

St Michaels Scout and Guide Hall (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

To consider funding towards new heating in the Scout and Guide Hut.

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 consider this application for £1,445 from the Area South Capital budget.

Background

The Aim of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

The method of achieving this aim is through the provision of exciting and adventurous activities with progressive training based on The Scout Promise and Law guided by adult leadership.

The St Michaels Scout and Guide Group advertise themselves well with regular articles in the local newsletters as well as contact information on the Yeovil District Scout Website. The scout & guide group also run numerous events and programmes in the community fundraising and promoting themselves to the wider community.

Project

The boiler and heating system at the hall desperately needs replacing. Heating engineers have confirmed that the system will not last through to next winter, which would mean that the hall would be unusable and the 70plus Scouts and Guides would no longer benefit from the activities that take place there. If this grant is approved, it will allow the group to replace the system during the spring and be prepared for the colder weather.

This application is recommended for approval as activities for young people and improving community facilities are priority areas within the Area Development Plan.

Ward Members Comments

Cllr David Recardo supports the application and commented that it is a good use of our grant funds that will benefit many.

Assessment Scoring

Below is the summary table from the grant assessment form. It is recommended that funding is only awarded to projects scoring 22 points or more.

Category	Score	Maximum score
A Eligibility	Y	
B Equalities Impact	2	7
C Project	2	5
D Capacity of Organisation	14	15
E Financial need	4	7
F Innovation	1	3
<i>Grand Total</i>	23	37

Funding Breakdown

Funding Sources	% Funding of the Total Project Cost	Amount of Funding (£)	Status
Town Council		1000	Pending
Own Funds		245.14	Secured
Battens		200	Pending
SSDC Area South Grants		1445	This application
Total Project Cost	100%	2890.41	

Financial Implications

The uncommitted Area South Capital budget stands at £140,160. If members agree this award of £1445 it will leave a balance of £138,715.

Corporate Priority Implications

The project contributes to the following Corporate Focus Area:

Focus Four: Health and Communities

Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)

The new boiler will improve the energy efficiency of the building.

Equality and Diversity Implications

None.

Background Papers: None