

Community Grant Requests (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

Members are asked to consider the awarding of community grants to:

1. The Good Fellowship Club (GFC) towards assistance in providing community transport.
2. Hardington Mandeville Village Hall towards a replacement flat roof.
3. YMCA towards Youth Empowerment Zones project.

Public Interest

Awarding grants is a key way that SSDC supports and helps to deliver community projects sponsored by Parishes and voluntary community organisations in the towns and villages across Area South.

Recommendations

That members agree:

- 1) In regard to the Good Fellowship Club:
 - a contribution of £2,100 from the Area South community grants budget towards the provision of community transport, subject to the standard conditions set out in Appendix A.
 - in addition to standard conditions set out in Appendix A, a condition is added restricting the GFC from applying for a community grant for at least three years from the date of this committee meeting.
- 2) In regard to Hardington Mandeville Village Hall:
 - a contribution of £7,000 from the Area South Capital Grants programme towards the provision of a new flat roof.
 - in addition to standard conditions set out in Appendix A, a condition is added restricting the Hardington Mandeville Village Hall from applying for a community grant for at least three years from the date of this committee meeting.
- 3) In regard to Youth Empowerment Zones:
 - a contribution of £12,000 from the Area South Community Grants budget towards the provision of Youth Clubs and Youth Work in Area South.
 - in addition to standard conditions set out in Appendix A, a condition is added restricting the YMCA from applying for a community grant for at least three years from the date of this committee meeting.

Application Funding Summary

Application 1

Name of applicant:	Good Fellowship Club
Project:	Provision of Community Transport
Total project cost:	£6,750
Amount requested from SSDC:	£2,100 (31%)
Application assessed by:	Rob Parr

Application 2

Name of applicant:	Hardington Mandeville Village Hall
Project:	Provision of a new Flat Roof
Total project cost:	£15,000
Amount requested from SSDC:	£7,000 (47%)
Application assessed by:	Rob Parr

Application 3

Name of applicant:	YMCA
Project:	Youth Empowerment Zones
Total project cost:	£51,710
Amount requested from SSDC:	£12,000 (23.2%)
Application assessed by:	Rob Parr

1.0 GOOD FELLOWSHIP CLUB REPORT

1.1 Background

The Good Fellowship Club has been active for 52 years and has 35 members ranging from 70-97 years of age. The club meets every Thursday (excluding August) at the Moose Hall on St Michaels Ave. The club helps physically challenged members of the community to enjoy a more active and enjoyable life.

In order to attend the club activities a large number of members require transport, which is provided by a combination of volunteer drivers and mini bus provided by Community Transport South West Ltd (CTSW). Our community grant guidance encourages applications for Community Transport projects and therefore this project is consistent with our published guidance.

1.2 Parish Precept information

Parish	Yeovil (2011 Census)
Parish population	45,784
No. of households	20,433
Precept 2019/20	£1,033,517

1.3 The Project

The Good Fellowship Club has requested £2,100 towards the £6,750 cost of providing community transport. This will enable their members to continue attending the clubs affordable social and recreational activities for physically challenged senior citizens in order to improve their quality of life.

Due to increased operational costs the CTSW has to increase the charges it makes to the GFC by 21% and therefore without additional grant aid the GFC has stated they would need to close the club during 2020/21.

The financial plan set out by the GFC is for the next three years and if successful the SSDC community grant would contribute towards this.

1.4 Local support / evidence of need

The GFC has been in operation for over half a century and according to their application they continue to have a good participation in the club with 35 active members. The project is supported by Yeovil Town Council and Brympton Parish Council.

1.5 Project Costs

Funding Sources	% funding	Amount of funding	Status
Yeovil Town Council	31	£2,100	Secured
Community Foundation	5	£349	Pending
Brympton Parish Council	3	£200	Secured
Yeovil Without Parish Council	3	£200	Pending
Good Fellowship Club contribution	27	£1,801	Confirmed
SSDC	31	£2,100	Pending
Total		£6,750	

Agreeing support at this point will give other funders some confidence about the deliverability of this project.

1.6 Financial Implications

Funding will come from the existing Area South Community Grant and Revenue budget.

Grants are awarded subject to all other funding being secured before the commencement of the project and are on a 31% basis of the full project costs. Payment of the grant cannot exceed the grant award and is proportionally reduced if full project costs are under budget.

1.7 Council Plan Implications

Healthy, Self-Reliant Communities:

- Enable quality cultural, leisure and sport activities.
- Work with partners to support people in improving their own physical and mental health and wellbeing.
- Work with partners to reduce the impact of social isolation and create a feeling of community

1.8 Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications

Providing local access to a range of activities and services reducing the need to travel long distances, therefore reduces carbon emissions.

1.9 Equality and Diversity Implications

This project helps enhance accessibility for older people who are physically challenged and may otherwise become socially isolated or physically less active.

2.0 HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE VILLAGE HALL REPORT

2.1 Background

The Hardington Village Hall is a registered charity no. 304551 established in 1968 and have trustees that administer the charity and a committee that carry out the day to day running of the Village Hall. The custodian trustee is Hardington Mandeville Parish Council.

The stated objectives and activities of the village hall are as follows:

“The Village Hall is for the use of the inhabitants of Hardington Mandeville and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex or political, religious or other opinions, and in particular for the use for meetings, lectures, classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants”.

2.2 Parish Precept information

Parish	(2011 Census)
Parish population	585
No. of households	242
Precept 2019/20	£15,000

2.3 The Project

The village hall committee have been carrying out ongoing repairs and upgrades to their building in recent years including the installation of a hearing loop, pa system amongst other improvements. The replacement flat roof project was identified as part of a building condition survey and the new roof will be a significant improvement to the building.

2.4 Local support / evidence of need

The Parish Council as custodian trustee is supportive of this project and has awarded 50% of the cost. A building survey carried out in 2017 identified the need to replace the flat roof as part of the ongoing maintenance of the village hall.

2.5 Project Costs

Funding Sources	% funding	Amount of funding	Status
Hardinton Parish Council	50	£7,500	Secured
Village Hall Committee	3	£500	Secured
SADC	47	£7,000	Pending
Total	100	£15,000	

2.6 Financial Implications

Funding will come from the Area South Capital Programme. There is currently £247,040 unallocated funding available, if this is grant is awarded it will leave £240,040 available.

Grants are awarded subject to all other funding being secured before the commencement of the project and are on a 47% basis of the full project costs. Payment of the grant cannot exceed the grant award and is proportionally reduced if full project costs are under budget.

2.7 Council Plan Implications

Environment

To keep South Somerset clean, green and attractive we will work in partnership to:

- Promote a high quality built environment in line with Local Plan policies.

2.8 Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications

Providing local access to a village hall reduces the need to travel long distances, therefore reduces carbon emissions.

2.9 Equality and Diversity Implications

This project helps to retain the ongoing availability of the village hall for all members of the community.

3.0 YOUTH EMPOWERMENT ZONES REPORT

3.1 Background

The YMCA has been delivering youth work services in Area South for a number of years and last year delivered 42 Youth Club sessions at 3 locations, working with over 1,000 young people aged 10-19yrs.

The YMCA has been working with Yeovil Town Council to set up a Youth Council, took part in 'Super Saturday', provide C-cards and work with young people healthy relationships, body image and STI awareness.

The above is just a selection of the work carried out by the YMCA over the last year and according to their application form they have been involved in many other youth work related activities in Area South.

3.2 Parish Precept information

Parish	(2011 Census)
Parish population – Yeovil	45,784
Parish population – Yeovil Without	6,834
No. of households – Yeovil	20,433
No. of households – Yeovil Without	3,094
Precept 2019/20 - Yeovil	£1,033,517
Precept 2019/20 – Yeovil Without	£85,171

3.3 The Project

The Youth Empowerment Zones project will see the YMCA deliver three youth clubs per week (term time only) in Milford, Westfield and Wyndham areas of Area South. In addition to this the YMCA will continue to support the Youth Council and wider community project work where appropriate.

3.4 Local support / evidence of need

This project has significant support and funding from Yeovil Town Council as demonstrated by their £23,084 grant offer. The YMCA application provides a range of comprehensive evidence to support

the need for this project, in the form of data relating to low incomes, mental health, NEET, crime and first hand evidence relating to the work they do and the positive impacts it has had on a young person in Yeovil. Overall the application has provided sufficient evidence to show local support and evidence of need.

3.5 Project Costs

Funding Sources	% funding	Amount of funding	Status
Yeovil Town Council	44.64	£23,084	Secured
The Medlock Trust	5.80	£3,000	Pending
Garfield Weston Foundation	11.60	£6,000	Pending
Yeovil Without Parish Council	12.42	£6,420	Pending
YMCA contribution	2.33	£1,206	Pending
SSDC	23.20	£12,000	Pending
Total		£51,710	

Agreeing support at this point will give other funders some confidence about the deliverability of this project.

3.6 Financial Implications

Funding will come from the existing Area South Community Grant and Revenue budget.

Grants are awarded subject to all other funding being secured before the commencement of the project and are on a 23.20% basis of the full project costs. Payment of the grant cannot exceed the grant award and is proportionally reduced if full project costs are under budget.

3.7 Council Plan Implications

Healthy, Self-Reliant Communities:

- Enable quality cultural, leisure and sport activities.
- Work with partners to support people in improving their own physical and mental health and wellbeing.
- Work with partners to reduce the impact of social isolation and create a feeling of community

3.8 Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications

Providing local access to a range of activities and services reducing the need to travel long distances, therefore reduces carbon emissions.

3.9 Equality and Diversity Implications

Young people are a protected characteristic and consequently this application demonstrates support for this group.

The YMCA work with LGBT young people and young people with mental health issues, which demonstrates that from an equalities perspective they are working across a number of protected characteristics.

Appendix A

Standard conditions applying to all SSDC Community Grants

The applicant agrees to: -

- Notify SSDC if there is a material change to the information provided in the application.
- Start the project within six months of the 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 before starting the project, if these were not already in place at the time of the application.
- Acknowledge SSDC assistance towards the project in any relevant publicity about the project (e.g. leaflets, posters, websites, and promotional materials) and on any permanent acknowledgement (e.g. 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.

Standard 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 when buildings regulations are required.
- Incorporate disabled access and provide an access statement where relevant.