

<b>Report to</b>	<b>South West Wiltshire Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>7 December 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider an application seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding:

<b>Application</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Complete revamp and update children's playground situated outside Ebbesbourne Wake's Village Hall – applicants: Village Hall Trust	£5,000
Refurbishment and upgrade of Village Hall at Bowerchalke – applicants: Bowerchalke Village Hall	£3,931
Upgrade and refurbish Dinton School Swimming Pool to improve access. Applicant: Friends of Dinton School Wiltshire	£4,247
The Sunshine Project for South West Wiltshire (Circular Arts) Arts workshops working with elderly. Applicant: Circular Arts	£1,000
Village Marquee. Applicant: Tollard Royal Village Committee	£1,000

## Key figures so far:

Available funds for 2011/12 – **£161,236**

Amount spent on grants so far in 2011/12 - **£21,928**

Amount of funding sought for December 2011 - **£15,178**

Amount left if all awarded - **£124,130**

## 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 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.
- 1.3. We can signpost groups to the 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.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. A decision was made that from 2010/2011 and thereafter 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.
- 1.6. 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.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20011/12</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.
- 2.2. There will be at least 1 more round of funding during 2011/12, including this meeting. The deadline for submitting applications to the Community Area Manager is about 4 weeks prior to the meeting. For the actual date see:  
[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard)

## **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 Southern Wiltshire Area Board. Grant applications totalling **£15,178** have been received for this meeting.

## **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.

## 8. Grants

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
wil/11/026	Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall Trust	Complete revamp and update children's playground situated outside Ebbesbourne Wake's Village Hall	£5000

8.1.1. This application meets grant criteria 2011/12.

8.1.2. This project is to fund the costs of refurbishing the children's play area outside Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall. This includes new equipment and surface.

8.1.3. This project appears to be well supported locally as local fundraising will make up a large proportion of the total cost. It is also supported by the parish council and other grant funding is also being sought.

8.1.4. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for young people..

8.1.5. If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
wil/11/024	Bowerchalke Village Hall	Refurbishment and upgrade of Village Hall at Bowerchalke	£3,931

8.1.6. This application meets grant criteria 2011/12.

8.1.7. This project is to fund the costs of refurbishing and upgrading the village hall. It includes new doors, stage lighting and equipment.

8.1.8. The project is raising around 50% from their own fundraising which shows local support for the project.

8.1.9. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for all the community.

8.1.10. If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
wil/11/025	Friends of Dinton School Wiltshire	Upgrade and refurbish Dinton School Swimming Pool to improve access.	£4,247

8.1.11. This application meets grant criteria 2011/12.

8.1.12. Application demonstrates a direct link to the Four Rivers Community Plan (page 14)

8.1.13. This project is to fund the upgrading of the Dinton School swimming pool so that they can open it up to outside use for the community.

8.1.14. The swimming pool refurbishment project has significant local support from young people of the village shown in the application.

8.1.15. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for young people.

8.1.16. If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
tis/11/020	Circular Arts	The Sunshine Project for South West Wiltshire (Circular Arts) Arts workshops working with elderly.	£1000

8.1.17. This application meets grant criteria 2011/12.

8.1.18. This project is to fund the costs associated with the workshops held in South West Wiltshire for this programme for older people.

8.1.19. This project covers the whole of south Wiltshire therefore other area boards have been approached for funding too. Decisions by other area boards are yet to be made.

8.1.20. The Area Board recognises the need to assist in the delivery of activities for older people.

8.1.21. If the Board does not fund this project then the amount of activity in South West Wiltshire for the project could be reduced.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
tis/11/022	Tollard Royal Village Committee	Village Marquee	£1000

8.1.22. This application meets grant criteria 2011/12 however the total amount of match funding is not in place. (15% not 50%)

8.1.23. This project is to buy a marquee for the village to use as it does not have a village

hall so cannot hold larger community events.

8.1.24. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for all the community.

8.1.25. If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise.

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