

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> November 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 2 applications seeking 2011/2012 Community Grant Funding and to request funds for 1 application seeking funding for Community Led Planning.

1. Cricklade Country Market seeking £215 for displays for the local community market
2. Cricklade Cricket Club seeking £3,300 to erect a rabbit proof fence to the perimeter of the Cricket Ground
3. Latton Parish Council seeking £500 to create a community led plan for Latton

## 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. One application for a community Area Grant will be taken to the next Area Board meeting in January to give the applicant time to provide more information. 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.
- 1.5. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.6. Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £51,680 for community grants and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward for community area grants from the 2010/2011 budget was £6769. In addition, the Area Board has been allocated £10,336 for partnership funding which could be used for community led planning or community area grants. £16,438 has been awarded at previous Area Boards, leaving a balance of £52,347 for the remainder of the 2011/2012 budget.
- 1.7. In addition, the sum of £5,226.00 has been allocated to the Area Board for youth projects, £1,500 has been allocated which leaves £3,726 for Youth Projects for the remainder of the 2011/2012 budget.
- 1.8. 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.
- 1.9. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12</li><li>•</li></ul>
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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 2 further rounds of funding during 2011/12. The remaining will take place on;
  - 25 January 2012
  - 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board will have a balance of £48,832 for community area grants.

## **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 , 9, 10 – “Officer Recommendations”.

## 8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Cricklade Country Market	For displays to promote the community market	£215

- 8.1.1. Officer recommends that this grant is awarded.
- 8.1.2. Application meets grant criteria 2011/12 as agreed by the Area Board
- 8.1.3. Application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan
- 8.1.4. Application meets locally agreed/Area Board priorities
- 8.1.5. The applicant is a not for profit group.
- 8.1.6. The project is to provide information boards and displays for the products made by local people for sale at the monthly markets held in Cricklade.
- 8.1.7. The project encourages locals to meet and take part in a local event, raises awareness of the importance of purchasing local food and supports the local economy. Older residents use the facility to meet and have coffee, thus supporting the local community to mitigate the potential effects of social isolation.
- 8.1.8. If funds are not allocated the Community Market will be at risk of decrease in footfall.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.1	Cricklade Cricket Club	Erection of rabbit proof fencing to increase the safety of users	£3.300

- 9.1.1. Officer recommends that this grant is awarded.
- 9.1.2. Application meets grant criteria 2011/12 as agreed by the Area Board
- 9.1.3. Application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan
- 9.1.4. Application meets locally agreed/Area Board priorities
- 9.1.5. The applicant is a not for profit group.
- 9.1.6. The project is to provide new fencing to the perimeter of the cricket ground to protect the playing area from rabbits that are burrowing and causing divots, thus endangering players, some who have fallen and injured themselves as a result of tripping.

9.1.7. The project encourages locals to meet and take part in sporting activities safely and an annual tournament with surrounding areas will promote health and well being and community involvement in a safe environment.

9.1.8. If funds are not allocated the teams that play will not be able to play safely.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
10.	Latton Parish Council	Development of a community led plan	£500

10.1.10. Officer recommends that this grant is awarded.

10.1.11. Application meets grant criteria 2011/12 as agreed by the Area Board

10.1.12. Application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan

10.1.13. Application meets locally agreed/Area Board priorities

10.1.14. The applicant is a parish council who is applying for funds to commence working on community led planning with a local steering group.

10.1.15. The project is to work with a steering group and consult with the community to identify what the community needs and aspirations are, linking with local and national research and legislation and produce a local plan. This is to link with a community plan for the Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board.

10.1.16. By working with the all members of the community to identify it's aspirations and future needs, future community plans will demonstrate Equality and Inclusion within this project

10.1.17. The Area Board has agreed to provide funding for community led planning through town and parish councils and without this funding this project may not proceed

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant application – Cricklade Community Market</b> <b>Appendix 2 Grant application – Cricklade Cricket Club</b> <b>Appendix 3 Grant application - Latton Parish Council</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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