

Report to	South West Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	15 August 2012
Title of Report	Area Board Grants

Purpose of Report

- To ask Councillors to consider 7 applications seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant Funding.

Application	Amount
Hard surface playground at old picnic site Applicant: Zeals Parish Council	£4,872
Amenity Site Infrastructure at old picnic site Applicant: Zeals Parish Council	£4,487
Zeals Community Games Event Applicant: Zeals Youth Trust	£850
Banner Conservation Applicant: Mere Museum	£480
Schools Talent Contest to challenge Anti-Social Behaviour Applicant: Tisbury Neighbourhood Policing Team	£350 – SMALL GRANT
Leisure Credits Rewards, August 2012 – February 2013 Applicant: Seeds 4 Success	£5,000
Community Orchard and Wildlife Area Applicant: Burcombe Parish Council	£600

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 Adult Care, Communities and Housing (4 April 2012). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2012/2013.
- 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 and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups. Likewise, Small Grants (new this year) should be awarded to similar groups, as well as un-constituted groups of people wanting to improve things near to where they live.
- 1.4. South West Wiltshire Area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 budget of £121,048 for community grants, small grants, community partnership core funding and area board/councillor led initiatives.
- 1.5. Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,000 - £5000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.6. Small Grants, new for this year will fund up to £350, where the total cost of the project does not exceed £350. This grant is aimed at enabling groups (including those not formally constituted) to implement projects, involving local people to make their community a better place to live.
- 1.7. Area boards will not consider Community Area Grant (CAG) 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.
- 1.8. In addition to CAGs and Small Grants, councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls. The application process and form has been updated to bring it in line with the other grants.
- 1.9. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.

- 1.10. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.11. Applicants are encouraged to contact and seek funding help from Charities Information Bureau (CIB) who work on behalf of Wiltshire Council. CIB 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.
- 1.12. Paper copies of funding applications no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce paper. They are however available on the Wiltshire Council web site with the area board agenda papers and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.13. The 2012/2013 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) and paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.
- 1.14. A decision was 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.
- 1.15. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete and return an evaluation form as soon as the project or activity has been completed and this should be accompanied by receipts and invoices, as well as photographs if possible. Failure to return the evaluation requested will preclude them from being considered for any future funding from the area board. This applies to all grants made by the area board.
- 1.16. South West Wiltshire Area Board agreed to delegate powers to the Community Area Manager to make decisions on expenditure of up to £750 in the financial year, 2012/13. This was agreed at the Area Board meeting on 13 June 2012.
- 1.17. A budget ring-fenced for the needs of young people will again be made available in 2012/2013. How this will be allocated will be the decision of the area board.
- 1.18. South West Wiltshire Area Board has a separate Community Area Transport Group (CATG) budget of £17,079 for 2012/13.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Board Grant Guidance 2012/13 as presented for delegated decision • Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There are due to be 6 rounds of funding during 2012/13, including this meeting.

The deadline for submitting applications to the Community Area Manager is 4 weeks prior to the meeting. More information is available at:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/southwestwiltshireareaboard.htm

3. Environmental & Community Implications

- 3.1. Area Board Grants 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 South West Wiltshire Area Board. Grant applications totalling **£16,639** have been received for this meeting.
- 4.2. If all grants are awarded, South West Wiltshire Area Board will have a balance of **£101,674** remaining (this does not include other funding proposals).

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 and Small Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, town and parish council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – "Officer Recommendations".

8. Officer Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
	Zeals Parish Council	Hard surface playground for Leaping Frogs Pre School and After School and Holiday Clubs	£4,872

- 8.1.1. At the time of writing this report a second quote is required for the basic tarmac surface. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets all the remaining 2012/13 grant criteria.
- 8.1.2. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10), as this facility potentially helps to build a stronger and more resilient community, fit for the future.
- 8.1.3. This project is to fund the cost of a hard surface playground and soft bond rubber mulch safe area as part of a development at a redundant picnic site. The

intention is that the area will be available for pre-school use, as well as after-school and holiday clubs.

8.1.4. The Parish Council has obtained a lease from Wiltshire Council to use the site as a Community Benefit. Leaping Frogs Pre-School is due to move to the site in September 2012 and expand to become a full day-care nursery.

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

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

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
	Zeals Parish Council	Amenity Site Infrastructure	£4,487

8.1.7. The 2012/13 grant criteria states that Parish Councils will not receive more funding than that contributed by that Town or Parish Council. In this application, there is matched funding in place but this comes from the Golden Bottle Trust. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the remaining 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.1.8. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10), as this facility potentially helps to build a stronger and more resilient community, fit for the future.

8.1.9. This project is to install and restore the infrastructure of electricity, water and fencing at a redundant picnic site in order to enhance the use of the site for the community into the future.

8.1.10. The Parish Council has obtained a lease from Wiltshire Council to use the site as a Community Benefit. Leaping Frogs Pre-School is due to move to the site in September 2012 and expand to become a full day-care nursery.

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

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

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
	Zeals Youth Trust	Zeals Community Games Event	£850

8.1.13. Projects are not awarded funding from the Area Board retrospectively. However, in this case information from Wiltshire & Swindon Sport on Community Games funding was sent out to all Parish Councils on 14 June 2012. The last Area Board meeting took place on 13 June 2012. These events coincide with the Olympic Games and, therefore, there has not been an opportunity for a funding application

to be heard by the Area Board. It has been agreed by the Area Board Chairman that a retrospective application will be considered on this occasion.

8.1.14. The 2012/13 grant criteria states that matched funding is required for projects costing over £1,000. The applicant is applying for £850, but only has matched funding of £450. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the remaining 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.1.15. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10); this will assist in fostering strong communities by drawing together members of the community through engaging in sport.

8.1.16. This project is to fund an inclusive Community Games event that enables the local community to celebrate the London 2012 Olympic Games and encourage more people to take an active role in the community. Young people have been involved in the planning and running of the event.

8.1.17. The YMCA & Community Sports Partnership Network (CSPN) were granted £2million by the Cabinet Offices Big Society Fund to deliver Community Games in England in 2012 & 2013. Zeals Youth Trust were awarded £200 on 20 June 2012 through Wiltshire & Swindon Sport.

8.1.18. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local activities for all the community.

8.1.19. If the Area Board does not fund this project then the local community will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
	Mere Museum	Conservation of Mere Juvenile Total Abstinence Society Banner	£980

8.1.20. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.1.21. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10), as this work potentially helps to build a stronger and more resilient community, through preserving a piece of local heritage.

8.1.22. This project is to complete conservation work on a banner used by a group set up towards the end of the 19th Century to encourage temperance. This banner is considered by the applicant to be unique in the world, having significant historical importance for Mere and the Temperance movement.

8.1.23. After being cleaned and mounted, the banner will no longer need to be directly handled, ensuring its preservation for the future.

8.1.24. The Area Board recognises the need to support local heritage.

8.1.25. If the Area Board does not fund this project then the local community will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
	Tisbury NPT	Schools Talent Contest to challenge Anti-Social Behaviour	£350 – SMALL GRANT

8.1.26. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2012/13 small grant criteria.

8.1.27. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10), as this facility potentially helps to build a stronger and more resilient community, fit for the future.

8.1.28. This project is to run workshops with Year 6 children in 9 Primary schools in Tisbury and Mere to raise awareness of anti-social behaviour and show the effects of it. The project will lead to an end of year contest, where each school will perform an entry that conveys a message about anti-social behaviour.

8.1.29. Any award will go towards funding prizes for the winning schools and covering costs associated with hosting the contest.

8.1.30. The Area Board recognises the need to support initiatives that challenge anti-social behaviour in the community areas.

8.1.31. If the Area Board does not fund this project then the project is unlikely to go ahead.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
	Seeds 4 Success	Leisure Credits rewards, August 2012 – February 2013	£5,000

8.1.32. At the time of writing this report, officers are still making enquiries in order to establish whether this application meets the 2012/13 grant criteria. A full report will be provided at the Area Board meeting on 15 August 2012.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
	Burcombe Parish Council	Community Orchard and Wildlife Area	£600

8.1.33. At the time of writing this report a quote is required for the ground work, and clarification has been sought on whether any planning permission is required. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the remaining 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.1.34. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 – 2026 (p10), as this work potentially helps to build a stronger and more resilient community, fit for the future. It also demonstrates a link to the priorities established for the area through the Community Planning Event in March 2012.

8.1.35. This project is to transform a disused paddock, which will be leased from Wilton

Estate, into a community orchard and wildlife area. Rent and maintenance costs will be met by the Parish Council.

8.1.36. The community orchard will be open to all residents, and will aim to encourage healthier lifestyles through using fresh fruit.

8.1.37. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local activities and spaces for the community.

8.1.38. If the Area Board does not fund this project then it will not go ahead.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Zeals Parish Council Appendix 2 Grant application – Zeals Parish Council Appendix 3 Grant application – Zeals Youth Trust Appendix 4 Grant application – Mere Museum Appendix 5 Grant application – Tisbury NPT Appendix 6 Grant application – Seeds 4 Success Appendix 7 Grant application – Burcombe Parish Council
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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