

Report to	Devizes Area Board
Date of Meeting	19 July 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider four applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. The All Cannings Community Store Association Ltd, improvement of marketing environment for the community shop, seeking £919. Recommended for consideration for approval.
2. Party in the Park. Youth Event in Hillworth Park with Marquee, music, climbing wall and mobile skate park, seeking £750. Recommended for consideration for approval.
3. Wiltshire Malayalee Association. Developing a Chenda Melam Group, seeking £1,000. Recommended for consideration for approval provided the applicant can demonstrate a clear link to the Devizes Area.
4. Devizes Development Partnership, funding to secure CCTV system within Town Centre until such time as county wide review is complete, seeking £5,000. Recommended for consideration for provisional approval.

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 (providing there is money available).
- 1.5. Devizes Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £58,117 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £1,856. This gave a total budget of £59,973 for the 2010/2011. Grants have been approved so far this year to the value of £11,618, which leaves a balance of £48,355.
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. 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• Devizes 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 six rounds of funding during 20010/11. Remaining will take place on;

- 4 October 2010
- 29 November 2010
- 24 January 2011
- 21 March 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 Devizes Area Board.
- 4.2. Should the applications in this agenda be awarded , Devizes Area Board will have a balance of £40,686.

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 (Grant Register ref no)	All Cannings Community Store Association Limited	Improvement of marketing environment for village shop	£919

- 8.1.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval.

- 8.1.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (protecting rural services and encouraging volunteering), as well as providing a service to canal traffic and providing an informal meeting place.
- 8.1.4. The cost of the project is less than £1,000 and therefore does not require any match funding.
- 8.1.5. The project will improve the advertising and sales opportunities for the shop, as well as providing facilities for making and serving hot drinks..

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8.2. (Grant Register ref no)	Party in the Park	Extension of Blues n Zues project in a public, open area with climbing wall and mobile skate park	£750

- 8.2.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval.
- 8.2.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (Crime and Community Safety – provision of diversionary activity to reduce anti-social behaviour).
- 8.2.4. The applicant is the Police Constable currently organising the events.
- 8.2.5. Devizes Town Council have provided funding in kind through the donation at no charge of the venue. The majority of the funding has been achieved through a successful application to the WYPOF grant scheme.

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8.3. (Grant Register ref no)	Wiltshire Malayalee Association	Develop a Chenda Melam group in Wiltshire	£1,000

- 8.3.1. Officer Recommendation is that this application be considered for approval subject to the applicant being able to demonstrate a clear link to the Devizes Area.
- 8.3.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.3.3. The application will allow a traditional Indian arts form to be taught and performed in the area.

8.3.4. The applicant is Wiltshire Malayalee Association, and is contributing £1,210 match funding from other income streams.

8.3.5. While the application can demonstrate strong links to priorities such as encouraging youth participation and strengthening links with an ethnic community, it does not provide any clear evidence of how it ties in with either residents of the Devizes Community Area or events that will be held within that Area.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4. (Grant Register ref no)	Devizes Development Partnership	Funding to secure town centre CCTV system.	£5,000

8.4.1. Officer Recommendation is that this application be considered for conditional approval.

8.4.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.4.3. Provision of a Town Centre CCTV system is a primary objective of the Community Area Plan, and its continuation received overwhelming support at the Area Board meeting of 24 May.

8.4.4. The applicant is seeking £5,000 towards costs of £20,091. There is currently no indication of where the balance might be obtained from, though council officers are working with the applicants to identify possible sources.

8.4.5. It is recommended that any grant should be conditional upon the applicants being able to demonstrate either that the balance of the funding can be obtained, or which elements of the system will be secured.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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