

Report to	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	3 February 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants and Performance Reward Grant

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 2 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding (total £2,429):

1. Coombe Bissett & Homington Parish Plan Steering Group - £260
2. Winterslow Village Design Statement - £869
3. Whiteparish Village Hall – Repair roof - £950
4. Landford PC – Projector - £350

Performance Reward Grant Scheme:

1. Old Sarum Community Room (registered charity no. 113605) - £15,000 approx
Project is to secure funding for one year for a Coordinator of the Old Sarum Community Room.

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 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.
- 1.3. We can signpost groups to the Charities Information Bureau (CIB) for support to seek funding from elsewhere. CIB work on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Southern Wiltshire Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £41,087 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £628. This leaves a total budget of £41,715 for the 2010/2011 budget. The amount spent so far this year is £39,343 leaving £2,372 up to March 2011.
- 1.6. A decision has been made that in 2010/2011 and thereafter 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• Southern Area Community Plan 2004 – 09• Southern Wiltshire Community Plan 2010 - 2015
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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 at least 4 more rounds of funding during 2010/11, including this meeting. This is officially the last round of funding, but if there is an underspend the Area Board might decide to meet again before 31 March 2011.

The deadline for submitting applications to the Community Area Manager is about 4 weeks prior to the meeting. For the actual date see:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard

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 Southern Wiltshire Area Board. Grant applications totalling **£2,429** have been received for this meeting.

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.

8. Grants

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW046/10	Coombe Bissett & Homington Parish Plan Steering Group	The initial stages of the preparation of a parish plan	£260

8.1.1. Officer recommendation: Approve (£245)

Nb. If all grants were to be fully granted there would be a £57 overspend therefore £15 has been taken from each amount

8.1.2. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.3. Application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 - 15

8.1.4. This project is for the funding to deliver the initial stages of preparation of a parish plan. This includes the sending out of printed leaflets, the hiring of the village hall and the setting up of the hall for three public meetings to explain the plan process and to seek the views of the residents.

8.1.5. If the Board does not fund this project the steering group will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW047/10	Winterslow VDS group	Resources for VDS	£869

8.1.6. **Officer recommendation: Approval (£854)**

8.1.7. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.8. Application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15.

8.1.9. This project contributes to the completion of the Winterslow VDS. The VDS was an action which arose from the successful completion of the Winterslow Parish Plan. This will enable the group to consult as widely as possible within the community to produce a Village Design Statement which reflects the wishes of the community.

Matters to consider:

- Members pledged support for the VDS back in June but decided their application was premature and preferred to receive a bid for actual resources for their project.

8.1.10. If the Board does not fund this project the group will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW048/10	Whiteparish Village Hall	Repair roof	£950

8.1.11. **Officer recommendation: Approval (£935)**

8.1.12. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.13. Application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15.

8.1.14. This project is to repair the leaking roof which is leaking into the kitchen and hall.

The reparation will improve the facility for its users helping to maintain a valuable community asset until the new one is built.

Matters to consider:

- The committee hold significant reserves (£32,000) which are set aside to for the development of the new village hall, for which planning consent has been granted and work should commence towards the end of the year.

8.1.15. If the Board does not fund this project the group will use reserve funds as it is a vital that the leak is repaired – reserves are held in a CAF account which is set aside for the development of the new village hall.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW049/10	Landford Parish Council	Projector for Village Hall	£350

8.1.16. **Officer recommendation: Approval (£335)**

8.1.17. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.18. Application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15.

8.1.19. This project covers the purchase and installation of a projector for Planning Committee meetings (approx once a fortnight) and other PC meetings in the village hall and will be available for use by other users of the room.

Matters to consider:

- If the board was to refuse the application Landford PC would still buy the projector but they would not be able to install it overhead and therefore would not be available for other hall users.

8.1.20. If the Board does not fund this project see matter to consider above.

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