

Report to	Corsham Area Board
Date of Meeting	17/03/2016
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
<p>Applicant: Lacock Cricket Club Project Title: Sports Pavilion Facilities Upgrade towards Sport England compliance</p> <p>View full application</p>	£3000.00
<p>Applicant: The Brunel Shed Project Title: Selwyn Hall Lift Project</p> <p>View full application</p>	£4000.00
<p>Applicant: CORSHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB Project Title: WHILTSHIRE COUNCIL FOOTBALL PITCH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME</p> <p>View full application</p>	£700.00
<p>Applicant: Springfield Art Group Project Title: Purchase of art materials for Springfield Art Group</p> <p>View full application</p>	£1,000.00

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

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.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1708	Lacock Cricket Club	Sports Pavilion Facilities Upgrade towards Sport England compliance	£3000.00
Project Description: This Lacock Cricket Club led project seeks to upgrade the semi derelict sports pavilion on Lacock recreation ground used year around by community sports clubs; by extending a changing room, building a shower room and installing umpires/referees' changing facilities. These works seek to provide minimum levels of Sport England compliance.			
Input from Community Engagement Manager			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The application meets the grants criteria and can be considered for approval.• A large project is under way to build new facilities but this is on the early stages and will not be completed for a number of years• The current pavilion is barely useable and is in desperate need of some refurbishment• The project is supported by both The National trust and The Parish Council.			
Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1734	The Brunel Shed	Selwyn Hall Lift Project	£4000.00
<p>Project Description: There is no disabled access to the upper floor of the hall; consisting of general club society room committee room and storage area. This means that user groups are unable to use these facilities and individuals particularly elderly and disabled are denied equal access to activities and exhibitions etc. A secondary function is to provide limited facilities to move furniture etc. between floors with obvious benefits to clubs and societies with a predominantly elderly membership. The lift is a completely self-contained unit in a shaft with locking doors and therefore protected from vandalism. Disabled access was originally by stair-lift which proved so vulnerable to malfunction and vandalism that it was removed along with the safety hazard of a toothed rail running up the stairs.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of the funding is being contributed by the Landfill grant • The project is just for the lift shaft assembly and is just for one of 4 large projects currently being undertaken • This application meets the grants criteria and can be considered for funding <p>Proposal That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1823	CORSHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	WHILTSHIRE COUNCIL FOOTBALL PITCH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME	£700.00
<p>Project Description: Wiltshire FA The Institute of Groundsman are partnering to provide an enhanced offer for member clubs groundsman with the single aim of improving grass pitches. This can be seen below. The charge for Wiltshire FA affiliated clubs to be involved in the programme is £80. This £80 is to cover the two independent visits from approved IOG grounds men; after the first visit a report will be written and recommendations will be made in line with the club facilities budget as to how to improve the club's grass playing surface. From the pilot visits we have completed thus far, the main work that clubs are being recommended to complete is verti-draining. The purpose of verti-draining and spiking is to allow oxygen into the root system and to provide a conduit for surface water to the drains. This video gives an example of the process - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVHZm4liWcs As you will read from the offer to our clubs, it includes reduced rates for specialist grounds works such as verti-draining. We have lined up a highly recommended independent contractor to complete this work. We have negotiated a reduced rate for clubs to hire in this service, it will also allow us to quality assure the standard of work being completed. Each visit would save the club £40 on current contractor rates. To enable the clubs to access these reduced rates we need to provide an equipment bank so that the undertaking of the mentioned work can take place by the</p>			

independent contractor. The equipment bank will start as a tractor and verti-drainer initially but as this programme progresses it is hoped that more equipment can be added based on specialist recommendations of the first IOG visits to pitches. The price for the two bids of equipment has been quoted at £38000. The Football Foundation has committed we are tasked with finding the remaining shortfall. The applicant to the Football Foundation and owner of the equipment would be the Wiltshire FA. A service level agreement will be drafted between the Wiltshire FA and the independent contractor who will carry out the work arranged with clubs. The independent contractor will be responsible for all day to day maintenance of the equipment in the bank. A second visit will take place by an independent IOG groundsman after 12-24 month to measure the success and implementation of the recommendations and judge the improvement of the playing service. Alongside this there will be regular Groundsman CPD Events to educate the workforce around the implementation of their individual site reports.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

- There are 9 community areas in Wiltshire that have been selected for this additional investment.
- Wilts FA and the Football Foundation are funding the majority of the programme but are £5k short, hence the clubs initially involved are applying to their respective Area Boards for the remainder
- The application meets the grants criteria and can be considered for funding

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
1800	Springfield Arts Group	Materials for new group	£1000

Project Description:

The project is to provide art materials to allow the Community self-help social and creative group that was formed under the Artlift initiative to continue. It is supporting mental and emotional well-being of members referred from The Porch GP medical practice as art on prescription. The application will allow the group to continue to meet now that funding has ceased and also provide art equipment for future new groups. These are already scheduled to begin March 2016 and July 2016.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

- The Artlift project has proved to be extremely successful in helping those with mental and emotional challenges to overcome them
- Those who went through the first programme were very keen to continue but there was no funding for room hire and equipment. The members are being asked to make a contribution but additional funding is required. If they stop meeting now, it is likely that the benefit and momentum will be lost

- An application will be considered by the Town Council for help towards room hire
- The group wishes to grow and attract new members
- The group is newly formed and has no bank account. The Brunel Sheds Project has kindly agreed to act as responsible banker if this application is approved
- The application meets the grants criteria and can be considered for approval

Proposal

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

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