

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	£ 22,706.98	£ 21,293.32	£ 7,700.00
Current Balance	£ 11,963.02	£ 9,170.68	£ 0.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 4,481.95	£ -1,089.32	£ 0.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

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Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG2192	Community Area Grant	Trowbridge Girlguiding Hall	Trowbridge Girl Guiding Hall Move to all Electric	£919.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Currently the hall is supplied with Gas & Electric, economically the hall would be better supplied by one supplier in this case electric. this would require an electric water heater in place of the existing Gas Heater, also require an Electric re cooker, replacing the existing Gas cooker.</p>					
ABG2201	Community Area Grant	Southwick Community Hub	Southwick Community Hub Refurbishment	£70000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: The Village hall bar and social club bar have not had any investment in recent years and we are looking to bring the facilities up to date and more welcoming for all users. Part of the Village Hall building also has changing room facilities for the sports and playing field, these also need improvement as we look to encourage having a community based football and cricket team.</p>					
ABG2208	Community Area Grant	Friends of The Down Cemetery	Non conformist Chapel window restoration	£4985.00	£1500.00
<p>Project Summary: The Grade II listed building which is the non conformist chapel at the Down Cemetery, has been neglected for many years, so that we can restore this building, so that it can be used as a public space, we decided to start with the windows. Several of the leaded light windows have been replaced by Perspex, and some of the pains are broken. We hope that with grants, public funding and maybe sponsor ship from local companies, we can bring this building back to life,</p>					
ABG2209	Community Area Grant	Friends of Southwick Country Park	Additional equipment to extend our maintenance programme	£481.07	£481.07
<p>Project Summary: We now have six members of the Friends who are qualified to use power Hedge Trimmers within the reserve on Council land. This addition will allow us three teams, particularly during the summer, to maintain clear paths for the public, by cutting back encroaching Brambles and Blackthorn. There are approximately 4 miles of such paths within the reserve.</p>					
ABG2178	Youth Grant	Trowbridge Child Wellbeing Partnership	Trowbridge for Youth	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: The project is to run an event for young people in Trowbridge in September 2025 to insource them to a range of new activities. It is inspired by the Teamtakeover project that took place in Chippenham in May 2024. This application is to fund the the detailed planning of the project. The Trowbridge Child Wellbeing Partnership has no financial reserves and no paid employees. Although we are working with a range of other partners none of them have the spare capacity to undertake this work although they are all supportive and will contribute to the project. £500 will be used to engage someone to carry out the detailed planning. and feasibility. Once this is done a further application with matched funding will be submitted later in the year to implement the plan.</p>					

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ABG2196	Youth Grant	Wiltshire Mind	2025 Children and Young Peoples Counselling	£22596.00	£4000.00
<p>Project Summary: Our proposed project for 2025 offering free counselling for children and young people will provide a safe space where specialist counsellors use a range of creative therapeutic methods to help young people connect to, and express, their emotions. Helping young people develop coping strategies can mean they are able to thrive rather than just survive. The service offers a confidential space enabling young people aged 11-18 (and up to 25 for SEND) to talk to one of our trained counsellors, about how they are feeling. It may be that they are experiencing problems at home or at school, or that they are finding some things in life difficult and need support to work through their thoughts and emotions. Our counsellors will help them to make sense of what they are feeling, and develop ways of coping with difficulties so that they can enjoy life more fully. Depending on the age and need of the young person, our counsellors offer creative ways to help them express their feelings, such as through art or play. Our sessions will be held in person at our Trowbridge office. The session takes place once a week at the same time, and continue for 8 to 24 weeks depending on what the young person needs. This is unique for our area, and no other organisation provides this depth of counselling. The impact and benefit to their wellbeing is longer lasting. The service is accessible to all for anyone residing in the county.</p>					
ABG2199	Youth Grant	Wiltshire Treehouse	NEST Young Peoples Bereavement Support Trowbridge	£13367.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: NEST is a young people bereavement support group that Wiltshire Treehouse have piloted within Trowbridge. Following increase in referrals and feedback that getting from the Wiltshire area into Swindon was a challenge. Wiltshire Treehouse have created a NEST programme for young people 11 - 18 years of age that runs over 6 weeks. The Bereavement support group will run twice a year, supporting 12-15 young people per group.</p>					
ABG2200	Youth Grant	SMASH Youth Project	Street based youth engagement and detached youth work	£2520.00	£1260.00
<p>Project Summary: Applying on behalf of the Trowbridge Child and Wellbeing Partnership to deliver street-based youth engagement and detached youth work to introduce and connect older young people to existing leisure-time activities in the community area. For example, door-step sports, local sports clubs and facilities, arts, culture, informal education, leisure activities, existing youth work provision, etc. This application is to deliver 18 hours work across a 9-12 week period from March to May 2025 in locations including but not limited to Longfield, Studley Green, Trowbridge Central, Wiltshire College and nearby, and other locations as directed by the trowbridge child and wellbeing partnership. Youth workers will be identifiable by hooded jumpers with the trowbridge child and wellbeing partnership logo on the front, along with 'Youth Worker' in bold font on the back.</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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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.