

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Tidworth Area Board</b>	<b>Agenda Item No.12</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> September 2011</b>	
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>	

## Purpose of Report

- 1. To ask Councillors to consider 4 applications seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding, totalling £7,254.00.**

**King George's Field Chute-** fencing play area- Requested £999

Officer  
Recommendation

**Approve in part £500**

**Chute Cricket Club-** New Sight Screen- Requested £970

**Approve in Full £970**

**Collingbourne Short Mat Bowls Club-** Bowling Mat- Requested £784

**Approve in Full £784**

**Skilled for Health-** Cookery Courses- Requested £5,000

**Approve in Full £5,000**

- 2. To ask Councillors to consider a member led project to provide funding for Castledown Radio totaling £8,827.00**

**Castledown Radio –** Media Centre Equipment- Requested £8,827.00

**Approve in Full £8,827**

**Total Recommended to approve £16,081**

## **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 (4 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 for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement. With this in mind Community Area Grants should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. Area boards will not consider applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.5. 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.
- 1.6. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.7. All applicants are encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who is working 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.
- 1.8. 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 2011/2012 funding criteria and application forms 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.
- 1.10. The budget for Tidworth Area Board for 2011/12 (including carry over from the previous year) was £53,794.89. At the Area Board meeting on the May 2100 a spend of £1,019.00 was agreed and at the area board meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July a spend of £6,942.81 was agreed. This leaves an available budget of £45,833.89.

## **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 & Community Implications**

- 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 Tidworth Area Board.
- 4.2. The available budget of the area board is £45,833.89. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations at this meeting, (community grants totalling £7,254.00 and member project of £8,827.00) the Tidworth Area Board will have a remaining balance of £29,752.89. This includes £11,000 ringfenced at the July meeting for Tidworth Parishes to bid to for the 2012 local celebrations. The available working balance of the area board will therefore be £18,752.89.

### **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

### **6. Human Resources Implications**

- 6.1. There are no specific human resources 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
<b>8.1 Tid 05/11</b>	<b>King George’s Field Chute</b>	<b>Fencing to Children’s Play area</b>	<b>£999</b>

- 8.1.1. It is recommended that this application is approved in part for £500.
- 8.1.2. This is a second application to the Area Board from King George’s Field, Chute. It is recommended that this application is approved in part, to the sum of £500. The Field is jointly owned by Chute Parish Council and Chute Forest Parish Council’s who could potentially raise additional funds to support the project (see 1.4 above)
- 8.1.3. The application meets the Community Area Grants criteria 2011/12, however members will need to consider whether the parish councils who jointly own the field

could fund the project, through other means.

- 8.1.4. The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Plan 2003-13 which identified the need for places where leisure and sports are enjoyed by people of all ages.
- 8.1.5. King George Fields Chute is jointly owned by Chute Parish Council and Chute Forest Parish Council's. The oversight and management is undertaken by a Management Committee which has four members appointed by the Council's (however not necessarily members of the Council's). The objective of the Committee is the efficient day to day management and development of the field as a community facility for the benefit of residents of the parish and to fundraise for this purpose.
- 8.1.6. The Committee has an elected Chair and Treasurer and maintains a bank account. Annual plans are agreed with the Parish Council's and an annual budget is presented to them in September for approval.
- 8.1.7. All assets associated with the field remains the property of the Council's mentioned above.
- 8.1.8. The Management Committee are applying for funds to fence off the children's play area which is being fouled by dogs and despite local publicity this situation is continuing, presenting a health risk to children using the facility.
- 8.1.9. The total project cost is £1,499 and total project income equals £500 labour in kind. This leave a project shortfall of £999, which is the amount applied for to the area board.
- 8.1.10. The management accounts show a balance of £1,387.59 for the financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. However, the committee is required to reserve some funding in case of unanticipated expenditure.
- 8.1.11. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, the project will be delayed pending securing of funding from alternative sources.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
<b>8.2 Tid 04/11</b>	<b>Chute Cricket Club</b>	<b>New Sight Screen</b>	<b>£970</b>

- 8.2.1 It is recommended that this application is approved in full.
- 8.2.2 The application meets the Community Area Grants criteria 2011/12.
- 8.2.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Plan 2003-13 which identified the need for places where leisure and sports are enjoyed by people of all ages.
- 8.2.4 The aims of Chute Cricket Club are to offer members the opportunity to play both recreational and competitive cricket regardless of ability. It is open to everyone over the age of 10 years and all members have voting rights.

- 8.2.5 Chute Cricket club has elected officers and may appoint sub committees as required.
- 8.2.6 The club has a bank account and powers to raise funds in pursuance of its objectives.
- 8.2.7 The project to provide a new sight screen to replace an old screen which is now nearing the end of life. This will improve the quality of cricket that can be played on the ground making it easier for batsmen to identify the cricket balls trajectory, thereby improving both skill and safety.
- 8.2.8 The total project cost £1,370 and the group is contributing £400 from its own reserves. This leaves a shortfall of £970 which the amount applied for from the area board.
- 8.2.9 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, the project will be delayed.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
<b>8.3 Tid 06/11</b>	<b>Collingbourne Short Mat Bowls Club</b>	<b>New Bowling Mat</b>	<b>£784</b>

- 8.3.1 This is a second application from this organisation. It is recommended that this application is approved in full (subject to other claims on area board funding at this time from other applicants).
- 8.3.2 The application meets the Community Area Grants criteria 2011/12
- 8.3.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Plan 2003-13 which identified the need for places where leisure and sports are enjoyed by people of all ages
- 8.3.4 Collingbourne Short Mat Bowls Club is a fully constituted, not for profit organisation which exists to provide the opportunity for members to participate in short mat bowls and further the interest in the game.
- 8.3.5 Membership of the club is open to all and the club has clear management and accounting arrangements in place. The income and property of the club are applied solely towards the promotion of its objectives.
- 8.3.6 The ages of members and players range from mid 20's to 80's thus the club encourages community interaction and intergenerational understanding.
- 8.3.7 This project is for the purchase of an additional bowling mat in order to expand the club to encourage new members. The existing third mat was purchased from another club but has reached the end of its lifespan.
- 8.3.8 The total project cost is £784 (written quote provided), there is no other project income

and the applicant is applying to the area board for the full amount.

8.3.9 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, the project will be delayed.

Ref	Applicant	Project Proposal	Funding Requested
<b>8.4 Tid 08/11</b>	<b>Skilled For Health</b>	<b>Health Families Cookery Programme</b>	<b>£5,000</b>

8.4.1. The application meets the Community Area Grants criteria 2011/12.

8.4.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Plan 2003-13 health and Social Care Theme through promotion of good nutrition and healthy lifestyles

8.4.2. The application meets locally agreed priorities as above.

8.4.3 Skilled For Health Tidworth is an Independent, Not for Profit organisation addressing inequalities of health related matters within military families and has been extended to include civilian families also. This is achieved through the provision of courses to enhance knowledge and understanding of health issues, thereby increasing confidence and health outcomes. The courses also support community integration by bringing military and civilian families together in a learning environment.

8.4.4 Skilled for Health relies entirely on grants and donations to carry out its work. Skilled for health receives substantial donated services from the MOD including office space and classrooms for running courses as well as telephone and utilities which are provided free of charge.

8.4.5 Day to day bookkeeping and cash management is undertaken by ContinYou a company limited by guarantee and a registered Charity Number 4652378. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan in facilitating the integration of military and civilian communities as well as improving health outcomes locally.

8.4.6 The project for which funding is sought is an extension of the successful Skilled for Health work in the Tidworth Community Area, to provide practical cookery courses to enable military and civilian families to extend their learning around healthy eating and provide tangible benefits to whole families. It is also intended to extend the work to engage with young people, many of whom have caring responsibilities within their own families and would benefit from additional knowledge and skills in this area.

8.4.7 The cookery programme will run alongside the core Skilled for Health programme and include subjects such as budgeting, menu-planning and practical cookery. The cookery programme for young people will run alongside this in partnership with Ordnance House Community Centre. For adult learners there will be six sessions to each module

with two modules running each term. The children's programme will run continuously during term time and consist of a two hour session one day per week covering the same topics.

8.4.8 The project aims to deliver 74 sessions between September 2011 and September 2012.

8.4.9 The total project cost is £10,700 which includes cost of tutors for the courses, a small marketing budget and a small amount for foodstuffs. The total project income is £5,700 which includes £4,700 from the Skilled for Health reserves and the contribution from the MOD of back office support, telephones and use of venues. This leaves a shortfall of £5,000 which is the amount applied for from the area board.

8.4.10 The project will be managed by Lydia Baos, the current Skilled for health Co-ordinator.

8.4.11 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, the project may not be able to proceed.

Appendices:	<p><b>Appendix 1 Grant Application</b> - King George Fields Chute £999</p> <p><b>Appendix 2 Grant Application</b> – Chute Cricket Club £970</p> <p><b>Appendix 3 Grant Application</b> – Collingbourne Short Mat Bowls Club £784</p> <p><b>Appendix 4 Grant Application</b>- Skilled For Health £5,000</p> <p><b>Appendix 5 Member Project</b> Castledown Radio £8,827</p>

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