

Report to	Chippenham Area Board
Date of Meeting	7th March 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 4 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding. Officer recommendations:

1. ChAP Health & Social Care Project Team - Award £962 to deliver healthy eating sessions for primary school children and their parents, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place
2. Unity House - Award £1,000 for the purchase of a wooden workshop and wooden bench.
3. Kington St Michael Parish Hall Committee – Award £4,196 for the resurfacing and improved drainage to the car parking area adjacent to Kington St Michael Village Hall, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
4. Kington Langley Playing Fields Association - Award £3,945 to install a CCTV system and floodlights at Kington Langley Village Hall, conditional upon planning permission being granted and the balance of funding being in place.

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27th February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the scheme of delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the office's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons as to why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. Three applications to this round have been withdrawn in order to gather additional information and will consider reapplying for the next funding round. The applicants have also been referred to the Charities Information Bureau (CIB) for support to seek alternative sources of funding. CIB work on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.5. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.6. Chippenham Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £68,917 for community grants, community partnership core funding and Area Board projects. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £9. This gives a **total budget of £68,926** for the 2010/2011 budget.
- 1.7. Following the awards made on 17th January 2011 the Chippenham Area Board had a **balance of £12,892**.
- 1.8. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.9. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2010/11• Chippenham Community Area Plan• Local Agreement for Wiltshire
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The first took place on 10th May 2010, the second on 5th July, the third on 13th September, the fourth on 22nd November, the fifth on 17th January and the final round is contained in this report.

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 budget allocated to the Chippenham Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Chippenham Area Board will have a **balance of £2,789**.
- 4.3. On 22nd February 2010 Wiltshire Council Cabinet resolved that all Area Boards be permitted to roll-over any monies that they have not spent during the available time from 2010/11 budget into the 2011/12 budget. This will apply in respect of 2011/12 only and will be reviewed in subsequent years.

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 – “Officer Recommendations”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	ChAP Health & Social Care Project Team	Healthy eating sessions for primary school children and their parents	£962

8.1.1. ChAP Health & Social Care Project Team - Award £962 to deliver health eating sessions for primary school children and their parents , conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.1.2. This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2010/11.

8.1.3. This application demonstrate link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan “Action on obesity, smoking and teenage pregnancy” and “Access to basic skills”.

8.1.4. This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council’s priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire – “Tackle obesity and improve healthy eating and physical activity” “Provide strong foundations for children and young people’s development” and “encouraging participation in positive activities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities”.

8.1.5. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for the Chippenham community area showed that 20.3% of children measured in Chippenham were found to be overweight or obese. Chippenham Area Board selected Childhood Obesity as one of their 5 priorities for 2010/11.

8.1.6. Officers are of the opinion that this project will provide an opportunity for children to learn about healthy food choices and acquire practical skills.

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8.2.	Unity House	Purchase of wooden workshop and wooden bench	£1,000

8.2.1. Unity House - Award £1,000 to purchase a wooden workshop and wooden bench.

8.2.2. This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2010/11.

8.2.3. This application demonstrates a partial link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan “Access to Community Health Services for vulnerable groups ”

- 8.2.4. This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council’s priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire to enable people to improve their long term health and wellbeing “Promote Health & Wellbeing”, “Reduce alcohol related crime and harm” and “Support to have independent and fulfilling lives as part of their local community” “.
- 8.2.5. The project demonstrates a link to Chippenham Vision “To ensure we are focused on meeting the needs of the whole community”.
- 8.2.6. Officers are of the opinion that in addition to being a positive activity the project will provide the clients at Unity House with the opportunity to acquire new skills and take pride in their achievements.
- 8.2.7. Officers understand that Wiltshire Wood Recycling is supplying the workshop and bench and Unity House will be working with them to install and erect.
- 8.2.8. Officers are of the opinion that this project will be of benefit to the clients at Unity House.

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8.3.	Kington St Michael Parish Hall Committee	Resurfacing and improved drainage for the car parking area adjacent to Kington St Michael Village Hall	£4,196

- 8.3.1. Kington St Michael Parish Hall Committee - Award £4,196 for the resurfacing and improved drainage for the car parking area adjacent to Kington St Michael Village hall, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
- 8.3.2. This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.3.3. This application demonstrates a direct link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan “Lack of funding for Community Halls and Village Halls”
- 8.3.4. This application demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council’s priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire “Help local communities develop their own priorities and improvements” and “We help communities help themselves”.
- 8.3.5. Kington St Michael Village Hall is an extremely well used facility in the village, integral to the variety of community services including the village shop and Post Point.
- 8.3.6. Officers are of the opinion that improvements to the parking area are vital to the continued success of the village hall and local community services.

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8.4.	Kington Langley Playing Fields Association	Install CCTV system and floodlights at Kington Langley Village Hall	£3,945

8.4.1. Kington Langley Playing Fields Association - Award £3,945 to install a CCTV system and floodlights at Kington Langley Village Hall, conditional upon planning permission being granted the balance of funding being in place.

8.4.2. This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2010/11.

8.4.3. This application demonstrates a direct link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan “Lack of funding for Community Halls and Village Halls”

8.4.4. This application demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council’s priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire “Help local communities develop their own priorities and improvements”, “Work with communities to tackle those things that matter locally” and “We help communities help themselves”.

8.4.5. Kington Langley Village Hall and Playing Fields are valued and well used facilities within the village.

8.4.6. Officers are of the opinion that this project will improve security at the hall and playing fields.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 grant application – ChAP Health & Social Care Project Team Appendix 2 grant application – Unity House Appendix 3 grant application – Kington St Michael Parish Hall Committee Appendix 4 grant application – Kington Langley Playing Field Association
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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