

Report to	Tidworth Area Board
Date of Meeting	18th July 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 2 applications seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Enford Camera Club, seeking £962.81 for the purchase of a projector screen.
Officer recommendation- award in full.
2. Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall, seeking £1,000 towards the cost of securing the oil tank to the hall against theft .
Officer recommendation- award £950 as 50% contribution to total project costs, in line with Community Area Grants criteria.

To ask Councillors to consider an application from TCAP for core funding.

1. TCAP is seeking £5,024.00, this represents the first tranche of it's core funding for this financial year.
Officer recommendation- award in full.

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.
- 1.5. 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 equals a total budget of £53,794.89 for the 2011/12 budget. The area board awarded the sum of £1019.00 to the Army Arts Society at the May 2012 meeting leaving a new balance of £52,775.89.
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. The 2011/2012 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. This is the second round, the remaining rounds will take place on;

- 19th September 2011
- 21st November
- 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 £45,839.08 (NB: There is also a Member led Project to ring fence £5,500 of funds from this budget for village events to mark the 2012 Olympics and Jubilee, if this project is also approved the working balance would be £40,339.08).

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 002- 11	Enford Camera Club	Purchase of projector Screen	£ £962.81

- 8.1.1 It is recommended that the Area Board awards the grant in full
- 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, in *'Supporting the existence of multi-use community centres/village halls/meeting places throughout the community area'*, (Housing and Built Environment, Page 11) and *'Improvement of sports, arts and entertainment facilities across the area'*. (Culture and Leisure, Page 15).
- 8.1.4 The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities as above.
- 8.1.5 Enford Camera Club is a not for profit organisation whose objectives are to provide a meeting place where members can be stimulated and encouraged in the art and science of photography. Membership is open to any person interested in photography. There is no club entrance fee and monthly subscriptions are small to cover running costs and hire of halls.
- 8.1.5 Enford Camera Club wishes to purchase a screen to supplement the projector previously provided through grant funding from the area board. The camera club are currently projecting onto the wall of the village hall which is not fit for purpose and limits members' enjoyment of photographs. Whilst a new screen will benefit the camera club, it is also planned to enable the Enford film Club to use the screen. This is the only film club for several miles and use of the screen will enable it to expand its operations and operate more independently. There are plans to increase reach through provision of family films and more variety of films.
- 8.1.6 The provision of a screen would enable the Camera Club to display members' work more effectively, it will also enable the film club to offer more films and entertain more people in the local community. The equipment will also be available to other groups and organisations within the village. The previously funded projector has been used by several other groups to date. The camera club will monitor the effectiveness of the project through monitoring attendance at meetings, loan of equipment to other groups and monitoring ticket sales for the film club.
- 8.1.7 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project e.g. the project will not be able to go ahead.

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8.2 Tid 003- 11	Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall Management Committee	Securing of oil supply tank	£1,000

- 8.2.1 **It is recommended that the area board awards the amount of £950** in line with the Community Grants criteria whereby the area board can only fund up to 50% of costs where the total project costs are more than £1,000.
- 8.2.2 The application meets the Community Area Grants criteria 2011/12
- 8.2.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan, in *'Supporting the existence of multi-use community centres/village halls/meeting places throughout the community area'*, (Housing and Built Environment, Page 11) and *'Improvement of sports, arts and entertainment facilities across the area'*. (Culture and Leisure, Page 15).
- 8.2.4 The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities as above.
- 8.2.5 Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall is a Charitable Trust, established in 1938 to commemorate the Coronation of King George 5th. The aim was to provide a reading and recreation room for the village and surrounding area with the aim of improving social moral and intellectual development through the provision of classes and other entertainments. The management committee was established to oversee the running of the facility for the benefit of the local community.
- 8.2.6 The Hall continues to be well used by the local community, this includes use by scouts and cubs groups, Women's Institute, line dancers and parish council. It is also used by other groups and organisations outside the village including the area board.
- 8.2.7 The Village Hall Management Committee is concerned about the vulnerability of the oil supply to this community facility having experienced a theft of oil from the storage tank in the recent past. This project aims to secure the storage tank to ensure the availability of the oil supply to heat the premises for users during the winter months.
- 8.2.8 A quotation for work to construct a 6" hollow block wall, back filled with reinforcing balls and concrete with a galvanised metal grid on the top with access hatch and front gate has been received, for a total cost of £1,900.00. The trust will contribute £900 from its own funds.
- 8.2.9 The parish council has been approached for funds to support this project, however the parish council has recently funded other improvements to the hall and has asked the management committee to look to alternative sources of funding on this occasion.

8.2.10 The Hall provides a valuable community resource which is available to all, this project will ensure its continued availability and use.

8.2.11 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the project will not be able to go ahead as the trust will be unable to allocate further funds from its own limited reserves.

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8.3 (Partnership Funding)	TCAP	Request for first tranche of Core Funding	£5,024.00

8.3.1 See attached report for Community Partnership Development Officer recommendation.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Enford Camera Club Appendix 2 Grant application – Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall Management Committee Appendix 3 TCAP papers
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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