

Report to	Devizes Area Board
Date of Meeting	24 May 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider four applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Rowde Parish & Rowde Youth Councils, completion of a skateboarding facility, seeking £3,168. Recommended for consideration for approval.
2. Blues n Zues. Transport and other costs, seeking £750. Recommended for consideration for approval.
3. All Cannings Church. Installation of water supply, WC and kitchenette, seeking £5,000. Recommended for consideration for conditional approval.
4. Devizes Carnival Committee, event promotion, seeking £2,700. Recommended for consideration for approval.

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 Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting (providing there is money available).
- 1.5. Devizes Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £58,117 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £1,856. This leaves a total budget of £59,973 for the 2010/2011 budget.
- 1.6. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that 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.
- 1.7. The 2010/2011 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.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11 • Devizes Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be six rounds of funding during 20010/11. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;

- 19 July 2010

- 4 October 2010
- 29 November 2010
- 24 January 2011
- 21 March 2011

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 Devizes Area Board.
- 4.2. Should the applications in this agenda be awarded , Devizes Area Board will have a balance of £48,355.

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.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1 (Grant Register ref no)	Rowde Parish & Rowde Youth Council	Completion of Skateboard facility	£3,168

- 8.1.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval.
- 8.1.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (Crime & Community Safety through provision of diversionary activity to reduce anti-social behaviour, Culture & Leisure through provision of additional sports facility, Health & Social Care through encouraging exercise) and is also a specific outcome in the Rowde Future Plan.
- 8.1.4. Rowde Parish Council who are contributing £400 towards the project. A WYPOF grant of £3,850 has also been secured.
- 8.1.5. The project is for the installation of skateboard ramps previously sited at Hillworth Park in Devizes which have been donated by Devizes Town Council.
- 8.1.6. The skateboard facility will be accessible to young people from outside the village.
- 8.1.7. If the Area Board made the decision not to fund the project it would not be able to proceed without identifying alternative funding.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2. (Grant Register ref no)	Bluez n Zues	Monthly Youth Discos	£750

- 8.2.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval.
- 8.2.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (Crime and Community Safety – provision of diversionary activity to reduce anti-social behaviour).
- 8.2.4. The applicant is the Police Constable currently organising the events.
- 8.2.5. Devizes Town Council have provided funding in kind through the donation at no charge of the venue worth £1,596. Sarsen Housing Association have donated £500. The events generate some income through an entry fee of £2 per head.
- 8.2.6. If the Area Board decided not to approve this application the project would continue though with reduced quality of events and prizes and as a result attendance may drop.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3. (Grant Register ref no)	All Saints Church, All Cannings	Provide water supply, WC and kitchenette	£5,000

8.3.1. Officer Recommendation is that this application be considered for conditional approval subject to other grants being confirmed and funding for the remaining shortfall being identified.

8.3.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.3.3. The application will allow a more varied use of the church and will make it easier for the school to use the church for lessons.

8.3.4. The applicant is All Saints Church, and is contributing £12,000 match funding from reserves. £20,000 has been applied for from land-fill tax but this funding is unconfirmed.

8.3.5. The project is to provide running water, disabled WC and kitchenette within the church. Total project cost £38,000.

8.3.6. Should the application be approved a shortfall in funding of £1,000 will remain.

8.3.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the applicants will continue to seek alternative funding.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4. (Grant Register ref no)	Devizes Carnival Committee	Event promotion.	£2,700

8.4.1. Officer Recommendation is that this application be considered for approval.

8.4.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.4.3. The application demonstrates a link to various aspects of the plan around culture, tourism and economy.

8.4.4. The applicant contributing £1,700 from its own reserves, and a further £1,000 has been secured from Devizes Town Council.

8.4.5. The project would see the design, printing and distribution of promotional material and also provide new road entry signs. Total project cost £5,400

8.4.6. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the applicant would

reduce the amount of publicity for the planned events.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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