

Report to	South West Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	23 July 2014
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider applications in respect to;

Community Area Grants (all conditional on the balance of funding being in place):

1. Sedgehill Village Hall - £848 towards new light-weight tables.
2. Chilmark Cricket Club – £3,284 towards equipment storage outbuilding/hut.
3. Gymbuds – £5,000 towards gymnastic equipment.
4. Tisbury History Society – £759 towards Tisbury and the Great War project.
5. Our Time Project – £4,500 towards residency workshops for 65+.
6. Wilton Town Council – £5,000 towards Christmas lights.

1. Background

- 1.1. The 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.
- 1.2. The area board may want to link funding to local priorities, including those identified in their Community Plan, Local Area Joint Strategic Assessment and any other community based consultative work.
- 1.3. South West Wiltshire Area Board has been allocated a 2014/2015 budget of **£56,822** for community area grants, digital literacy grants, community partnership core funding, area board operational funding and area board/councillor led initiatives.
- 1.4. In addition to CAGs and digital literacy 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.
- 1.5. In support of the ongoing Olympic and Paralympic legacy, in 2014/15 the South West Wiltshire Area Board invites applications that encourage young people and people with disabilities to become more actively involved in sports, outdoor activities, recreation, arts and volunteering.
- 1.6. Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,001 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000. Grants of up to £500 are available for Digital Literacy projects.
- 1.7. There is a single on-line application process for Community Area Grants (CAG) and Digital Literacy grants to provide an easy step by step application process. The application process can be found [here](#).
- 1.8. Area boards will not consider 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.
- 1.9. 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 whilst there is money available.
- 1.11. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete an evaluation form as soon as the project has been completed and provide receipts if requested. Groups are encouraged to up-load information and photographs about their project on to their [area board blogsite](#). Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this report</p>	<p>AB project - finger posts report 2014/15 (in agenda pack)</p> <p>South West Wiltshire Area Board Priorities Action Log (in agenda pack)</p> <p>Mere Community Area Joint Strategic Assessment</p> <p>Tisbury Community Area Joint Strategic Assessment</p> <p>Wilton Community Area Joint Strategic Assessment</p>
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. South West Wiltshire Area Board has been allocated a 2014/2015 budget of **£56,822** that may be allocated through Community Area Grants, Digital Literacy Grants and Area Board/Councillor Led Initiatives.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation outlined in Section 1 of this report.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2014/2015 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

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 South West Wiltshire Area Board.
- 4.2. At the time of writing this report South West Wiltshire Area Board has a balance of **£44,259**. If all grants/finger posts are awarded South West Wiltshire Area Board will have a balance remaining of **£24,868**.

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 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 will be outlined in section 8, "Officer Report" of the funding report.

8. Officer Report

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Sedgehill Village Hall	Light-weight tables	£848

- 8.1.1. This application has been classified as a capital project by Wiltshire Council finance department.
- 8.1.2. This project is to fund the cost of purchasing new light-weight tables for the village hall. The existing tables were purchased in the 1970s and are extremely heavy, making them difficult to move.
- 8.1.3. This project will enable the hall space to be more readily available and increase its potential use for groups and social events.
- 8.1.4. This application is supported by Community First's Village Hall and Community Buildings Advisor, who reports that the hall is already used quite regularly.

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8.2.	Chilmark Cricket Club	Equipment storage outbuilding/hut	£3,284

8.2.1. This application has been classified as a capital project by Wiltshire Council finance department.

8.2.2. This project is to build a storage outbuilding/hut for playing and maintenance equipment at the cricket ground.

8.2.3. The club reports that there is currently a lack of storage space and they have also suffered through theft in the last year, so it is hoped that both of these issues will be addressed.

8.2.4. Wiltshire Council's Leisure Service reports that Chilmark CC are a very pro-active club and are active in the community, so this would benefit a wider audience, both adults and juniors.

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8.3.	Gymbuds	Gymnastic equipment	£5,000

8.3.1. This application has been classified as a capital project by Wiltshire Council finance department.

8.3.2. This project is to purchase gymnastics equipment to enable local children to develop their gymnastic skills.

8.3.3. Gymbuds ran their first session in April 2014 and now have over 100 children on their books from 7 different local primary schools. They have an agreement to use Mere Primary School hall and have ambitions to run classes (a cheerleading class has already started).

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8.4.	Tisbury History Society	Tisbury and the Great War project	£759

8.4.1. This application has been classified as a capital project by Wiltshire Council finance department.

8.4.2. This project is to produce and publish a small book about Tisbury and the Great War. The book will be given free to local primary school children.

8.4.3. The project will raise local awareness about those who took part in the Great War at a time of commemoration across the country. It is

also a project that will encourage interaction between different generations.

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8.5.	Our Time Project	Residency workshops for people aged 65+	£4,500

- 8.5.1. This application has been classified as a revenue project by Wiltshire Council finance department.
- 8.5.2. This project is to put on a programme of eight inspiring workshops for people aged 65+ to benefit both their physical and mental wellbeing.
- 8.5.3. The Our Time Project company has experience of working with those with dementia / very frail / stroke sufferers and has a particular specialism in theatre / mime.

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8.6.	Wilton Town Council	Christmas lights	£5,000

- 8.6.1. This application has been classified as a capital project by Wiltshire Council finance department.
- 8.6.2. This project is to replace the existing Christmas tree lights and provide additional lights for the Market Square trees and over the street / road.
- 8.6.3. The Town Council hope that the improved Christmas lights will increase the local footfall and trade during the winter period, as well as improving the experience for local people.

Appendices:	Grant applications
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report other than those requested in the funding criteria e.g. estimates.

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