

Report to	Devizes Area Board
Date of Meeting	Monday 25th January 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 4 applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding

1. West Lavington Village Hall – purchase of replacement tables - £656 requested, **Recommended for consideration.**
2. Rowde Village Shop Steering Group – fixtures and fittings - £4,420 requested, **Recommended for consideration**
3. Erlestoke Parochial Church Council – access improvements to church hall - £5,000 requested, **Recommended for consideration**
4. Rowde Parish & Rowde Youth Councils – Installation of, and provision of safe facilities for a Skate Park on behalf of the Youth Council – £7,500 requested, **Recommended for consideration for partial approval**

1. Background

- 1.1 A single and simple application process was accepted by the Implementation Executive on 13th May 2009 for use during 2009/10. Appendix 1 contains the Community Area Grants Pack, which has been developed and includes details of the grants process and criteria.
- 1.2 Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to the Area Boards by the Leader of the Council (13th May 2009). Under the terms of that delegation Area Boards must operate within the policies set by the Leader and /or the Council. The Council has adopted an Area Grants policy, with funding criteria, to which the Area Boards must adhere.
- 1.3 In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that was contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.4 In 2009/10 the Devizes Area Board has been allocated a budget of £43,588. After the deduction of core funding for the Community Area Partnership a total of £31,965 remains to distribute through Community Area Grants.
- 1.5 The Board has so far approved grants totalling £20,033, leaving £11,932 available for allocation during this financial year.
- 1.6 At its meeting of 23 November 2009, the Board deferred an application for £5,000 for public access defibrillators by Bromham Parish Council in order to obtain guidance from relevant third parties. That has not yet been received and as such the application does not appear on this agenda, but the outstanding application should still be born in mind.
- 1.7 The grant applications included on this agenda total £17,576, and with the deferred item taken into account the applications amount to double the money the Board has available.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10• Devizes Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2009/10 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before 31st March 2010.
- 2.2 Funding applications may be considered at every Area Board meeting until 31st March 2010. Should there be any unallocated funds after this meeting the next

meeting will be on 22nd March 2010

Deadline for applications will be six weeks prior to each Area Board meeting.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community Area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Devizes Area Board.

4.2. The Board has insufficient funding in its budget for 2009/10 to grant all of the applications before it.

5. Legal Implications

5.1. There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

7.1 Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

7.2 Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Project Proposals”.

8. Project Proposals

The full applications are attached (Appendix 2)

Applicant 1	Project proposal	Funding requested
West Lavington Village Hall	Purchase of replacement tables	£656

8.1.1 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10 and is recommended for consideration.

8.1.2 The application directly links to the Devizes Community Area Plan (supporting community use venues).

8.1.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities.

Applicant 2	Project proposal	Funding requested
Rowde Village Shop Steering Group	Purchase of fixtures and fittings to enable the completion of the project	£4,420 requested £75,940 match funding secured

8.2.1 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10 and is recommended for consideration.

8.2.2 The application directly links to the Devizes Community Area Plan (improving village facilities)

8.2.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities (increased volunteering, sustainable communities)

8.2.4 Members will note that the applicants have declared £5,000 funding from Kennet District Council. This funding was for the initial feasibility study for the project and needn't have been declared on this application. Officers do not consider this previous funding from Kennet District Council to invalidate this application.

Applicant 3	Project proposal	Funding requested
Erlestoke Parochial Church Council	Access improvements to Church Hall.	£5,000 requested £5,000 secured from funds, £8,000 provisional on a further grant application

8.3.1 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10 and is recommended for consideration.

- 8.3.2 The application directly links to the Devizes Community Area Plan (supporting community use venues)
- 8.3.3 The application meets numerous Wiltshire Council priorities.
- 8.3.4 Members will need to be satisfied whether the project will be able to commence within the financial year should the other element of grant funding not be approved, and may wish to consider a provisional grant, meaning that funds would only be released upon proof of the remaining funding.

Applicant 4	Project proposal	Funding requested
Rowde Parish and Rowde Youth Councils	Installation of, and provision of safe facilities for a Skate Park on behalf of the Youth Council.	£7,500 requested No match funding identified

- 8.4.1 The application does not meet the grant criteria 2009/10 as it is for more than £1,000 with no match funding, and as such is recommended only for partial approval.
- 8.4.2 The application directly links to the Devizes Community Area Plan (improved facilities for young people)
- 8.4.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities (positive activities for young people)
- 8.4.4 Members may wish to consider approval in part. Should the application be refused it is recommended that officers be instructed to work with the applicants to work up a bid to the Performance Reward Grant Scheme for consideration at the March meeting.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Community Area Grant Criteria Appendix 2 West Lavington Village Hall application Appendix 3 Rowde Village Shop Steering Group application Appendix 4 Erlestoke Parochial Church Council Application
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	Appendix 5 Rowde Parish & Rowde Youth Councils Application
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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