

Report to	Devizes Area Board
Date of Meeting	21 March 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider two applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Devizes and District Twinning Association - Funding for the provision of a marquee and toilets during the triannual conference celebration on the Green. This part of the weekend is to celebrate the different musical talents and they are seeking £500. **Recommended for consideration for approval on condition that the 'Devizes and District Twinning Association does not return for a similar grant in the future.'**
2. Bishop Cannings Cricket Club - Funding towards the purchase of 2 No. Sight screens and 1 No. Mobile practice net as well as to re-surface the worn artificial playing surface on the pitch. They are seeking £3,415. **Recommended for consideration for approval.**
3. Marston Parish Council – Funding towards the refurbishment of the village bus shelter. They are seeking £2,067, **Recommended for consideration for approval**

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 Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting (providing there is money available).
- 1.5. Devizes Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £58,117 as well as £3,476 carried over to use for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. Grants have been approved so far this year to the value of £47,716. Devizes Community Area Partnership have submitted a claim for £7,856, which leaves a balance of £6,021
- 1.6. Should the Board approve all of the applications before it at this meeting, a balance of £49 will remain. This can be carried over to 2011/12
- 1.7. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that 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.
- 1.8. The 2011/12 funding criteria and application forms will soon be available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions obtainable from the Community Area Manager. If you are considering an application, please discuss it first with the Community Area Manager

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2010/11• Devizes Community Area Plan
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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 are six rounds of funding during 20010/11. This is the last round with any remaining funds being carried over to 2011/12;

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 Devizes Area Board.
- 4.2. Should the applications in this agenda be awarded, Devizes Area Board will have a balance of £49

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.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1 (Grant Register ref no)	Devizes and District Twinning Association	Funding for marquee and toilets during the weekend celebration on May 22nd	£500

4. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval. However, as this is a tri-annual event and the grant could be considered as running costs, the Area Board could consider adding the condition that the *‘Devizes and District Twinning Association does not return for a similar grant in the future.’*

8.1.1.

8.1.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (Encourage community involvement and supporting the voluntary sector).

8.1.4. The cost of the project is £500 and therefore does not require any match funding.

8.1.5. This part of the weekend is to celebrate the different musical talent. It is open to the public without charge and will be held on the Green.

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8.2. (Grant Register ref no)	Bishops Cannings Cricket Club	The purchase of 2 Sight screens and 1 Mobile practice net as well as to re-surface the worn artificial playing surface on the pitch.	£3,415

8.2.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval.

8.2.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan as the club has an ambition to focus upon the development of youth cricket.

8.2.4. The applicants are providing 50% match funding from their own reserves or fundraising. However no funding is coming from any other source such as from the Parish Council.

8.2.5. The club does not hold excessively high reserves (£4,635 as of Jan 1st 2010)

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8.3. (Grant Register ref no)	Marston Parish Council	The refurbishment of the village bus stop.	£2,067

8.3.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval.

8.3.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.3.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan as it is addressing rural transport.

8.3.4. The Parish Council are providing 50% match funding.

8.3.5. As the total cost is less than £5,000, only one quote is required

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

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