

Report to	Tidworth Area Board
Date of Meeting	17th September 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider three applications seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant Funding and one application seeking young persons initiative funding

1. Splitz Support Service, Children's support service- Vulnerable Families Project, £5,000- the officer recommendation is to approve the application in full subject to all other funding applied for being received.
2. Windmill Hill Children's Centre- Freedom and Helping Hands Programme- Vulnerable Families Project, £2,996- The officer recommendation is approve the application in full.
3. POP Youth Dance project- Youth Dance Programme - £1,000, Youth Initiatives Pot, the officer recommendation is to approve the application in full.
4. TCAP, first Tranche Funding for 2012/13, £5,000, to enable TCAP to continue to carry out its role. The officer recommendation is to approve the application in full.

To ask Councillors to consider one Member led Project, sponsored by Cllr Chris Williams, to provide additional play equipment, laptop and web development support to Tidworth Mums playgroup, Vulnerable Families Project - £2,081.56

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. Tidworth Area Board has a 2012/2013 budget of £42,665 for community grants, small grants, community partnership core funding and area board/councillor led initiatives. With the allocation of £890 to Tidworth Community Area Partnership at the meeting in May 2012 towards printing the community survey, the remaining balance is £41,775 of which £10,000 was ringfenced at the May meeting for projects supporting vulnerable families in the Tidworth Community Area. Following the July meeting the area board had a balance of £27,598 of which £8900 remained in the ringfenced pot for projects to support vulnerable families.
- 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. The Tidworth Community Area Manager was given delegated authority to approve grant applications up to the sum of £500 in urgent cases between Area Boards subject to the agreement of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. All such applications and awards will be reported in full to the next Area Board meeting.
- 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. Tidworth Area Board has a separate Community Area Transport Group (CATG) budget of £ £12,957 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 • Tidworth Community Area Plan
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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 will be **6** rounds of funding during 2012/2013. The third is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
 - 19th November 2012
 - 21st January 2013
 - 18th March 2013

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 Tidworth Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Tidworth Area Board Community Grants pot will have a balance of £12,520.44 of which £904 remains ringfenced to support vulnerable families. The Young Persons Initiative pot will have a balance of £4000.

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

8.1

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Tid 12 015	Splitz Support Service	Children’s domestic violence support service	£5,000

8.1.1. The Officer recommendation is to approve the award subject to receipt of all other funds applied for. Members will need to be satisfied that the project costs are reasonable in relation to the number of beneficiaries. Members may also want to consider whether Splitz could make a larger contribution from its own reserves.

8.1.2. The application meets the Community Area Grants Criteria 2012/13 as this is a one off pilot project requiring start up funding.

8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan and the priority set by the area board to provide support to vulnerable families in response to the information and need identified in the JSA for the area.

8.1.4. Splitz Support service is a Company Limited by Guarantee and Not Having Shared Capital, registered under the Companies Acts. It’s objects include to provide support to children in need and their families particularly where affected by domestic abuse, divorce and other challenges. The service works with both adults and children.

8.1.5. The project is to develop two twelve week programmes of support for children aged 5-8yrs and children aged 8-11 years in the Tidworth Community area to enable them to identify, come to terms with and overcome the personal difficulties that can result from experience of domestic violence and abuse. The project is a pilot project to test out ways of working and identify what works with a view to developing a programme designed specifically for young children.

8.1.7. Splitz Support Service is applying to a number of other funders to deliver this programme including the MOD Community Covenant Grant Scheme (£20,125), Awards for All (£6,442), Peter Cruddas Foundation (£1500) and contributing funding from their own reserves (£478). The total project cost is £33,545 and the shortfall is £5,000 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

8.1.10. The service has a small balance in hand and whilst it holds considerable reserves, it has advised that this is in line with its obligations should the service experience financial difficulties in the future.

8.1.11 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project e.g. the project will be delayed pending securing of alternative funding.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Tid 12 014	Windmill Hill Children's Centre	Freedom and Helping Hands Domestic Violence Support Programme	£2,996

8.2.1 The Officer recommendation is to approve the award in full.

8.2.2 The application meets the Community Area Grants Criteria 2012/13 as this is a pilot project requiring start up funding.

8.2.3 The application demonstrates a links to the Community Plan for the Tidworth Community Area and the priority set by the Area Board to provide support to vulnerable families, a key issue identified in the JSA for the area.

8.2.4 4children at Windmill Hill Children's Centre is a Company Limited by Guarantee and not having share capital. It is registered under the Companies Act.

8.2.5 The Objects of 4children are to promote the care and education of children in need of care, to promote the provision of facilities for their recreation and leisure, to advance the education and training of parents and to conduct and publish research into the care of such children.

8.2.6 The centre is long established and well regarded in the Tidworth Community area and provides support to both military and civilian families. The centre now wishes to pilot the Freedom Programme to support women in the Tidworth Community Area affected by Domestic abuse/violence.

8.2.7 The Freedom Programme has been designed specifically for women who have experienced domestic abuse/violence. It aims to enable women to better understand the beliefs held by abusing partners and to explore the impact of abuse on both themselves and their children. It enables women to raise their self esteem and self confidence and have the opportunity to change their lives for the better. Helping Hands is designed so that parents have the tools and information needed to enable them to provide emotional support to their children following abuse.

Freedom Programmes are run elsewhere in Wiltshire and have shown considerable success in supporting women experiencing abuse and improving their parenting and life chances. There are currently no programmes available in the Tidworth Community Area; however Tidworth has the largest number of reported incidents of domestic abuse in Wiltshire.

8.2.8 The programme will be delivered by an experienced practitioner and will support approximately 20 adults. It will also benefit up to 44 children affected by domestic abuse which can lead to speech and developmental delay, and difficulty sleeping.

8.2.7 The total cost for this pilot project is £7,515 to provide a facilitator, venues and associated costs such as refreshments and resources. The Children's centre is contributing £3679 and has identified an in kind contribution of £840. This leaves a project shortfall of £2,996 which is the amount applied for from the area board.

8.2.8 The Children's Centre is unable to fund the project itself as this project falls outside of their core funded activity.

8.2.9 If the area board makes a decision not to fund the project e.g. the project will be delayed pending securing of alternative funding

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Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Tid 12 017	POP Youth Dance Programme	Youth Dance Programme	£1,000

8.3.1 The Officer recommendation is to approve the award in full.

8.3.2 The application meets the Community Area Grants Criteria 2012/13 and is suitable for funding from the Youth Initiatives Pot.

8.3.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan to help young people develop their full potential and to provide activities and facilities for young people of all ages.

8.3.3 The application has been developed by young people in Tidworth with the support of POP Youth Dance Co-ordinator who has submitted the application on their behalf.

8.3.4 The POP Youth Dance Project started in 2006 as an independent project based within Wiltshire Youth Arts Partnership. The project is self funded and works in partnership with other organizations to deliver high quality dance provision for young people aged 13-19 years.

8.3.5 The POP Youth Dance Project has been one of the range of activities on offer to young people in the Tidworth Community Area and has been funded in the past by Arts Council England, Wiltshire Dancing and Young People's Opportunity Fund. Support has also been received from Dance South West. This funding has now ceased and young people are applying to the board to be able to run another youth dance programme. Whilst the activity previously took place at Tidworth Youth Centre, it was not previously funded by Wiltshire Council and did not form part of the core youth service offer.

8.3.6 The POP Youth Dance Programme offers young people the opportunity to develop

their creativity; it allows them to express themselves, to learn new skills, to work together as a team, to develop performance skills and self confidence. It also provides meaningful activity and supports physical fitness through regular exercise.

8.3.5 Corinna Cuff is the youth dance co-coordinator and has worked with young people on dance related projects over several years and is a known and trusted facilitator.

8.3.7 The project is to provide funding to enable a Youth Dance Project to be run in the Tidworth Community Area this year.

8.3.7 Funds are sought to cover the costs of dance tuition, choreography and an arts award. The total project cost is £1,000 which is the amount applied for to the area board. The club is unable to fund the scheme from its current resources.

8.3.8 If the area board makes a decision not to fund the project e.g. the project will be delayed pending securing of alternative funding.

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Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Tid 12 016	TCAP	First Tranche Core Funding 2012/13	£5000

8.4.1 The Officer recommendation is to approve the award in full.

The application meets the Community Area Grants Criteria 2012/13. Area Boards can award up to 10% of their total annual budget to support the work and development of Community Area Partnerships across Wiltshire.

8.4.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan as TCAP exists to co-ordinate the activities and actions identified in the community plan for the area and work towards the development of a new community plan.

8.4.3 In line with the Community Area Partnership agreement TCAP has provided a budget forecast for the year, a report on its activities and an outline of its future plans.

8.4.3 TCAP has met the criteria set out in the community area partnership agreement, it has held regular partnership and themed group meetings, set up a new young group to look at the needs of young people, organized community events to bring people together and worked to provide local parishes with information and support.

8.4.4 A key activity for TCAP has been the development of a community plan questionnaire which is currently in circulation in the community. Another key activity this year has been the Community Area Awards which was delivered very successfully under TCAP.

8.4.5 Funds are required to support the continuation of the Community Partnership Co-ordinator post and to ensure that the partnership is able to carry out its functions and duties under the Community Area Partnership Agreement.

8.4.6 The amount applied for is £5000 and represents the first tranche of funding for this financial year.

8.4.6 If the area board makes a decision not to fund the project TCAP will be unable to carry out its role effectively.

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Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Tid 12 018	Member Project/Cllr Chris Williams	Support to Tidworth Mums Playgroup and committee	£2081.56

8.5.4

Appendices:	<p>Appendix 1 Spltz Support Service, £5000 Appendix 2 Windmill Hill Children’s Centre, £2996 Appendix 3 POP Youth Dance Programme, £1,000 Appendix 4 TCAP, £5,000 Appendix 5 Tidworth Mums £2081.56</p>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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