

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Trowbridge Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>8 September 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 3 applications seeking Community Area Grant Funding

1. SPLASH – to run a cultural dance project for young people at the Arc Theatre, Trowbridge - £1,742 requested
2. Monday – Wednesday Club – to develop the physical skills of elderly people through the purchase of curling equipment - £231 requested
3. Trowbridge Tigers FC – to host a national 5 a side football competition to raise the participation of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender people in football – up to £920 requested

**Total Amount requested = up to £2,893**

## 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 (15 April 2011). 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 officer'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 Officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, although the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 The 2011/2012 funding criteria and application forms, which have been used for this tranche of funding, are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.
- 1.6 Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £77,781 for community area grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. £3,665 has been carried forward from 2010/11 giving a total of £81,446. TCAF has been awarded £15,556 for 2011/12 and Community Area Grants totalling £10,490 have been allocated so far in 2011/12:
  - Trowbridge Wanderers Youth Football Club – £5,000 to refurbish shower facilities
  - Alzheimers Support – £4,500 to fund the creation of a Dementia Hub in Trowbridge
  - Trowbridge & District Youth Band – £990 to work with children attending Studley Green Primary School to get involved in music making

**This gives a current remaining total of £55,400 available to allocate**

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12</li><li>• Trowbridge Community Area Plan</li><li>• Local Agreement for Wiltshire</li><li>• Technical officers report</li></ul>
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2011/12 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

## 3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 3.1. 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 Trowbridge Area Board. It should be noted that there are grant requests totalling more than the funding available.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations the Area Board will have up to £52,507 to allocate for the rest of the financial year.

## 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 Diversity Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Grants give local community and voluntary groups, 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” where appropriate.

## 8. Officer Recommendations

The full application is available at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)

Applicant 8.1	Project summary	Funding requested
SPLASH	To run a cultural youth dance project at the Arc Theatre over the October half term	£1,742

- 8.1.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2011/12
- 8.1.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 4 Culture, including Leisure, Recreation, Heritage & the Arts

- 8.1.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition “Safer Communities which also feel Safe.”
- 8.1.4 The applicant has raised the majority of the funding towards the project from other sources
- 8.1.5 The Council’s Arts service rates the application as a high priority in their service area
- 8.1.6 **It is recommended that a grant of £1,742 is approved.**

Applicant 8.2	Project summary	Funding requested
Monday – Wednesday Club	to develop the physical skills of elderly people through the purchase of curling equipment	£231

- 8.2.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2011/12
- 8.2.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 5 Sport & Active leisure; Theme 8 Health & Social Care 8.1.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition “Lives not Services.”
- 8.2.3 The applicant has contributed funding towards the project
- 8.2.4 **It is recommended that a grant of £231 is approved.**

Applicant 8.3	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge Tigers FC	to host a national 5 a side football competition to raise the participation of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/ Transgender people in football	Up to £920

- 8.3.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2011/12
- 8.3.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 5 Sport & Active leisure. The applicant demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition “Building Resilient Communities”
- 8.3.3 The applicant has contributed earned income towards the project
- 8.3.4 Warminster and Westbury Area Boards have also been asked to contribute towards the project as it will benefit their community areas they will meet on 22 September and 6 October respectively
- 8.3.5 **It is recommended that a grant of up to £920 is approved with a request from the Area Board that both Warminster and Westbury Area Boards contribute the remainder of funding towards the project.**

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant applications</b>
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