

Report to	Tidworth Area Board
Date of Meeting	16th May 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding

- 1. Army Arts Society, Arts Pack Project, £1,019
Officer Recommendation - 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. EXAMPLE Two applicants withdrew their applications and hope to reapply at a future date. One application did not meet the funding criteria and was referred to 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.
- 1.5. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.6. Tidworth Area Board has been allocated a 2011/12 budget of £50,235 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2010/11 budget is £3559.89. (£3303.84 as reported at the previous meeting, plus the sum of £256.05 returned to the budget as the member led project on signage came in at a reduced cost. This leaves a total budget of £53,794.89 for the 2011/12 budget.
- 1.7. A decision was 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 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 2011/12• Tidworth Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2011/12 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 2011/12. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
 - 18th July 2011
 - 19th September 2011
 - 21st November 2011
 - 16th January 2012
 - 19th March 2012

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 Tidworth Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Tidworth Area Board will have a balance of £52,775.89.

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 Tid 001-11	Army Arts Society	Arts Packs Project	£1,019

8.1.1. The officer recommendation is **Approval** of this award. **Subject to the following condition**

An exhibition of works is held in the Tidworth Community Area at the end of deployments

8.1.2 The application meets the Community Area Grants criteria 2011/12

8.1.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan Culture and Leisure theme actions to 'encourage a wide range of (music and) arts events in the area'.

8.1.4 The application also demonstrates a link to the priorities of the military/civilian integration project through facilitating a better understanding in local communities of the experiences of serving personnel during deployments and promoting opportunities for further integration between the civilian and military communities through the exhibiting of art works in the local community. It also provides opportunities for serving personnel to make links with artists and arts organisations in their local areas thus extending their contacts and networks in the local community.

8.1.5 The Army Arts Society is a not for profit organisation, set up to encourage art within the Army, it has been in existence for over 30 years and delivers an annual exhibition of art created by serving personnel.

8.1.6 The project aims to provide packs of carefully selected art materials to soldiers and officers deploying on operations in order to encourage them to create pictures and paintings inspired by their experiences on operations. Art Packs will consist of small selection of quality drawing and watercolour materials, specially selected to be sufficiently compact and robust to be carried on operations. The materials will be provided in a waterproof bag, printed with sponsors' details including that of the Area Board if this application is successful. Currently, the project will be focused towards Afghanistan deployments.

8.1.7 The project will be linked to an annual competition to find The Best Serving War Artist, to be sponsored by The Affordable Art Fair. The project and Best Serving War Artist competition will be launched at the Army Arts Society exhibition in July 2011.

8.1.8 Following deployments, artists involved will be encouraged to develop their art and produce further works. Art produced during deployment, and subsequently, will be displayed at the Army Arts Society Annual exhibition in Salisbury and at The Affordable Art Fair in Battersea, London. In addition, individual exhibitions will be set up in Garrison

locations such as Tidworth.

8.1.9 The project will be managed through the Army Arts Society by a volunteer committee and an identified project officer within each Brigade.

8.1.10 The project has been sponsored by Dayler Rowney arts specialist suppliers with provisional support also from 43 Wessex Brigade and the Town Council. Whilst the Society does hold reserves, it is required within its charter to hold £6,000 reserves at all times to cover the costs of three years of annual exhibitions.

8.1.11 Arts packs will be available to all ranks of service personnel.

8.1.12 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project e.g. the project will not be able to go ahead or will be delayed pending search for alternative sources of funding.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Army Arts Society
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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