

Agenda Item No. 14

Report to	Amesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	11 February 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report	
To ask Councillors to consider 3 applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding, totalling £6,412	<u><i>Recommendation</i></u>
1. Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council – seeking £490 to contribute towards the cost of purchasing and installing a new parish noticeboard.	<i>Approve</i>
2. Durrington Walls Wind Band – seeking £922 to fund music tuition for local children who would otherwise be prevented from learning, due to financial hardship.	<i>Approve</i>
3. Bulford Parish Council – seeking £5,000 to contribute towards the cost of refurbishing the village hall kitchen.	<i>Approve</i>

1. Background

- 1.1. A single and simple application process was accepted by the Implementation Executive on 13 May 2009 for use during 2009/10.
- 1.2. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to the Area Boards by the Leader of the Council (13 May 2009). Under the terms of that delegation Area Boards must operate within the policies set by the Leader and /or the Council. The Council has adopted an Area Grants policy, with funding criteria, to which the Area Boards must adhere.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that was contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting until 31 March 2010.
- 1.5. Amesbury Area Board was allocated for 2009/10 a budget of £37,897. After the deduction of £9,200 of this budget to core fund the Community Area Partnership, a total of £28,697 remains to distribute through the Community Area Grants Scheme.

Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10 • Durrington Walls Wind Band – Constitution
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2009/10 year are made to applicants where projects can realistically proceed before 31 March 2010.
- 2.2. There will be 3 rounds of funding during 2009/10. The first was contained in a report to the 13th October board meeting. The second was contained in a report to the 8th December board meeting. The third and final round is detailed in this report for consideration at the 11th February 2010 meeting.

3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1. There are no specific or direct environmental implications arising from this report.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Board's budget allocated to the Amesbury Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with this report's recommendations, Amesbury Area Board will have a slight underspend on its budget of £120.00.
- 4.3. The Area Board is therefore recommended to submit a request to Wiltshire Council's Cabinet that this underspend be carried forward and added onto the budget for 2010/11.

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. Wiltshire Council is committed to equality and inclusion. 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. Consideration has been given to each application and implications are outlined within section 8 of this report.

8. Officer Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council	For the supply and installation of a new parish notice board.	£ 490

8.1.1. It is recommended that Winterbourne Parish Council is awarded a grant of £490 as a contribution towards the cost of the supply and installation of a new parish notice board.

8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.

8.1.3. Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council would like to replace its currently inadequate parish notice board with a larger notice board that will help to better meet the needs of the parish, including the church, and other village groups in wishing to display notices and local information.

8.1.4 This is a one-off grant request, as ongoing maintenance of the notice board is met from the parish council.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Durrington Walls Wind Band	To fund music tuition for local children who would otherwise be prevented from learning, due to financial hardship.	£922

8.2.1. It is recommended that Durrington Walls Wind Band is awarded a grant of £922 to assist with the funding of music tuition for local children who would otherwise be prevented from learning, due to financial hardship.

8.2.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria and that such schemes should be encouraged, particularly as the band was set up in response to the number of young people leaving Durrington Primary School with nowhere to continue playing in a band without having to travel to Salisbury.

8.2.3. This application relates to a number of the council's priorities, including:

- (a) Encourage people to make healthy lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of both themselves and their family
- (b) Improve young people's participation in positive activities
- (c) Increase the number of people who feel safe in the community
- (d) Improve local area through intergenerational activities such as street clean ups and community events.

8.2.4. The band's constitution pledges to arrange financial support, where necessary, in the form of subsidised lessons and loan of instruments to young people who show promise, on the basis that financial hardship should not be a

barrier to the aim providing the opportunity for all ages to play and perform music. There are currently three such individuals in need of support.

8.2.5. Currently the band has 36 members, including 22 young people. Ages range from 11-70. The benefits to the individual members are significant, i.e. a feeling of self-worth, a sense of achievement, learning to cope with challenge and working as part of a team. The community also benefits from having freely provided musical entertainment for local events. The band's activities fosters a sense of community spirit and positive attitudes between generations.

8.2.6 This is a one-off grant request for £922, ongoing costs of the band are met from subscriptions, donations, and general fundraising activities.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	Bulford Parish Council	To refurbish the village hall kitchen.	£5,000

8.3.1. It is recommended that Bulford Parish Council is awarded a grant of £5,000 to assist with the costs of refurbishing the village hall kitchen.

8.3.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria.

8.3.3. This application relates to a number of the council's priorities, including:

- (a) Engage with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions
- (b) Encourage people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of both themselves and their family
- (c) Improve young people's participation in positive activities
- (d) Improve local area through intergenerational activities such as street clean ups and community events

8.3.4. The village hall serves the local community and the refurbishment of the kitchen will provide improved facilities for local groups, clubs, individuals, private hirings, parties, weddings, exhibitions, and many other local events. The facilities are old and tired and in much need of refurbishing.

8.3.5 This is a one-off grant request for £5,000 to contribute towards total project costs of £10,410. Further routine maintenance of the kitchen will be funded through normal parish council funding.

Appendices:	Grant applications – Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council, Durrington Walls Wind Band, Bulford Parish Council
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