



Area Board Project – Fund towards celebrations for the Jubilee / Olympics

1. What is the Initiative?

An earmarked fund of £12,000 from the Marlborough Area Board discretionary grants budget 2011/12 to be made available for Parish Councils who wish to apply for financial assistance to stage celebrations/events to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and/or the 2012 London Olympics.

Each Town/Parish Council may apply for up to a maximum of £500 for their local celebrations, although the Area Board will also consider applications for extra funding from Parish Councils running separate events in distinct geographical communities within the parish (e.g. Joint Parish Councils, or parishes covering more than one village).

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

This fund will be managed by the Marlborough Area Board and will be made available to all of the 16 Town/Parish Councils in the Marlborough Community Area.

3. When will the initiative take place?

During June 2012. Applications must be received by 24 February 2012.

4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?

The Marlborough Area Board anticipates that many of the parishes within the Community Area will want to stage community events to mark these two national celebrations, and it would like to demonstrate its support for such events, on the basis that these activities will help promote the overall objectives of community engagement and cohesion.

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

To support and encourage Town/Parish Council to organise and/or support community events associated with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the 2012 London Olympics.

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

Each event will be managed by the Parish Council and by community volunteers. The £12,000 fund will be allocated by the Marlborough Area Board based on the merits of each application.

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding?

Each event is required to demonstrate a need for financial assistance from the Area Board, and to provide quotes and/or invoices evidencing the costs of each event.

Match funding is not a condition of this fund. However, the Area Board reserves the right to exercise discretion on each request made, and would prefer to see that financial support is secured from other local sources for each event, e.g. from the Parish Council or local business sponsor.

8. Additional information

The availability of this fund is earmarked for the specific purposes detailed above only, and the Area Board reserves the right to exercise full discretion in how this fund is applied.

All bids to this fund will need to have been submitted and formally considered by the Area Board before the 31st March 2012. The Area Board meets on Tuesday 27 March, and so applications will need to be submitted by 24 February 2012 at the latest.

A draft application form template is set out at Appendix A.