

## REPORT TO THE CRICKLADE &amp; WOOTTON BASSETT AREA COMMITTEE

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>2 December 2008</b>			
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Awards Funding Distribution</b>			
Link to Corporate Priorities	Partnership Working			
Public Report	YES			
<b>Summary of Report</b>				
To ask Members to consider 1 application with recommendations for funding under the 2008/9 Community Area Award Scheme.				
<b>Officer Recommendations:</b>				
<b>To agree funding distribution of the Area 2 Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2008/2009:</b>				
<b>Cricklade Jenner Hall Charity – Award £2,469 from the Capital budget, replace flooring with a sustainable covering and venting, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009.</b>				
Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
YES	NONE	YES	NONE	YES
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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report considers 1 application for 2008/2009 Community Area Award funding and, where appropriate, links it to issues and priorities identified in the Northern Community Area Plan.

## 2 Funding Levels

- 2.1 Following the funding awards granted at the third funding round on 12 November 2008, the Area 2 Committee has the following balances
- Capital £2,463
  - Revenue -£272 (to be financed from the project budget)
  - Streetscene £553
  - Project budget £2,014
- 2.2 Members are reminded that the streetscene budget can be utilised for any projects that improve the physical environment or streetscene. The project budget of £10,000 has been provided from in year savings and can be spent on projects of either a capital or revenue nature.

## 3 Options and Options Appraisal

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
<b>Cricklade Jenner Hall Charity</b> Appendix 1	<b>Sustainable floor coverings &amp; venting</b>	Capital	£2,469	£2,469 (Approx 100%)

- 3.1 **Cricklade Jenner Hall Charity – Award £2,469 from the Capital budget, replace flooring with a sustainable covering and venting, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009.**
- 3.1.2 This application meets the 2007/8 funding criteria and demonstrates a clear link to the Community Area Plan. This is demonstrated on page 9 under The Economy where it refers to 'Promoting historic building, conservation areas, and scheduled ancient monuments', and page 20 under Health and Social Care to 'Support and seek to improve local day care centres'.
- 3.1.3 Cricklade Jenner Hall was built in 1652 as a school for Cricklade. Although the use of the Hall has changed over the years it has been used by the community for over 350 years. The Cricklade Jenner Hall Trust has been managing the Hall from August 2007 and within this short time, improvements, enhancements and repairs have taken place throughout the Hall.
- 3.1.4 The Hall is currently used by approx 200 people each week, providing an important community facility for all generations. It's currently the venue for the Community Day Centre for the Elderly 3 days a week, for Cricklade Band practice 2 evenings a week, Pilates & Weight Watchers and other community social groups, private parties, exhibitions and charitable fundraising events.
- 3.1.5 The floors within the Hall are collapsing and it is essential that they are renewed. At present the floor covering is carpet which is proving difficult to maintain cleanliness for health & safety, including other limitations.

- 3.1.6 The Trust has been guided by Listed Building Consent to provide a permanent floor repair with detailed specifications for better ventilations & a wooden covering. Both of these requirements are improvements to the fabric of the Hall and will provide greater sustainability.
- 3.1.7 Members should be aware that Cricklade Jenner Hall has been awarded funding from the energy efficiency awards scheme for insulation and double glazing.
- 3.1.8 A decision to fund this project will extend the use of a popular community facility, regular used by a variety of people from the Cricklade area.
- 3.1.9 Further background details are set out in the application at Appendix 1.

#### **4 Timescales**

- 4.1 The final deadlines for the submission of funding applications is 19 December for consideration at the 14 January 2009 meeting;
- 4.2 Applications can be made electronically via the Council's website, [www.northwilts.gov.uk](http://www.northwilts.gov.uk) or via a paper version. Details about the 2008/9 Community Awards Scheme can also be downloaded which includes information relating to criteria and the application process as well as advice about alternative sources of funding. All enquires should be made to [community@northwilts.gov.uk](mailto:community@northwilts.gov.uk) or 01249 706448 (requests for paper versions of the Community Area Awards Funding Pack can be made via this number too).
- 4.3 Funding can be drawn down by successful applicants when all award criteria have been met (e.g. match funding is in place) and on confirmation that the project which funding has been awarded to will proceed in the next 3 months. All funding awards must be paid to the recipient prior to 31 March 2009 - it is the recipient's responsibility to ensure this condition is met. Failure to do so will result in the award being withdrawn.**

#### **5 Legal Implications**

- 5.1 Members of the Area Committee will not be able to make an award to an applicant that exceeds the sum requested on the formal application form. Should Members wish to award a greater sum, the item would need to be deferred until the next funding round and the applicant requested to submit a revised application.

#### **6 Financial Implications**

- 6.1 Distribution of awards must fall within the Community Awards budget allocated to Area 2 Committee as set out in Section 1 of this report.
- 6.2 If Members make recommendations as set out in this report they will have the following balances available to allocate at the next/final funding round
- Streetscene £553
  - Project £2014

#### **7 Community and Environmental Implications**

- 7.1 The majority of the awards can be directly linked to priorities in the Northern Community Area Plan.
- 7.2 Awards made by Area Committee to successful applicants will contribute to the continuance and/or the improvement of cultural, social and community activity and well-being in the Community Area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent on the individual project.

## 8 Equality & Diversity Implications

- 8.1 Community Area Awards give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appendix 1 Application – Cricklade Jenner Hall</li></ul>
<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report:</b>	Community Area Award Funding Criteria 2008/9, Corporate Plan, Play Strategy 2007-2012, Northern Community Area Plan 2005 - 2015.

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