

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting	14 May 2015
Title of Report	Area Board Funding Applications

Purpose of Report

1. To ask Councillors to consider 6 x funding applications to the community area grants fund scheme (Appendix 1)

- 1.1 YMCA Green Shoots Nursery – Purchase of IT equipment for electronic assessments - £1,844 requested
- 1.2 Friends of Southwick Country Park – Purchase of a New Notice Board - £900 requested
- 1.3 Help Counselling Services – Moving costs phase 2 - £2,500 requested
- 1.4 Trowbridge in Bloom – Purchase of equipment for relaunch - £744 requested
- 1.5 Julian House Bike Workshop Trowbridge – Set up of new IT and Learning Centre - £4,900 requested
- 1.6 West Wilts Esprit Gymnastics Club – Purchase of additional training equipment - £3,000 requested

Total Amount requested = £13,888

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. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance.

1.2 Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a budget for 2015/2016 broken down as follows:

- £96,036 capital budget (inc £1,500 digital literacy fund)
- £8,975 11-19 revenue youth funding
- £30,687 Positive Activities revenue budget (the Local Youth Network (LYN) will make recommendations re the allocation of this budget under separate reports)

Funding allocated to date:

- £500 from 11-19 revenue funding for local workshops and creation of Magna Carta Baron and banners

1.3 Area Boards will be encouraged to develop ways of linking grant funding to locally agreed priorities emerging from the Joint Strategic Assessment, the local community plan or other relevant local evidence.

1.4 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 especially those that encourage community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.

1.5 In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria 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.

1.6 In addition to CAGs, 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 the Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls.

1.7 Funding applications will be considered at every ordinary Area Board meeting.

1.8 Paper copies of funding applications no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce paper. They are however available to view on the Wiltshire Council web http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard_grants/grants_list.php

1.9 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.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Board Grant Guidance 2014/15 as presented for delegated decision
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2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2015/16 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

3.1. 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 budget allocated to the Trowbridge Area Board. If the grant requests are allocated the Board will have £84,623 remaining

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 Diversity Implications

7.1. Community Area Grants give local community and voluntary groups, 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 where appropriate.

8. Community Grant Applications Summary

Applicant 8.1	Project summary	Funding requested
YMCA Green Shoots Nursery	Purchase of IT equipment for electronic assessments	£1,844

- 8.1.1 The application meets the grant criteria
 8.1.2 The applicant is contributing 50% of other funding towards the project

Applicant 8.2	Project summary	Funding requested
Friends of Southwick Country Park	Purchase of a new Notice Board	£900

- 8.2.1 The application meets the grant criteria
 8.2.2 The applicant is contributing other funding towards the project

Applicant 8.3	Project summary	Funding requested
Help Counselling Services	Phase 2 of moving costs	£2,500

- 8.3.1 The application meets the grant criteria
 8.3.2 The applicant is contributing over 50% of other funding towards the project

Applicant 8.4	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge in Bloom	Purchase of equipment for relaunch	£744

- 8.4.1 The application meets the grant criteria
 8.4.2 The applicant is not contributing any other funding towards the project

Applicant 8.5	Project summary	Funding requested
Julian House Bike Workshop Trowbridge	Set up of new IT and Learning Centre	£4,900

- 8.5.1 The application meets the grant criteria
 8.5.2 The applicant is contributing over 50% other funding towards the project

Applicant 8.6	Project summary	Funding requested
West Wilts Esprit Gymnastics Club	Purchase of additional training equipment	£3,000

- 8.6.1 The application meets the grant criteria
 8.6.2 The applicant is contributing 50% other funding towards the project including applications to Westbury & Bradford on Avon Area Boards

9. Recommendation

9.1 It is recommended that the Area Board makes decisions whether to allocate funding to the applications outlined in paragraphs 8.1 - 8.6 of this report

Appendices:	Appendix 1 - Community Area Grant applications Appendix 2 - Councillor led applications
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