

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Malmesbury Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>4 May 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area Board Funding</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To provide information about:

1. The distribution of funding by Malmesbury area board in 2010/11.
2. The Community Area Grant Criteria for 2011/2012.

## 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 (15 April 2011). 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 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 emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement. With this in mind Community Area Grants should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. Area boards will not consider 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.
- 1.5. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, although the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.6. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.7. All applicants are encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who is working 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.
- 1.8. 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.
- 1.9. The 2011/2012 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

- 1.10. All recipients of community area awards 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.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this report</b>	Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12  2010/11 Completed evaluation forms
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. It is disappointing that so few organisations who have received funding during 2010/11 have returned the evaluation form, a condition of their funding.
- 2.2. Malmesbury area board have given community area grants amounting to £24,493 during 2010/2011 and in so doing have helped lever in a further £26,601 to support community projects.
- 2.3. Malmesbury Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £40,593 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives.
- 2.4. Following the 16 March 2011 area board, Crudwell Pre-school advised the area board they would not be taking up their award of £3,215 as they had been successful in obtaining funding from elsewhere.
- 2.5. The carry forward from the 2010/2011 budget is £9,717, resulting in a balance of £50,310 for distribution during 2011/2012.
- 2.6. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2011/2012 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.7. There are 6 funding rounds during 20011/12 however no applications were received for the first round. The remaining deadlines for receipt of applications and dates when they will be considered are as follows:
- 13 May 2011 for consideration on 29 June 2011
  - 22 July 2011 for consideration on 7 September 2011
  - 26 September 2011 for consideration on 9 November 2011
  - 28 November 2011 for consideration on 18 January 2012
  - 23 January 2012 for consideration on 7 March 2012

### **3. Environmental & Community Implications**

- 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 Area Boards budget allocated to the Malmesbury Area Board.

### **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 "Officer Recommendations".

### **8. Officer Recommendations**

- 8.1. To note the distribution of funding by Malmesbury area board in 2010/11 and the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2011/2012.

<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 - Summary of 2010/2011 distribution of funding by Malmesbury area board
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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