

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ITEM 15(b)

TROWBRIDGE AREA BOARD
17 November 2011

Trowbridge Community Area Future (TCAF) Claim for Core Funding (tranche 2)
2011/2012

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To seek the Board's approval to the release of the 2nd and final tranche of core funding to TCAF covering the financial year 2011/12.

2. Background

- 2.1. Officers are required to provide recommendations in a report, however the decision to support the Community Area Partnership and to what level, is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 2.2. There will be 2 tranches of funding to Community Area Partnerships during 20011/12 (up to 50% of their total projected costs in each tranche).
- 2.3. Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £77,781 for community grants, Community Area Partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives.
- 2.4. Community Area Partnerships have been invited to apply for up to 20% of the area board budget. 20% of the Trowbridge Area Board budget 2011/12 is £15,556.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. All Partnerships funded by Area Boards are required to sign a Community Area Partnership Agreement (CAPA), which is countersigned by the Chair of the Area Board. The CAPA has been signed by both parties from the Trowbridge community area.
- 3.2. In order to show how the Community Area Partnership aims to meet the commitments set out in the CAPA, TCAF are required to complete a work plan. This work plan has been reviewed and endorsed by Wiltshire Council's Community Partnership Development Officer as a workable document (appendix 1 CAP Work plan 2011/12).
- 3.3. TCAF were awarded £7,778 first tranche funding at the 5 May, 2011 Area Board where it was agreed that the 2nd and final tranche could be requested

at the 17 November, 2011 Board when evidence was received of how the first tranche has been spent. This evidence, which corresponds to CAP Work Plan commitments at appendix 2, is detailed in section 5 of this report.

- 3.4. Trowbridge Community Area Future submitted a 2011/12 claim for £18,998 total core costs. An amount of £15,556 was awarded to TCAF at the May Area Board meeting and 50% of this has already been paid. The amount awarded is equivalent to the 20% limit.
- 3.5. This amount awarded for 2011/12 is some £3,442 lower than that requested by TCAF. The area board therefore has the option to award TCAF the balance of funds allocated at the May 2011 meeting of £7,778 or to award TCAF the whole figure they have requested for 2011/12 of £11,220.

4. Implications

4.1. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 4.1.2 The community partnership contributes to the continuance and improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon individual projects.

4.2. Financial Implications

- 4.2.1 Core costs awarded to the community partnership must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Trowbridge Area Board.
- 4.2.2 Awarding TCAF the full amount they have requested at this meeting (£11,220) will result in a total award greater than the 20% limit placed upon Community Area Partnership funding.

4.3. Legal Implications

- 4.3.1 There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

4.4. HR Implications

- 4.4.1 There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

4.5. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 4.5.1 Community Area Partnerships have agreed to the terms of the Community Area Partnership Agreement, which requires them to be fully inclusive. Membership of TCAF is open to anyone with an interest in the community area.

5. Evidence against Workplan commitments

Applicant	Condition set at 5 May, 2011 Area Board meeting	2nd tranche Funding
Trowbridge Community Area Future (TCAF)	“agree to the release of the 2 nd tranche at the 17 November 2011 area board meeting as long as conditions set by the Partnership Development Officer and agreed by the Board, have been met”	£7,778

5.1 TCAF have made the following responses to their work plan commitments as set out below.

1. Work to establish a new Housing Sub-group (Partnership Development)

Kate Oatley and Derek Adams will be attending the Housing Liaison Group meetings at Wiltshire Council, starting from 20th October 2011. This will be instead of establishing a separate TCAF Housing Theme Group initially as it is anticipated that this will help determine the form that a separate Housing Theme Group should take, also projects may come out of the HLG group meetings.

2. Work looking at the feasibility of using an empty shop for publicity etc, surrounding the new Community Area Plan (Communication)

We are currently investigating the possibility of using the old Argos shop situated in the Shires Shopping Centre as a location for a temporary shop front for TCAF. The lease is still committed to by Argos and this runs until March 2012. Argos have been approached to see if TCAF can use the space under their current lease to operate a ‘hub’ which would be a community space with various uses, mainly to publicise TCAF and its Community Area Plan. We are investigating the option of setting up a Charity group to enable us to take on a lease. The Trowbridge Civic Society has committed to standing as the charity to take on a lease if TCAF decides not to set up a separate charitable group.

As a minimum, TCAF will take a central space in the Shires for a week before Christmas, where we will, for no charge at all, be able to promote TCAF and its Community Area Plan and to engage local people with the aim of increasing the TCAF membership. We will be visiting Calne Hub, set up by Calne Community Area Partnership to investigate the model used there

3. Success at involving more volunteers to help in the improvement of the community area (Communication)

Although we had a disappointing turnout at the AGM and partnership meeting September 2011, we are encouraged by the increasing numbers of volunteers within some of the Theme Groups. There is still a lot of room for improvement in the recruitment of volunteers and we now have the opportunity to speak to and engage new volunteers through the roll-out of the Community Area Plan.

The neighbourhood partnership group continues to grow, attracting more people to the various groups, as does the BA14 Culture group both in the core group and the wider group reached by the website. The Environment group, LEAF has grown recently, linking volunteers to wider groups such as Biss Meadows and the Sensory

Garden. As a result of the Partnership Meeting, one member of the public who attended the meeting has signed up to be a trustee of the Trowbridge Arts Festival next year supported by the BA14 Culture Group.

4. We have committed to a 12 month marketing program with Trowbridge Magazine, running a series of adverts and editorials aimed at raising the profile of TCAF and the Community Area Plan. The magazine has a readership of 30,000 people and is a popular and respected magazine for Trowbridge. All of the Theme Groups have the Community Area Plan on the agenda at present.

5. Details of luncheon clubs, schools, TARA's etc visited (Community Planning)
The Community Area Plan has been presented at the TCAF Partnership Meeting, Trowbridge Area Board, Trowbridge Area Links Scheme AGM, Trowbridge Area Heads (Education), Extended Services (Education), The Park Club and we have a presentation scheduled for Studley Green Day Care Centre's Luncheon Club. This coupled with the marketing campaign with Trowbridge Magazine, an improving relationship with The Wiltshire Times and space or a shop in the Shires will, we anticipate, generate good interest in TCAF and its work.

6. How the Theme Champions have identified priority projects and any progress made towards these (Local Action)

Full details of all theme groups in work plan interim report (Appendix 2)

6. Recommendation

Following consultation with the Community Partnership Development Officer, it is recommended that the area board:

- agree to the release of the 2nd and final tranche funding of £7,778 as long as Board Members are satisfied that TCAF's work plan commitments as detailed in this report are being met
- The release of an additional £3,442 to make up the full amount originally requested by TCAF is at the discretion of Trowbridge Area Board members

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 CAP Work Plan 2011/12

Appendix 2 Workplan Interim Report, September 2011