

Report to	Melksham Area Board	Agenda Item No.14
Date of Meeting	14 July 2011	
Title of Report	Community Area Grants	

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 3 application seeking 2011/2012 Community Area Grant Funding:

1. **Melksham & District Young Farmers club** have applied for **£544** to provide an outdoor education trip for five 12-16 year old from rural backgrounds. The recommendation is to award the funding.
2. **Keevil Parish Council** have applied for **£885** towards the renovation of the village war memorial. The recommendation is to award the funding.
3. **Alzheimers Support** have applied for **£1358** to start up a 'Movement for the Mind' project in Melksham. The recommendation is to award the funding.

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 (27 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 recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 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. EXAMPLE Two applicants withdrew their applications and hope to reapply at a future date. One application did not meet the funding criteria and was referred to Charities Information Bureau (CIB) for support to seek funding from elsewhere. 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 other Area Board meeting.
- 1.6. Melksham Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £49,762 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2010/2011 budget is £3687. This leaves a total budget of £53,449 for the 2011/2012 budget.
- 1.7. 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.
- 1.8. 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 20010/11• Melksham Community Strategy• Grant applications
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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. This will be the final round of funding during 2010/11.

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 Melksham Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Melksham Area Board will have a balance of **£46,625**

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	Melksham & District Young Farmers club	Outdoor education trip for five 12-16 year old from rural backgrounds.	£544

- 8.1.1. Recommendation is to award the funding.
- 8.1.2. Application meets grant criteria 2011/12.
- 8.1.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Melksham community plan in terms of 'providing a greater variety of activities' for young people.
- 8.1.4. Locally agreed priorities: no local priorities
- 8.1.5. The applicant is a not for profit organisation.
- 8.1.6. This project will provide an outdoor education trip for five members of the club from rural backgrounds, aged 12 to 16 yrs old. The trip aims to advance their personal development both socially and emotionally, by experiencing new activities and building new friendships with other members from across the County and South West Area.
- 8.1.7. Equality and inclusion issues are addressed by this project: This project involved young people from rural areas disadvantaged by a lack of transport links.
- 8.1.8. If the area board does not grant funding the members would have to fundraise or self fund to attend the course.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Keevil Parish Council	Renovation of the village war memorial.	£885

- 8.2.1 Recommendation is to award the funding.
- 8.2.2 Application meets grant criteria 2011/12.
- 8.2.3 This application does not demonstrate a link to the Melksham community plan

- 8.2.4 Locally agreed priorities: no local priorities
- 8.2.5 The applicant is a parish council.
- 8.2.6 This project to renovate the village war memorial will repair damage caused by age and weather, clean the stone using eco-friendly methods. The renovated war memorial will provide a renewed focus for village Armistice services. The War Memorial is adjacent to Keevil C. of E. Primary School and can be used to educate the school children about the sacrifices made for freedom.
- 8.2.7 Equality and inclusion issues are addressed by this project: none
- 8.2.8 If the area board does not grant funding the parish council would have to funding this through its precept in a future year.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Alzheimers Support	'Movement for the Mind' project in Melksham.	£1358

- 8.3.1 Recommendation is to award the funding.
- 8.3.2 Application meets grant criteria 2011/12.
- 8.3.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Melksham community plan: support for older people.
- 8.3.4 Locally agreed priorities: no local priorities
- 8.3.5 The applicant is a non for profit organisation.
- 8.3.6 This project is to start a Movement for the Mind club in Melksham. This will be a monthly club offering enjoyable physical activities for people with dementia together with their carers. It will provide stimulation and enjoyment, information and keep fit as well as the opportunity to try new experiences and make friends.
- 8.3.7 Equality and inclusion issues are addressed by this project: improving access to support services for people with dementia and their carers.
- 8.3.8 If the area board does not grant funding the project would have to be delayed until further funding can be found.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Melksham & District Young Farmers club Appendix 2 Grant application – Keevil parish council Appendix 3 Grant application – Alzheimers Support
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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