

Report to	Pewsey Area Board
Date of Meeting	29 March 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of the Report

To ask Councillors to consider two applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding

Officer recommendations

1. Shalbourne Community Fund – award £391 towards first aid courses for the community.
2. Pewsey Area Community Trust (PACT) – award £197 towards the promotion of new services available in the PACT Centre.

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.

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 before 31 March 2010.
- 2.2 There have been four rounds of funding during 2009/10. The first was on 21 September, the second 9 November, the third 28 January 2010 and this final round.

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 Pewsey Area Board.

4.2 If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Pewsey Area Board will have spent its allocation for the financial year 2009/10 with no surplus.

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 the following recommendations

8. Officer recommendation

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Shalbourne Community Fund	Funding towards first aid courses in using the defibrillator	£550

8.1.1 It is recommended that Shalbourne Community Fund is awarded a grant of £391.

8.1.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2009/10.

8.1.3 This project has a link to the Pewsey Community Plan on page 10 (3.3 – there are rural communities with no ready access to primary medical services). Shalbourne is a very isolated rural area and having a defibrillator in the village with members of the

community trained in using it, could save lives.

- 8.1.4 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities through engaging with local people, increasing numbers of people involved in volunteering, increasing the number of people who feel safe in their community, and reducing death through accidents. It also contributes to the ambition of resilient communities
- 8.1.5 The applicant is a non-profit making organisation which has a terms of reference and is managed by a group of 6 people. The group have raised £650 towards the training.
- 8.1.6 The project is for cost of training in the use of the defibrillator and for first aid training and refresher courses for members of the community. The group will continue to fund raise to enable future refresher courses to take place.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	PACT	Promotion of new services available in the PACT Centre including workshops and services	£197

8.2.1 It is recommended that PACT is awarded a grant of £197 towards the cost of promotion of new services in the Centre.

8.2.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2009/10.

8.2.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan page 9 (2.2), page 11 (2.8 2.10) page 24 (5.13)

8.2.4 The application links with Wiltshire Council priorities through engaging with local people, increasing numbers of people involved in volunteering, encouraging people to make lifestyle changes, and reducing carbon emissions from transport (new technology and local information). It also contributes to the ambition of resilient communities

8.2.5 The applicant is PACT, which a community led not for profit development trust. PACT is using volunteers to work on this project.

8.2.6 The project is to produce promotional leaflets to inform the community about the new services offered by the centre including purchasing stationery for people, courier and post drop off point, internet banking courses, understanding facebook and skype and talking to the media. The services need to be actively promoted to increase the footfall of the centre, and to inform surrounding parishes of the activities and services available.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Community Area Grant Criteria Appendix 2 Grant application –Shalbourne Community Fund Appendix 3 Grant application – PACT
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10 • Pewsey Community Area Plan
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