

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Tidworth Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> November 2012</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

### **To ask Councillors to consider two application seeking 2012/13 Youth Initiatives Funding**

1. Ordnance House – BMW rebuild Project £900- the officer recommendation is to approve the application in full.
2. TCAP- Transportation for young people to the Christmas Band Concert, £500- the officer recommendation is to approve the application 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 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. Following the September meeting the balances were £14,601.36 remaining with £903.36 remaining in the vulnerable families pot. Since that meeting £3000 has been returned to the vulnerable families pot following one applicant failing to secure the match funding anticipated from other sources. The balance in the total pot is therefore £17,601.36 with £3903.64 ringfenced 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](http://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.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Area Board Grant Guidance 2012/13 as presented for delegated decision</li><li>• Tidworth Community Area Plan</li></ul>
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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 fourth is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
  - 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013
  - 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013- meeting cancelled

## **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 £17,601.36 of which £3903.64 remains ringfenced to support vulnerable families. The Young Persons Initiative pot will have a balance of £3000.

## **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/12/002	Ordnance House young people's group	BMW motor rebuild project (tid/12/002)	£900

- 8.1.1. The Officer recommendation is to approve the award in full.
- The application meets the Community Area Grants Criteria 2012/13.
- 8.1.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan to provide support and activities for young people of all ages.
- 8.1.4 The young people's group grew out of the work of Army Welfare Community Support Services, which exists to provide army families with learning opportunities that are accessible and of good quality. The group does however consist of young people from both military and civilian backgrounds.
- 8.1.5 The project is to create a track car by doing up an old BMW, acquired by the group in phase 1 of the project. In doing so the group will learn skills in project management, working as a team, engineering skills, organizational skills, budgeting and marketing. The car will be used for display at local events and it is hoped to display the area board and other business sponsors logos on it, in this way it will become an attraction for the whole community.
- 8.1.6 The total project cost is £1,000 and the group has already secured £100 funding. This leaves a shortfall of £900 which is the amount applied for to the area board. Full costings for the parts required have been provided.
- 8.1.8 All necessary policies including child protection, health and safety and risk assessments are in place to support the project. A qualified mechanic will support the young people throughout the project.
- 8.1.9 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project e.g. the project will be delayed pending securing of alternative funding.

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project proposal</b>	<b>Funding requested</b>
<b>Tid/12/003</b>	<b>TCAP</b>	<b>Transportation to Christmas Band Concert</b>	<b>£500</b>

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

The application meets the Community Area Grants Criteria 2012/13.

- 8.1.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan to provide support and activities for young people of all ages.
- 8.1.4 The Tidworth Community Area Partnership is a constituted community group with the aims of formulating a community plan for the area and working in partnership to issues raised. TCAP reports to and is funded by the area board in carrying out these activities. A key aim is the integration of the community and provision of opportunities for people of all ages to come together.
- 8.1.5 The project is to transport young people from across the community area to the annual Christmas Band Concert, a popular event which each year attracts over 700 children from schools across the community area.
- 8.1.6 The project supports military civilian integration by bringing children from all backgrounds together and the application reflects a topic identified in the community planning process that transportation as a key issue for young people wanting to come together to attend events and activities.
- 8.1.7 The total project cost is £700, TCAP will contribute £200. This leaves a shortfall of £500 which is the amount applied for to the area board.
- 8.1.8 All necessary policies including child protection, health and safety and risk assessments are in place to support the project.
- 8.1.9 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project e.g. the project will be delayed pending securing of alternative funding or the opportunity may only be offered to schools in the Tidworth area.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 AWS Young People's Group £900</b> <b>Appendix 2 TCAP £500</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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