

Grants Report (For information only)

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Purpose of the Report

To update members on the allocation of the community grants budget for the financial year 2015/2016.

Public Interest

Community grants are available in each area to voluntary and charitable organisations, not-for-profit groups, Parish or Town councils and other organisations that benefit the wider community. Applications are encouraged that meet a clearly identified local need.

Recommendation

That members note the report and for any queries contact the Area Development Lead - South direct as this report is for information only.

Background

The Community Grants Budget funds:

Community, voluntary and charitable organisations.

Not-for-profit groups with a signed set of group rules.

Parish or Town Councils.

Other organisations (e.g. churches and schools) can apply if wider community benefits can be shown.

Up to 50% of the application costs

The maximum grant available is £12,500.

Applications are encouraged that meet a clearly identified need at a local or district level in the following areas:

Arts, Play and play areas, Community transport, Sports and recreation and physical activity, Community enterprises, Youth initiatives and facilities, Crime and disorder reduction, Group development and 'start-up', Community activities and initiatives, Social and community advice and support, Community buildings, facilities and equipment and Wildlife and countryside initiatives

This scheme does not fund:

Projects where the work has already started.

Individuals.

School or education fees.

Trading or profit making organisations.

Applications more suitable for other award schemes.

Organisations which have more than 1 years running costs in uncommitted reserves.

Grants

Organisation	Project	Project Cost	Grant Awarded	Remaining Budget
Yeovil Table Tennis Club	Rollaway tables due to forced relocation of club	860	430	10800
Odcombe Parish Council	Play equipment	8107	4053	6747
Yeovil Division Guides	Accessible toilets	21450	2000	4747
Sutton Bingham & District Canoe Club	Two Katakana boats	6605.6	1200	3547
Inspired to Achieve	Incredible Tuesday Group	9000	3500	47

The allocation of £11,230 in grants has enabled projects to take place with a value of £46,023.

Conditions

All grants are subject to the following conditions:

Notify SSDC if there is a material change to the information provided in the application.
Start the project within 6 months of this grant offer and notify SSDC of any changes to the project or start date as soon as possible.
Confirm that all other funding sources have been secured if this was not already in place at the time of the application and before starting the project.
Acknowledge SSDC assistance towards the project in any relevant publicity about the project (eg. leaflets, posters, websites, and promotional materials) and on any permanent acknowledgement (eg. plaques, signs etc).
Work in conjunction with SSDC officers, to monitor and share the success of the project and the benefits to the community, resulting from SSDC's contribution to the project.
Provide a project update and/or supply before and after photos if requested.
Supply receipted invoices or receipts which provide evidence of the full cost of the project so that the grant can be released.

Additional conditions applying to buildings, facilities and equipment

Establish and maintain a "sinking fund" to support future replacement of the building / facility / equipment as grant funding is only awarded on a one-off basis.
Use the SSDC Building Control service where buildings regulations are required.
Use a contractor selected from the SSDC approved list for play area facilities.
Incorporate disabled access and provide an access statement where relevant.

Additional conditions applying to Play & Facilities

Ensure that the play area is inspected and maintained in accordance with EN1176 or a successive standard.
Provide good quality signage to buildings and facilities.

Financial Implications

None, the full £11,230 budget has been allocated.

Corporate Plan

Grants contribute to the Council Plan Priority: Health and Communities.

Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)

None

Equality and Diversity Implications

None

Background Papers: None