

Differences between Capital vs. Revenue funding.

All area boards within Wiltshire have three separate and distinct grant schemes. One of these schemes provides capital funding, whilst the other two provide revenue. The two revenue grants each target a specific group of people, so it is important to recognise the differences in what capital and revenue funding can be spent on and who can benefit from the application. This will determine which of the three grant schemes are available to applicants:

The capital grant is available to all applicants;

Revenue grants are available for projects that support young people aged 13-19 (or up to 25 with SEND) and for older or vulnerable adults

CAPITAL

Capital funding can be used to purchase assets, either new or the significant refurbishment of existing assets. These are expected to have “wider community benefit” and to have an expected lifespan of at least 5 years. Specific examples of uses for capital funding are shown below, grouped into themes:

New buildings and repairs/refurbishment to existing buildings:

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| Building of new village halls, community halls, sports pavilions, Scout / Guide huts, etc. including purchase of land. | Capital |
| Significant repairs to the structure / fabric of any permanent building, including items such as drains, roofing, windows, floors, rewiring, insulation, solar panels, heat-pumps and associated professional/planning/installation costs. Especially where this improves the energy efficiency of the building. | Capital |
| Full or substantial replacement of the roof covering, (not simple repairs including touch-up painting and guttering repairs.) | Capital |
| Re-tarmacing a community building car park or creating new / additional car parking, that will benefit the building users. | Capital |
| New/replacement fencing around community building / land (not simple repairs) | Capital |
| Refurbishment of toilets and changing rooms, especially to improve accessibility for all. | Capital |
| Replacing / installing new kitchen facilities to a venue, especially where this is to provide a community service such as lunch clubs, day centres, etc. | Capital |
| Fire alarms, sprinklers, emergency lights, fire extinguishers, fire blankets, stair lifts, hoists, etc. - but not safety inspections | Capital |

Land, outside space, playgrounds, sports grounds, sports equipment.

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| New gardens, allotments, orchards, community farms, etc. | Capital |
| Wildlife and wildflower meadows | Capital |
| Community growing: water systems, storage sheds, rotavators, tractors, water butts, composters, mowers and other gardening equipment (not consumables such as plants, seeds, sharpening, | Capital |

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| repairs, etc.) Should have an expected lifespan of at least 5 years | |
| New/replacement play equipment - swings, roundabouts, skate ramps, climbing walls, slides, climbing frames, outdoor gym, MUGA, etc. (but not simple repairs to existing equipment) | Capital |
| New or replacement safety surfacing e.g. under play equipment | Capital |
| Substantial items of outdoor leisure equipment such as scoreboards, floodlights, goal posts, gym equipment, artificial wickets, line markers, tennis nets – should have an expected lifespan of at least 5 years. Not consumables such as balls, playing kit, whistles, etc. | Capital |
| Purchase of a lawn mower, grounds maintenance equipment, roller, etc. (must demonstrate wider community benefit) | Capital |
| Acquisition of land, buildings, monuments and heritage assets for public use / enjoyment. | Capital |
| Trees, woodlands, trails, paths, fences, gates, improving access, riverbank enhancements, cycle lanes, picnic tables, built BBQs and BBQ areas for public use / enjoyment. | Capital |
| Permanent finger posts, styles, gates, information boards, Blue plaques, way markers, benches, litter bins, dog bins, recycle bins, etc. (but not emptying on such bins) | Capital |

Indoor space, village / community halls, offices, equipment.

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| PA and audio/visual systems – new projectors, screens, TV screens, sound systems and their installation. | Capital |
| New hearing loop systems | Capital |
| New seating and/or tables for halls | Capital |
| Desks, chairs and physical items of office equipment (laptops, printers, other IT, one-off purchase of software, etc.) that supports or enhances the running of your organisation - but not stationery or consumables such as printer ink, paper, envelopes, etc. | Capital |
| Broadband routers, cabling and installation - but not ongoing costs | Capital |
| Creation of new websites (to further promote your organisation or benefit wider community) | Capital |
| Substantial items of indoor leisure equipment such as bowls mats, gym equipment, tennis/badminton nets, snooker tables, TV screens – should have an expected lifespan of at least 5 years. | Capital |
| Purchase of pianos, musical instruments, lighting rigs, fire curtains, etc. to enhance public performances | Capital |

Other significant purchases:

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| New or replacement vehicle (e.g. for transport to day centre or other wider community benefit) | Capital |
| CCTV/safety cameras, where having a system helps to protect an asset or provide greater community safety. | Capital |

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| Museum acquisitions and permanent artworks such as paintings, murals, sculpture, tapestry and the production of such items for public display / enjoyment. | Capital |
| Purchase of marquees, caravans, market stalls, staging, outdoor PA systems, projection/cinema equipment, generators, lighting rigs, portaloos, tents and camping equipment, etc. (not hire of these items). Should have an expected lifespan of at least 5 years. | Capital |
| Professional fees for creation of documents, e.g. feasibility studies, business plans, architect's drawing/plans, etc. that will be used by and benefit an organisation's development and improve the service they give. | Capital |

REVENUE

Revenue funding can be used where there is no lasting asset. Revenue funding can be used to put on events, performances and activities, pay for the running costs of an organisation or pay for trips and excursions. All of these examples can either be for education, leisure or to support health and wellbeing. There must be community benefit shown amongst the target group (young people or older / vulnerable adults). Please see the document "Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria" for further details of what area boards look for in revenue applications.

Positive activities and events:

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| Costs towards putting on events, fun days, coaching sessions, fetes, carnivals, fayres and festivals for the target group. | Revenue |
| Costs towards putting on performances, plays, concerts that either involve or benefit the target group. | Revenue |
| Running costs for a group that puts on positive activities, e.g. venue hire, office/printing costs, transport, staff costs. (we expect groups to become self-supporting and will not fund year after year). | Revenue |
| Helping to fund access to positive activities where a person's circumstances make it hard for them to afford. Such as low income, physical disability, rural isolation, etc. | Revenue |

Therapeutic activities / sessions

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| Funding professionals to support people with specific needs, e.g. mental health issues, physical disabilities, dementia | Revenue |
| Putting on sessions that deliver therapeutic activities e.g. running "music for the mind" events, mindfulness, support groups, counselling, etc. | Revenue |
| Funding of training for a group, so members have those skills. E.g. safeguarding, 1 st aid, mental health awareness, becoming a mentor, etc. | Revenue |
| Creating social opportunities that help to prevent isolation and loneliness e.g. a lunch club or day centre. | Revenue |

Sport and physical activities:

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| Putting on coaching sessions, taster days, fun days, etc. | Revenue |
| Prizes, certificates, etc. at such events. | Revenue |
| Training for leaders to improve skills, e.g. coaching, mentoring, safeguarding, etc. | Revenue |
| Purchase of items that don't qualify as Capital e.g. balls, sports kit, etc. with lifespan less than 5 years. | Revenue |
| Transport to a specific venue to carry out an activity, e.g. sailing lake, climbing wall, artificial ski slope. | Revenue |

Community organisations

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| Activities that support and encourage volunteering | Revenue |
| Salaries for paid workers within community organisations e.g. youth workers, support staff, counsellors, administrators, etc. | Revenue |
| Running costs for a community group that supports the target group of people, e.g. venue hire, office/printing costs, staff costs, social media presence / website operation. (we expect groups to become self-supporting and will not fund year after year). | Revenue |