellbeing group will host a networking and engagement event in March 2025. Lots of different organisations will be invited to St Peters Church to meet and share information with each other.					
<a href="#">ABG2222</a>	Community Area Grant	Mildenhall Village Hall	Mildenhall Village Hall	£10000.00	£5000.00
<b>Project Summary:</b> To replace original 1980s kitchen with more efficient and hygienic workspace.					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG2057</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Marlborough Festival CIC	Marlborough Festival Day Out for older and vulnerable adults	£4830.00	£2395.00

**Project Summary:**

**Marlborough Festival proposes to provide a Day Out At Marlborough Festival for older and vulnerable adults in the Marlborough area, living alone and in care homes. The project will run on Saturday 21st June 2025 as a trial and will take place mainly at Marlborough Town Hall, between 11am-4pm approximately. We can accommodate up to 100 people but estimate 75-80 in the first instance (on current figures). In the morning, people living in care homes (Order of St John Care Trust, Savernake View, Marlborough Lodge, Merlin Court, Brendoncare), and living individually in isolation in Marlborough and the surrounding area, will be transported to the Town Hall in a mixed fleet of vehicles (to include Kennet Community Transport, Ramsbury Flier, The Chain, Handibus), and will be led upstairs to the Assembly Room. They will first attend an optional fun physical activity session – 'Love to Move and Senior Games' provided by the Wiltshire and Swindon Partnership (WASP) and the British Gymnastic Foundation. This programme combines movement with mental exercises to stimulate brain function, and is credited with helping to improve cognitive function, among other benefits. There will then be a lunch, hosted by volunteers, led by Victoria Ellis who organises the noted annual Marlborough Christmas Lunch. (founded by her parents Mrs & Mrs Nigel Kerton). There will then be a film screening provided by the British Film Institute (BFI/Spotlight). At this point, we estimate that over half will be tired, so they will be transported back to their respective homes. The ones remaining (and able) will be taken to the Priory Gardens to see live music, in the form of the Jay Rayner Sextet.**

<a href="#">ABG2172</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Greatwood Charity	Community Outreach Programme to Cotswold House Eating Disorder Unit at Savernake Hospital	£2049.12	£1024.56
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**Project Summary:**

**Following on from the successful delivery of our 4 weeks 'Back to Nature' adult wellbeing programme to patients from Cotswolds House at Greatwood, we intend on extending this support in April by taking one of our former racehorses once a week, for 6 weeks to the interact with the inpatients at Cotswold House. The purpose of this Animal Assisted Intervention community outreach programme is to provide enrichment to people with eating disorders through relational comfort and thought management all in a non-judgmental, supportive space. The aim is to help participants feel safe, at ease, and secure as well as accepted without fear of judgment, allowing for open communication and a deep connection.**

<a href="#">ABG2135</a>	Youth Grant	Marlborough Town Council	Marlborough Youth Development Fund	£15000.00	£5000.00
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**Project Summary:**

**Marlborough Youth Development Fund (MYDF) will contribute to providing exciting new activities and opportunities for young people (13-18 yrs). We are seeking funding to facilitate the provision of sessional staffing, taster sessions and small projects, in response the needs of the young people around the town. In particular, the fund would be used to support coordinated and partnership youth work delivery with Marlborough Area Youth Forum (MAYF). Also, through partnership delivery with MAYF, and a re-invigorated youth council initiative by the Town Council, it is the intension to work with a range of young people to enable them to identify gaps in social provision for young people in Marlborough. From this, needs led activities will be developed.**

<a href="#">ABG2189</a>	Youth Grant	Marlborough Area Youth Forum	MAYF Youth Club	£15310.00	£5000.00
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**Project Summary:**

The Youth Club is now open 2 nights a week for c40 weeks of the year and, during school holidays, offers half day multiple activity and sports afternoons. Each weekday session costs £48 in rent (for 3 hours, which we expect to increase effective 1/4/25) and we employ a part time Youth Worker at £16.50 ph for 10-15 hours per week.

Our recent success has seen attendance grow from c20 per session to over 45 and often more. We are looking for support to fund these ongoing revenue costs to enable the youth club to keep running. We understand WC has agreed that area board funding for young people can be used for ongoing costs and not just specific projects.

## 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.

Additional information:

[Area Board Grants - Wiltshire Council](#)

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