

COMMUNITY AREA GRANTS

Purpose of the Report

To ask Councillors to consider 4 new applications and 2 deferred applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding:

1. Bradley Gardens Residents Association - Installation of Rubbish/Dog Mess bins – requested £924. **Deferred from 28th January meeting for assessment by Wiltshire Council's waste management service**
2. Friends of Biss Meadows Country Park - Purchase Tools, Equipment & Safety Wear - requested £439. **Deferred from 28th January meeting for assessment by Wiltshire Council's waste management service**
3. North Bradley Peace Memorial Hall – Energy saving and security equipment - **requested £993**
4. Friends of Trowbridge in Bloom – Participatory programme of events – **requested £5,000**
5. Studley Green TARA – Installing play equipment in Regents Place play area - **requested £2,508**
6. Wiltshire British Armed Forces & Veterans Celebration – Contribution towards show costs – **requested £1,250**

Total requested = £11,114

1. Background

1.1 Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to the Area Boards by the Leader of the Council (13th 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.

1.2 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.

1.3 In 2009/10 the Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a budget of £58,194. After the deduction of 20% of this budget to core fund the Community Area Partnership a total of **£42,676** remained to distribute through Community Area Grants. After the allocation of funding at the 24th September, 5th November 2009 and 14th January 2010 Area Board meetings there is **£4,015** remaining for community grants for 2009/10

2. Main Considerations

2.1 Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2009/10 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed work before 31st March 2010.

3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

3.1 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 Trowbridge Area Board.

4.2 Officer recommendations exceed the £4,015 remaining in the 2009/2010 area grants budget. Final decisions will need to be made within the amount remaining.

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 Diversity 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 – “Project Proposals”.

8. Project Proposals

The full applications are attached (Appendix 1)

| Applicant 8.1 | Project summary | Funding requested |
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| Bradley Gardens Residents Association | Installation of rubbish/dog mess bins | £924 |

8.1.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2009/10 although they are requesting financial support for something that, if a need is identified, should come from Wiltshire Council service budgets

8.1.2 There is no direct link to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan 2004 – 14

8.1.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition “Safer Communities which also feel safe” and “Building Resilient Communities”

8.1.4 It is the statutory duty of Wiltshire Council to ensure that litter and waste are removed from Wiltshire Council owned land. An inspection visit will be carried out by Wiltshire Council officers they will inform the Area Board if they consider additional waste bins should be provided from the relevant service budget.

| Applicant 8.2 | Project summary | Funding requested |
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| Friends of Biss Meadows Country Park | Purchase Tools, Equipment & Safety Wear | £439 |

8.2.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2009/10, although they are requesting financial support for something that, if a need is identified, should come from Wiltshire Council service budgets

8.2.2 The application demonstrates a direct link to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan 2004 – 14 theme 4 Environment including countryside and land based issues

8.2.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition “Protecting the Environment”

8.2.4 The group has been working closely with Wiltshire Council’s Countryside Service which is fully supportive of this application

8.2.5 It is the statutory duty of Wiltshire Council to ensure that litter and waste are removed from Wiltshire Council owned land. An inspection visit will be carried out by Wiltshire Council officers they will inform the Area Board if they consider additional waste bins should be provided from the relevant service budget.

| Applicant 8.3 | Project summary | Funding requested |
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| North Bradley Peace Memorial Hall | Energy saving loft insulation and installation of alarmed door closures | £993 |

8.3.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2009/10.

8.3.2 The application demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan 2004 – 14 theme 4 Environment including countryside and land based issues

8.3.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambitions “Building Resilient Communities and Protecting the Environment”

| Applicant 8.4 | Project summary | Funding requested |
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| Friends of Trowbridge in Bloom | Participatory programme of events to encourage local residents to participate in a programme of planting. Will include the provision of baskets and seeds, delivery of workshops and information on how to grow things and encourage environmentally friendly methods of caring for plants. Programme will be aimed at all ages | £5,000 |

8.4.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2009/10.

8.4.2 The application does not demonstrate any direct links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan 2004 – 14 indirectly it links to theme 6 Education and Lifelong Learning

8.4.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition “Building Resilient Communities

8.4.4 Wiltshire Council’s Parks service is supportive of the application and would rate it as a high priority

| Applicant 8.5 | Project summary | Funding requested |
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| Studley Green TARA | Installing play equipment in Regents Place play area | £2,508 |

8.5.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria

8.5.2 The application demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan 2004 – 14 theme 3 Leisure, Recreation, Heritage and Arts

8.5.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire’s ambitions “Building resilient communities”

8.5.3 Trowbridge Town Council will carry out the relevant health and safety checks and inspections

| Applicant 8.6 | Project summary | Funding requested |
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| Wiltshire British Armed Forces & Veterans Celebration | Contribution towards costs of a show for all ages, depicting past & present conflicts and life in Britain during these. The event takes place in June. | £1,250 |
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8.6.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2009/10.

8.6.2 The application demonstrates a direct link to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan 2004 – 14 theme 3 Leisure, Recreation, Heritage and Arts

8.6.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition “Building resilient communities”

8.6.4 This is a one off application for the event and the applicant would not be expecting the Area Board to regularly fund this event

9. Recommendations

Application 8.1 Bradley Gardens Residents Association - it is recommended that a grant of £924 is deferred awaiting Wiltshire Council’s Waste service inspection of the local area.

Application 8.2 Friends of Biss Meadow Country Park – it is recommended that a grant of £439 is deferred awaiting Wiltshire Council’s Waste service inspection of the local area.

Application 8.3 North Bradley Peace Memorial Hall - it is recommended that a grant of £993 is approved.

Application 8.4 Friends of Trowbridge in Bloom - it is recommended that a grant of £5,000 is approved.

Application 8.5 Studley Green TARA - it is recommended that a grant of £2,508 is approved.

Application 8.6 Wiltshire British Armed Forces & Veterans Celebration – it is recommended that a grant of £1,250 is approved on condition that the applicant does not apply for this event on an annual basis.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Grant Applications

The following unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report: Technical Officers Reports.