

Sittingbourne Area Committee Funding Scheme

Summary of applications received for the March 2021 meeting

Area Committee's allocation for 2020-21 - £44,000.00

Allocations previously agreed by Area Committee - None

Available to allocate at the March 2021 meeting - £44,000.00

(Applications arranged in the order they were received)

Reference:	SITT001
Organisation:	Swale Media Arts Centre
Applicant Name:	Steve Marians – Co-Director
Status of organisation:	Currently in the process of applying to become a Community Interest Company limited by guarantee
Details of project/activity:	Our aim to establish the Swale Media Arts Centre (SMAC) as a focal point for media and arts engagement in Swale, with our base being located at No.34 High Street, Sittingbourne. It is our plan to work with local businesses and community groups, supporting existing good work in Swale, as well as providing opportunities for local artists and media professionals to develop their skills with support from SMAC and collaboration with other partners. We also want to engage with aspiring media and arts students, and provide opportunities for them to work with our facilities, professionals and partners. <i>(See supporting paper for additional information).</i>
Supporting papers attached?	Yes
Total project expenditure:	Painting & Scaffolding - £3,390.00 Window & Signage - £1,074.59 Internal Decoration (estimate) - £2,884.00 Health & Safety £319.98 VAT - £1,192.92 Total project expenditure £8,861.49
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	Project Management - £3,000.00 Touchbase Media - £2,500.00 ActionPlus media - £2,000.00 Charitable Donations - £500.00 Cash Donation - £1,861.49 Total project income - £9,861.49
Funding request:	£7,000.00

Reference:	SITT002
Organisation:	Brogdale CIC
Applicant Name:	Rebecca O'Neill – Managing Director
Status of organisation:	Social Enterprise
Details of project/activity:	<p>The Mill Skatepark is being used (COVID permitting) by families and young people. It is our long-term intention to develop the adjacent part of the land to have a community centre to support all ages and encourage positive use of the site.</p> <p>In the interim period whilst planning is being sought, we are keen to enhance the current offer and to provide clear signage as to use for the site.</p> <p>We would thus like to apply for grant funding to provide a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metal signage stands to convey information about Health and Safety, the history of the project and to display up and coming events • Picnic benches x 2. 1 to be closer to the creek side and an additional one to prevent families from sitting on the ramps • 1 further refuse bin to be closer to the creek.
Supporting papers attached?	No
Total project expenditure:	Signage – 1 metal display holder - £440.30 2 anti-vandal picnic style benches - £1,559.98 1 additional refuse bin to have Creekside - £329.98 Total - £2,330.26
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	2 staff members to install equipment over 2 days - £320.00 Cement mixer, cement and tools to fix in place - £40.00 Total - £360.00
Funding request:	Happy for Committee to decide figure

Reference:	SITT003
Organisation:	Milton Creek Country Park Trust
Applicant Name:	Lynda Marshall – Trustee - Fundraising
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>The MCCP Trust would like to apply for a grant from the Sittingbourne Area Committee to provide additional furniture in the Park as it is becoming an increasingly popular destination for the local community particularly during the Covid pandemic, allowing people to benefit from being closer to nature without having to travel too far. A number of areas have been identified as not having a litter bin and picnic tables in particular have been requested by Park users.</p> <p>We would also like to provide training for the growing band of volunteers, who provide an essential workforce required to carry out the recently completed management plan, in order to maintain the environment for the benefit of both the public and wildlife.</p> <p>Each year since 2013 we have added a piece of artwork to the Art Trail but the initial piece, the Shril Carder Bee Mural in the children's play area is now looking rather sad and has suffered from some fire damage so we would like to get this repainted this spring.</p> <p>The furniture will be installed by the volunteers, who will also do the preparatory work prior to the repainting of the Bee Mural by a local artist.</p> <p>Please see attached document for additional details.</p>
Supporting papers attached?	Yes
Total project expenditure:	3 x Picnic tables with disabled provision - £2,178.00 3 x benches - £1,317.00 3 x bins - £1,020.00 Delivery - £138.00 3 x training courses for 4 volunteers (brushcutter, cross cut and felling) - £3,110.00 Repainting Bee Mural - £550.00 Total – 8313.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	Furniture will be installed by the volunteers We are not VAT registered, goods and services are ordered by Swale BC and reimbursed by the Trust.
Funding request:	£8,313.00

Reference:	SITT004
Organisation:	Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway
Applicant Name:	Elizabeth Fuller – Chairman of the Trustees
Status of organisation:	Company Ltd by Guarantee Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>he SKLR is an important heritage asset to Sittingbourne and Milton Regis being one of the last remnants of the transport network that linked the Sittingbourne Papermill with the wharf on Milton Creek and also Kemsley Mill and the docks at Ridham. It has been run totally by volunteers for over 50years with no paid employees.</p> <p>Last October the SKLR were awarded a grant in the Cultural Recovery for Heritage Scheme. This has allowed us to install Water and Electricity to our Sittingbourne Viaduct Station and early next month toilet facilities and a storage container will be added to the station. A new step free access has been created which will allow wheelchairs and push chairs to avoid the present flight of steps to the station. CCTV is also being fitted which will connected to the Swale Borough Council System.</p> <p>The funding however does not cover the additional signage that will be required to assist vistors to our heritage steam railway to find their way from the SKLR carpark to our station. We are applying a grant to pay for the new signage and the materials for its installation.</p>
Supporting papers attached?	No
Total project expenditure:	SEC Signworks – signs - £605.82 Parker Steel – Steel tube and Aluminium channel - £221.90 Screw Fix – bolts, nuts and washers - £43.02 VAT - £174.15 Total - £1,044.89
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	SKLR is registered for VAT Installation of all signs will be undertaken by SKLR volunteers.
Funding request:	£870.74

Reference:	SITT005
Organisation:	Kemsley Community Centre Trust
Applicant Name:	David Gawler - Trustee
Status of organisation:	Incorporated Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>Replacement of two sets of fire exit doors and one entrance door due to very poor condition compromising health and safety, security, and insulation of the Centre.</p> <p>It will contribute towards the objectives of Swale Borough Council's Corporate Plan 2020-2023: Priority 3: 3.5 "Tackling deprivation and creating equal opportunities for everyone: Promote wellbeing and enjoyment of life by signposting and encouraging a wide range of sporting, cultural, leisure and development activities appropriate and accessible to each age group.</p>
Supporting papers attached?	Yes
Total project expenditure:	<p>Front entrance doors incorporating fire exit provision - £4,495.30 Fire exit doors including frame - £4,301.00 VAT - £1,759.26 Total – £10,555.56 (subject to survey and updated quotes)</p>
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	<p>Not registered for VAT.</p> <p>The project is not receiving and other sources of income for these replacements.</p>
Funding request:	£10,555.56

Reference:	SITT006
Organisation:	Flowers in Bloom
Applicant Name:	Cllr James Hall Proposer – Member bid Lead Officer Mr Jay Jenkins
Status of organisation:	Community Project
Details of project/activity:	<p>This is a community project. Cllr Hall has been working with Swale Borough Council and “Flowers in Bloom” to fit flower beds in various open spaces in Murston Ward (Council owed land) which will improve the area for both the community and biodiversity.</p> <p>Cllr Hall is also working with Kent County Council to get a few timber bollards in the open space areas.</p>
Supporting papers attached?	No
Total project expenditure:	Estimate £4,000.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	Cllr Hall will allocate what remains of his Members Grant to assist.
Funding request:	£4,000.00 estimate

Reference:	SITT007
Organisation:	Dolphin Sailing Barge Museum Trust
Applicant Name:	Clive Reader – Chairman of Trustees
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>The Dolphin Sailing Barge Museum Trust is working with Swale Council Regeneration, Heritage Lottery Fund, Raybel Charters C.I.C. Ltd, volunteers, local history groups, schools and other community projects to develop a new venue in central Swale celebrating the past glories of Milton Creek, paper and brick manufacturing and social history of barges and bargefolk.</p> <p>The museum is in development and pending an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for permanent Sailing Barge Exhibition whilst retaining a flexible venue of interest to all Swale Residents.</p> <p>The building was handed over from the builders in July 2019 and an extensive activity plan has been thwarted by Covid 19. There are still some outstanding pieces of infrastructure needed to ensure a good customer experience. Most urgently the Wharfside and workshop are currently served with electrical power via surface extension leads which is dangerous. This bid is to provide a proper installation of electrical power to the wharf and workshop area via underground cabling and secured metal boxes.</p>
Supporting papers attached?	No
Total project expenditure:	£4,537.20
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	<p>Dolphin SB Museum – Ongoing commitment to new museum build - £320k</p> <p>The Lloyd Wharf has been vested to the museum by Swale Council on a 125-year lease.</p> <p>The building was constructed with insurance payments from the old museum's loss by fire. The museum has partnered with Raybel Charters Ltd who have brought a £670k Heritage Lottery Fund project to the Borough. The museum enjoys mooring fees from 2 historic vessels at Lloyd Wharf and the old museum site, and a modern vessel undergoing construction.</p>
Funding request:	£4,537.20

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