

Area Board Project

1. What is the project?

The current grants system criteria prohibits making awards for what is deemed to be running costs, However this can make it difficult for groups to obtain a grant from the Area Board to support an event that takes place on a regular basis.

The proposal is that £5k of the Area Board budget is ring fenced to support these type of events (e.g. festivals, carnivals, celebrations and twinning events). They would be subject to the same criteria as other grants except that they would not necessarily be excluded simply because the award could be seen as providing running costs or that they have had a similar grant in the past.

2. Where is the project taking place?

Within the Devizes Community Area

3. When will the project take place?

The funding would be ring fenced initially for 2011/12 but if successful could also be considered for subsequent years. Applications would follow the normal process for applying for grants.

4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/desired outcomes?

These type of events are very popular and make a very important contribution to the communities within the Devizes Area. Whilst still assessing each application on its individual merit, this project would allow the Area Board to support additional activities that are recognised as making a significant contribution to the wider community

Impact if the project were not to be funded

The impact would be that some activities that would benefit the community could not be easily funded from the Area Board and therefore may not take place.

5. Who will manage/be responsible for this project?

The community Area Manager would manage the applications and the Area Board Unitary Members would be responsible for making any award decisions.

6. Costs/quotes/ match funding?

£5k to be ring fenced from the existing budget of £58,192 for 2011/12

7. Additional information

All groups will still be encouraged to become financially sustainable without the need to rely upon continued Area Board funding. There should be no automatic assumption that a grant will be awarded even if it has been previously.