

Report to	Tidworth Area Board
Date of Meeting	January 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

1. To ask Councillors to consider 3 applications seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding.

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| a. Kennet Friends- seeking £783 for replacement of sink unit for day centre for adults with mental health/physical disabilities | Award in full |
| b. TCAP- seeking second tranche of funding £5,023 (see attached report) | Award in full |
| c. Tidworth Community Area Awards Committee, £700 | Award in full |

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) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

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 21st a spend of £1,019.00 was agreed and at the area board meeting on 17th July a spend of £6,942.81 was agreed. At the September meeting the area board approved a spend of £16,081 leaving an available budget of £29,752.89. At the November meeting the area board approved £4,842, leaving £24,910.08, (£11,000 ring fenced for Jubilee/Olympic celebrations).

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 £24,910.08 which includes £11,000 ring fenced at the July meeting for Tidworth Parishes to bid to for the 2012 local celebrations. If all jubilee Olympic bids are approved to the levels applied for, the available working balance of the area board will be £16,173.30. If then all grants here are approved in line with officer recommendations, the balance carried forward will be £9,667.22

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
Tid11/015	Kennet Friends	Replacement of sink at day centre	£783

- 8.1.1. It is recommended that this application is approved in full.
- 8.1.2. The application meets the Community Area Grants criteria 2011/12,
- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Plan 2003-13 which noted the need for support and guidance for people recovering from mental illness back into the community as well as development and improvement of appropriate

healthcare facilities and services in the Community Area.

- 8.1.4. Kennet Friends is a registered Charity (No 1033902) which works through a day centre at the Scout Hall in Ludgershall to support adults with mental health or physical difficulties to improve their quality of life.
- 8.1.5. The aims of the charity are to help people disadvantaged through physical, mental health and learning disabilities to overcome personal barriers and to reduce their feeling of isolation.
- 8.1.6. This is achieved through the running of day centres, courses and activities designed to help people build confidence and self esteem and establish positive connections with the wider community.
- 8.1.7. Kennet friends a management committee which oversee its activities including fundraising. The charity receives grants from a number of bodies and woks in partnership with statutory and other voluntary services.
- 8.1.8. The project is to replace the sink at the Scout Hut with a double drainer facility which will enable the day centre activities to take place more effectively. The total cost is £783 for which quotations have been received.
- 8.1.9. The Trustee and Committee of the Scouts Hall have given written agreement for the alterations to the kitchen at the Scout Hall to be made.
- 8.1.10. 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
Tid 26/11	TCAP	Second Tranche of Funding	£5,023

- 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
- 8.2.4 See report attached from the Community Partnership Support Officer
- 8.2.5 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the partnership, it will be unable to continue with its core activities.

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Tid 11/02 5	Tidworth Community Area Awards Committee	Community Area Awards Funding	£700

- 8.3.1 It is recommended that this application is approved in full.
- 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 and the project falls within the work of the Community Area Partnership.
- 8.3.4 The project is to enable the Community Area Awards ceremony to take place this year. Funding is required for nomination packs, award certificates, trophies, certificate frames, transport for school choirs etc.
- 8.3.5 The Tidworth Community Area Awards is a well regarded annual event with the aim of recognizing the efforts of those volunteers who bring benefit to the local community.
- 8.3.6 The total project cost is £1,000 of which £300 has been secured through in kind support to plan and stage the event and £100 sponsorship from Sarcen Housing Association. The application is for the remaining £700 required.
- 8.3.7 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, the project will be delayed pending securing alternative sources of funding.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant Application – Kennet Friends Appendix 2 Grant Application - TCAP Appendix 3 Grant Application-Tidworth Community Area Awards Committee Report from Community Partnership Support Officer

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