

Report to	Tidworth Area Board
Date of Meeting	15th March 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 2009/10 and 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. AWS Ordnance House Eco Bike Project – seeking a grant of £700 towards the cost of enabling young people to take on a project of repairing surplus bicycles and teaching other young people the same skills.

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. Appendix 1 contains the Community Area Grants Pack, which has been developed and includes details of the grants process and criteria.
- 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. Tidworth Area Board was allocated for 2009/10 a budget of £37,678. After the deduction of 20% of this budget to core fund the Community Area Partnership, a total of £27,631 remains to distribute through the Community Area Grants Scheme. A total of 15 grants have been approved so far in 2009/10 to the value of £27,418 leaving a balance of £213 to spend on grants up to 31 March 2010.
- 1.6. The Eco Bike Project grant requested at the meeting on 15 March 2010 is for £700. Councillors will need to consider how they can resolve this situation.

Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10• Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003-2013
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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 or will have all the match funding in place to ensure that the project will proceed early in 2010/11.
- 2.2. The Tidworth Area Board grant budget for 2009/10 is £27,631 up to 31 March 2010. The application submitted for consideration at this meeting exceeds the budget by £487. Consideration will need to be given by the councillors how this situation can be resolved.

3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1. This project involves taking bicycles recovered by the police and repairing them, thus saving the cycles from being scrapped, and returning them to a useable state to

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provide a 'green' and sustainable form of transport.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Tidworth Area Board.
- 4.2. The Tidworth Area Board grant budget for 2009/10 is £27,631 up to 31 March 2010. The application submitted for consideration at this meeting exceeds the budget by £487. Consideration will need to be given by the councillors how this situation can be resolved.

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.	Army Welfare Service, Ordnance House	To enable young people to take on a project of repairing surplus bicycles and teaching other young people the same skills.	£700

- 8.1.1. It is recommended that the Army Welfare Service (Ordnance House) is awarded funding towards this project. As there is only £213 left in the 2009/10 budget, councillors may like to consider granting £213 out of the 2009/10 budget and £487 out of the 2010/11 budget providing that budget is set aside by Wiltshire Council for the Community Area Grant Scheme and that the £487 is not applied for by the applicant until after 1 April 2010.
- 8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that the application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.1.3. The applicant has also provided £100 towards the project, although it is under £1,000 in total project costs

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8.1.4. This application has specific links to Tidworth Community Plan 2003-2013 under the Culture and Leisure and Countryside and Land-based themes in that the project addresses:-

- supports the work and continuation of youth organisations and groups, including those run on a voluntary basis.
- improves participation by young people in community life, creating opportunities for them to work together.
- encourages community involvement and volunteering.
- encourages waste minimisation by repairing surplus and damaged bicycles, thus saving the cycles from being scrapped, and returning them to a useable state to provide other people with a 'green' and sustainable form of transport.

8.1.4 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities in that it will:-

- engage with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions, particularly young people.
- increase the number of young people volunteering and helping others to carry out useful work in repairing surplus bicycles, teaching them new skills.
- improves young people's participation in positive activities, providing them with the means to learn new skills.
- reduce perceptions of anti-social behaviour by providing a group of young people with a useful activity which also has benefits to the community.
- contributes to reduction of household waste by repairing bicycles to be reused.
- contributes to action on climate change by reducing carbon emissions by restoring damaged bicycles to be used again, providing a 'green' and sustainable method of transport.'

8.1.5 A decision not to fund this application will mean that the applicant will have to delay the project for some time to seek alternative funding. The applicant has informed the officer that no funding for the project can be provided by the MoD, who only pay the salary of the youth worker. A small pilot of the project has been carried out successfully and the young people are keen to develop the work further.

Appendices:	1 grant application form
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