

Report to	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	6 October 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

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

Application	Recommendation
Archaeological Watching brief for preparation of new Skate Park in the Village - Downton Parish Council - £1950	Approve

Key figures so far:

Available funds for 2011/12 – **£42,979** (including £2,000 refund)

Amount spent on grants so far in 2011/12 - **£6,895**

Amount spend/set aside for Local Employment so far - **£4,103**

Amount of funding sought for October 2011 - **£1,950**

Amount left if all awarded - **£30,201**

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 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.
- 1.3. We can signpost groups to the 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.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Southern Wiltshire Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £41,036 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2010/2011 budget is £-7 and in addition to this committed £50 to Coombe Bissett Parish Plan Steering Group for printing from the 2011/12 budget. Further to this the Board has been refunded £2000 as the Laverstock Youth Club project did not go ahead. This leaves a total budget of **£42,979** for the 2011/2012 financial year.
- 1.6. A decision was made that from 2010/2011 and thereafter 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• Southern Wiltshire Community Plan 2010 - 2015
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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 at least 4 more rounds of funding during 2011/12, including this meeting. The deadline for submitting applications to the Community Area Manager is about 4 weeks prior to the meeting. For the actual date see:
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard

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 Southern Wiltshire Area Board. Grant applications totalling **£1950** have been received for this meeting.

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.

8. Grants

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW02/1 1	Downton Parish Council	Archaeological Watching brief for preparation of new Skate Park in the Village	£1950

Officer recommendation: Approve

- 8.1.1. Although the applicant is a parish council, due to the project being a one off project and not maintenance of an existing facility this application meets grant criteria 2011/12.
- 8.1.2. Application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15
- 8.1.3. This project is to fund the costs of the Archaeological Watching brief which is a mandatory part of the preparation of the ground where the Skate Park will be situated.
- 8.1.4. The Skate Park project has significant local support from young people of the village and they have raised money towards it. Also Trafalgar School have pledged £1000 and around £40,000 will be sourced from R2 funds.
- 8.1.5. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for young people. As this is a brand new facility, and that significant amounts have been raised locally the Board will not be contradicting the grants policy if the award is granted.
- 8.1.6. If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise.

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