

Report to	Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board	Item No. 10a
Date of Meeting	14th July 2010	
Title of Report	Community Area Grants	

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. 1st Purton and Lydiard Beavers Pack seek £943 for Equipment. The application meets the criteria for a Community Area Grant.

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.
- 1.5. Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £51,680 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives.
- 1.6. The partnership core funding has been allocated £10,336.
- 1.7. The sum of £6,788 was awarded at the Area Board on 25th May 2010, this leaves a total budget for Community Area Grants of £34,556.
- 1.8. Where the demand for funding exceeds the funds available applications meeting the area board priorities will be given priority.
- 1.9. 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.
- 1.10. 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.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11• Wootton Bassett and Cricklade 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 5 rounds of funding during 2010/11. There has been one round on the 26 May 2010 and the second is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
 - 6 October 2010
 - 1 December 2010
 - 2 February 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 Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board will have a balance of £33,613 for Community Area Grants

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	1 st Purton and Lydiard Beavers Pack	To provide play equipment for the pack at their new premises Purton Youth Centre.	£943

- 8.1.1. The Grant meets the criteria for a community area grant. 2010/11
- 8.1.2. The grant demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, young youth society involvement in the community outside of school hours
- 8.1.3. The grant meets locally agreed/area board priorities, showing the Beavers the benefits of being involved with youth groups and encouraging them to participate in community groups.
- 8.1.4. The group is a not for profit organisation linked to the Scouts association.
- 8.1.5. To provide play equipment for the pack at their new premises Purton youth Centre, the current premises are no longer available as they are being rebuilt
- 8.1.6. The group welcome everyone of a suitable age and conforms to the requirements of the Scout Association.
- 8.1.7 The activities that the group currently undertake would not be able to continue and the group risk losing members who lose interest

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Purton and Lydiard Beavers Pack
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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