

Grants Report

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Purpose of the Report

To update members on the allocation of the community grants budget for the financial years 2009 to 2014.

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.

Background

The Community Grants Budget funds:

Community, voluntary and charitable organisations, Not-for-profit groups with a signed set of group rules, Parish and 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.

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 Awarded

| Name of Group | Project Description | Project Cost £ | Awarded £ |
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| Community Grants 2013/2014 | | | |
| Shopmobility | Extend office space | 5,232.52 | 2,616.26 |
| Hardington & West Coker Cricket Club | Wicket surface for junior cricket | 3,265.00 | 750.00 |
| Oddments Theatre | Replacement Trailer | 4,900.00 | 1,300.00 |
| Yeovil Tennis Club | New tennis court | 54,408.00 | 5,980.00 |
| Abbey Community Association | Hearing loop | 3,500.00 | 584.00 |
| Community Grants 2012/2013 | | | |
| Westland Youth Cricket | New pitch cover | 4,400.00 | 1,500.00 |
| West Coker Commemoration Hall | New boiler and insulation | 8,116.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Westfield Community Association | Newsletters/Website | 1,395.60 | 510.00 |
| Addressing Health Inequalities | Health Inequalities Project | 40,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Community Grants 2011/2012 | | | |
| Vitalise | Respite Breaks | 1,703.00 | 425.75 |
| The Hub Yeovil | Building Improvements | 12,799.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Golden Oldies Charitable Trust | Singing and dancing activities | 2,000.00 | 750.00 |
| South Somerset Mind | Low cost counselling | 14,000.00 | 4,574.00 |
| Yeovil Town Council | Community Jubilee Event | 31,500.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Friends of Hardington Community Space | Development of Hardington play park | 10,585.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Community Grants 2010/2011 | | | |
| Hardington Mandeville Playday | Community Play Day | 600.00 | 300.00 |
| South Somerset Mind | New Kitchen | 6,200.00 | 1,260.00 |
| SSDC | Streetfest | 15,000.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Breathability | Running costs & equipment | 3,570.00 | 1,785.00 |
| Vitalise | Respite Care | 1,703.00 | 425.75 |
| South Somerset Disability Forum | New Website | 5,850.00 | 2,925.00 |
| Oddments Theatre Company | Equipment | 2,741.86 | 750.00 |

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| Milford Community Association | Purchase of laptops & equipment | 4,406.93 | 2,186.00 |
| The Hub Yeovil | Building Improvements | 12,799.00 | 5,000.00 |
| West Coker Scout Group | New mess tent | 1,658.00 | 749.00 |
| Community Grants 2009/2010 | | | |
| Oddments Theatre Company | Equipment and workshop training | 3,082.05 | 1,282.00 |
| Salvation Army | Youth Instruments | 9,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| West Coker Village Weekend | Childrens Fun Day | 1,485.00 | 743.00 |
| St. Andrews Scout Group | New heating system | 6,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Birchfield Church | Bursary | 199.00 | 149.00 |
| SS Disability Forum | Access reviews | 1,200.00 | 600.00 |
| Sutton Bingham Canoe Club | Equipment and coaching | 7,000.00 | 3,900.00 |
| Yeovil Amateur Boxing Club | Refurbishment & equipment | 5,700.00 | 2,850.00 |
| Birchfield Community Association | Play Equipment for Play area | 7,000.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Milford Community Association | Newsletter & Community garden | 10,500.00 | 5,250.00 |
| Street Pastors | Training & costs | 1,000.00 | 500.00 |
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| | Total | 304,498.96 | 84,644.76 |

The £84,644 awarded through the Area South grant system has enabled the investment of over £304,000 in our local communities.

Financial Implications

None.

Corporate Priority Implications

Grants contribute to the Council Plan Focus Four: Health and Communities.

Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)

None

Equality and Diversity Implications

None

Background Papers: None