

Report to	Warminster Area Board
Date of Meeting	4 July 2013
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider officer recommendations in respect to:

1. Wylde Valley 1914 Project

£3000 request towards the Wylde Valley 1914 Project
Officer Recommendation – Approve, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the Area Board funding is used towards the capital aspect of the project; the interpretative map.

2. Corsley Memorial Playing Field

£500 request for the Corsley Memorial Playing Field Barbeque
Officer Recommendation – Approve.

Councillors may wish to note that Corsley Memorial Playing Field has previously been funded by the Warminster Area Board as follows:

£5,000 in 2010/11 for playing field equipment and refurbishment.
£1,000 in 2011/12 for replacement cricket nets.

3. Maiden Bradley Village Hall Project

£2,900 request for a new Central Heating system
Officer Recommendation - Approve

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 (5 April 2013). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance 2013/2014](#).
- 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 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.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. Warminster Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of **£51,672** ([See Appendix one of report to Cabinet](#)) for community area grants, **£1,500** for digital literacy grants and **£10,334** for community partnership core funding. **In 2013/14 only capital funding is available for community area and digital literacy grants.**
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. In support of the Olympic and Paralympic legacy, in 2013/14 the Warminster 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. **This must be capital funding.**
- 1.8. Applications of up to and including £500 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £501 - £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.
- 1.9. New for 2013/14 is a single on-line application process for

Community Area Grants (CAG) and Digital Literacy grants, introduced to provide an easy step by step application process. The application process and funding criteria can be found [here](#).

- 1.10. 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.
- 1.11. 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.
- 1.12. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.13. 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>Area Board Grant Criteria and Guidance 2013/14 as approved by delegated decision</p> <p>WCVP Community Plan</p> <p>Warminster Joint Strategic Assessment</p>
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Warminster Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of **£66,951** that may be allocated through Community Area Grants, Digital Literacy Grants, Area Board/Councillor Led Initiatives and core funding for the CAP.
- 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

2013/2014 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

- 2.4. There are now 4 funding rounds remaining during 2013/14. Deadlines for receipt of funding applications are as follows:
- **Friday 26 July 2013 for consideration on 5 September 2013**
 - **Friday 27 September 2013 for 7 November 2013**
 - **Friday 29 November 2013 for 9 January 2014**
 - **Friday 23 January 2014 for 6 March 2014**
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- 2.5. In exceptional circumstances the Area Board may consider certain grants between Area Boards subject to approval by the Chair and Vice Chair.

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 Malmesbury Area Board.

If grants are awarded in accordance with officer recommendations, Warminster area board will have a balance of **£45,272** and **£1,500** remaining for digital literacy 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 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 will be outlined in section 8, "Officer Recommendations" of the funding report.

8. Officer Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Wylve Valley 1914 Project	Wylve Valley 194 Project	£3,000

- 8.1.1. Officers recommend that Wylve Valley 1914 Project is awarded £3,000 towards the 1914 Project, conditional on the balance of funding being in place and the funding being used for the capital aspect of the project.
- 8.1.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project by Wiltshire Council finance department.
- 8.1.3. The project aims to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of World War 1 in August 1914 and to portray the arrival of thousands of Kitchener's Volunteers to the Wylve Valley, which is from Longbridge Deverill to Codford, between August 1914 and April 1915 to be trained and the effects this had on the local community and economy. Some of the project's exhibits, in particular the Interpretative Display maps of the military camps, will provide a hitherto unknown and lasting legacy.
- 8.1.4. An estimated 3,000 people will attend.
- 8.1.5. The total cost of the project is £42,641 and £21,000 match funding is already in place (as of April 2013).

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8.2.	Corsley Memorial Playing Field	Corsley Memorial Playing Field Barbecue (BBQ)	£500

- 8.2.1. Officers recommend that the Corsley Memorial Playing Field is awarded £500 for the Barbeque.
- 8.2.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project by Wiltshire Council finance department.
- 8.2.3. Corsley Memorial Playing Field Committee hosts two or three big events each summer with a barbecue (BBQ) being provided. They usually cater for 50+ individuals and their current BBQ is a very old charcoal one. To provide safe and hygenic food in a timely way, we really need a new gas fired catering model.

8.2.4. The total cost of the project is £667.98 and there is match funding in place for £167.98.

8.2.5. This project will benefit children and young people and the rest of the community in the Corsley and surrounding areas. It will help to provide a lasting legacy of 2012 through continued community cohesiveness.

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8.3.	Maiden Bradley Village Hall	Maiden Bradley Village Hall Project	£2900

8.3.1. Officers recommend that the Maiden Bradley Village Hall project (central heating) is awarded £2900 towards the project.

8.3.2. The application meets grants criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project.

8.3.3. The village hall is a hub for the community and serves all from young to older people. Surrounding villages also use this facility. There is a need to install a modern central heating system to ensure this facility remains a vibrant part of the community.

8.3.4. Match funding is in place for £2900 primarily raised through the Village Hall committee. The Parish Council is not proposing to fund any of the costs as it is using limited resources on projects which cannot access other funding sources.

8.3.5. The Village Hall is used by many clubs and societies in the village and the improved heating system will encourage more groups to use it.

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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