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| Report to | Trowbridge Area Board |
| Date of Meeting | 13 September 2012 |
| Title of Report | Community Area Board Funding |

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider:

1. Six applications seeking Community Area Grant Funding (Appendix 1)
2. Two applications seeking Small Grants funding (Appendix 1)
 - 1.1 Trowbridge Sea Cadet Unit – To purchase a minibus - £5,000 requested
 - 1.2 Trowbridge Town Council – To run an Active Sports and Play Festival - £5,000 requested
 - 1.3 Wiltshire People First – An Oral History & DVD project about the lives of people with learning disabilities - £500 requested
 - 1.4 Trowbridge Town Football Club – To purchase a mower - £1,000 requested
 - 1.5 Trowbridge Town Team – To run a Dickensian Market in Trowbridge - £1,000 requested
 - 1.6 Trowbridge Town Team – To purchase umbrellas for a new Trowbridge Market - £5,000 requested
- 2.1 Seymour TARA Community Hub – To purchase relaxed seating for the Hub – £350 requested
- 2.2 Bradley Gardens Residents Association – To run a Halloween event - £200 requested

Total Amount requested = £18,050

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. 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.
- 1.5. 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.
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. 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.
- 1.8. 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.
- 1.9. Funding applications will be considered at every ordinary Area Board meeting.

- 1.10. 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.
- 1.11. 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.
- 1.12. 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.
- 1.13. 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.
- 1.14. Trowbridge Area Board has a 2012/2013 budget of £77,781 for community grants, small grants, community partnership core funding and area board/councillor led initiatives. Community Area Board grants and Area Board projects totalling £25,491 have been allocated so far:
- TCAF Funding - £15,556 allocated
 - Wiltshire Mind – £1,816 for a pilot six month art therapy course -
 - World Evangelism Bible Church – £5,000 for a project to help address post traumatic disorders relating to the terminally ill
 - Friends of Southwick Country Park – £899 for free activities in Southwick Country Park
 - Cllr Peter Fuller Area Board bid for £2,220 for Trowbridge Area Campus consultation
- 1.15. **This gives a current remaining total of £52,290 available to allocate**

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| Background documents used in the preparation of this Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Board Grant Guidance 2012/13 as presented for delegated decision • Trowbridge Community Area Plan • Technical Officers reports |
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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.

3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 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 budget allocated to the Trowbridge Area Board.
- 4.2. If community area grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Trowbridge Area Board will have a balance of £39,240

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 Diversity Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Grants give local community and voluntary groups, 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 where appropriate.

8. Community Area and Small Grant Applications

The full applications are available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

| Applicant 8.1 | Project summary | Funding requested |
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| Trowbridge Sea Cadet Unit | To purchase a new van | £5,000 |

- 8.1.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria.
- 8.1.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Themes 5 Sport & Active Leisure and 7 Education & Lifelong Learning.
- 8.1.3 The applicant will be raising £11,000 towards the purchase
- 8.1.4 **It is recommended that a grant of £5,000 is approved on condition that the other funding needed to purchase the vehicle is raised.**

| Applicant 8.2 | Project summary | Funding requested |
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| Trowbridge Town Council | To run an Active Sports and Play Festival | £5,000 |

- 8.2.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria, however the criteria asks Area Board to only consider applications from town and parish councils where the project cannot reasonably be expected to be funded from the precept.
- 8.2.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Themes 5 Sport & Active Leisure.
- 8.2.3 The applicant will be contributing over 50% funding towards the event.
- 8.2.4 The applicant has received one off funding in previous years from the Area Board for an Olympic Sports Event and for a Play Festival.
- 8.2.5 **It is recommended that a grant of £5,000 is refused as the project does not take place until June 2013 so could reasonably be expected to be funded from the precept.**

| Applicant 8.3 | Project summary | Funding requested |
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| Wiltshire People First | An Oral History & DVD project about the lives of people with learning disabilities | £500 |

- 8.3.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria. The application is a joint application to Trowbridge, Bradford on Avon and Melksham Area Boards asking each Board for £500 towards the elements of the project in each community area.
- 8.3.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 7 Education & Lifelong Learning.
- 8.3.3 The applicant will be raising the majority of the funding for the project from the Heritage Lottery Fund
- 8.3.4 **It is recommended that a grant of £500 is approved on condition that the match funding is raised.**

| Applicant 8.4 | Project summary | Funding requested |
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| Trowbridge Town Football Club | Purchase of lawn mower | £1,000 |

- 8.4.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria.
- 8.4.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 5 Sport & Active Leisure.
- 8.4.3 The applicant is contributing over 50% of the funding
- 8.4.4 The previous mower was vandalised and could not be covered by insurance at the time. This replacement mower will be able to be covered by insurance.
- 8.4.5 **It is recommended that a grant of £1,000 is approved.**

| Applicant 8.5 | Project summary | Funding requested |
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| Trowbridge Town Team | To run a Dickensian Market in Trowbridge | £1,000 |

- 8.5.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria.
 8.5.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 1 Economy.
 8.5.3 The applicant has applied for 50% of the funding
 8.5.4 **It is recommended that a grant of £1,000 is approved on condition that the match funding is raised.**

| Applicant 8.6 | Project summary | Funding requested |
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| Trowbridge Town Team | To purchase umbrellas for a new weekly Trowbridge market | £5,000 |

- 8.6.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria.
 8.6.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 1 Economy.
 8.6.3 The applicant is contributing over 50% of the funding
 8.6.4 **It is recommended that a grant of £5,000 is approved on condition that the match funding is raised.**

| Applicant 8.7 | Project summary | Funding requested |
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| Seymour TARA Community Hub | To purchase relaxed seating for the Hub | £350 |

- 8.7.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria.
 8.7.2 **It is recommended that a grant of £350 is approved.**

| Applicant 8.8 | Project summary | Funding requested |
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| Bradley Gardens Residents Association | To run a Hallowe'en event | £200 |

- 8.8.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria.
 8.8.2 **It is recommended that a grant of £200 is approved.**

9. Recommendations

- 9.1 It is recommended that the Area Board agrees to the recommendations for the Community Area and Small Grant applications contained within paragraphs 8.1.4, 8.2.5, 8.3.4, 8.4.5, 8.6.4, 8.7.2 & 8.8.2 of this report.**

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| Appendices: | Appendix 1 - Community Area & Small Grant applications |
| Unpublished Documents | The following unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report: |
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