

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting	26 January 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider:

1. Six applications seeking Community Area Grant Funding:
 - i. West Ashton Village Hall & Institute – to fit Acoustic Panels in the main hall to reduce echo and provide lighting in place of the temporary "fairy lights" - £2,000 requested.
 - ii. Trowbridge Academy Of Boxing - to replace external lighting & minor repairs to the club building - £975 requested.
 - iii. Trowbridge Town Council – to run an event in Trowbridge Park on 4 June to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee - £4,979 requested.
 - iv. Trowbridge Town Council - to arrange a day of celebration on 22 May when the Olympic Torch comes through Trowbridge followed by a celebration day on Saturday 26 May for all families to take part in trying Olympic sports which are represented in the 2012 games - £3,588 requested.
 - v. Wiltshire Cultural Supplementary School – to run a series of 3 events focusing on Muslim, Afro Caribbean & Polish histories open to young people and their families - £800 requested.
 - vi. Wiltshire Youth Marching Band – to purchase uniforms for the band - £1,000 requested.
2. A Councillor led Area Board project application :
 - i. To complete the War Memorial upgrade by the design and manufacture of a pair of entrance gates by a young person attending a Trowbridge School – Project submitted by Councillor John Knight - £2,500 requested
3. Committing £5,000 to a small project fund for local projects to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee and Olympic events in Wiltshire

Total Amount requested = £20,842

1. Background

- 1.1 Area Boards have authority to approve Community Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (15 April 2011). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding. In addition to the Community Area Grant Scheme, Area Boards may wish to use a proportion of their funding for projects which fall outside the criteria of the Community Area Grant Scheme. These projects would be initiated by Area Board members for consideration and approval by the Area Board.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons as to why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3 Officers are required to provide recommendations in their report for Community Area Grant applications, although the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 The 2011/2012 funding criteria and application forms, which have been used for this tranche of funding, are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.
- 1.6 Trowbridge Area Board has a 2011/2012 budget of £86,446 for community area grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. TCAF has been awarded £18,998 for 2011/12 and Community Area Grants & Area Board projects totalling £30,504 have been allocated so far in 2011/12:
 - Trowbridge Wanderers Youth Football Club – £5,000 to refurbish shower facilities
 - Alzheimers Support – £4,500 to fund the creation of a Dementia Hub in Trowbridge
 - Trowbridge & District Youth Band – £990 to work with children attending Studley Green Primary School to get involved in music making
 - SPLASH - £1,742 to run a cultural dance project for young people at the Arc Theatre, Trowbridge
 - Monday - Wednesday Club - £231 to develop the physical skills of elderly people through the purchase of curling equipment
 - The Amber Foundation – £4,400 to run a conservation training project for unemployed homeless young people
 - Application from Councillor Tom James for Seymour TARA Hub - £5,640.50 awarded for equipment
 - Application from Councillor John Knight for Trowbridge Town Hall feasibility study - £8,000 awarded

This gives a current remaining total of £36,944 available to allocate

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report

- Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12
- Trowbridge Community Area Plan
- Local Agreement for Wiltshire

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 The Council is encouraging communities to be involved in celebrations both locally and in Salisbury to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and Olympic Torch events hence the Area Board looking to run a small project application scheme for local communities to get involved

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. If grants are awarded in line with those requested the Area Board will have £16,102 to allocate at the 15 March 2012 Area Board 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 Diversity Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Grants give local community and voluntary groups, 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 where appropriate.

8. Community Area Grant Applications

The full applications are available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Applicant 8.1	Project summary	Funding requested
West Ashton Village Hall & Institute	to fit Acoustic Panels in the main hall to reduce echo and provide lighting in place of the temporary "fairy lights"	£2,000

- 8.1.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2011/12
- 8.1.2 The applicant demonstrates an indirect link to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 7 Education & Lifelong Learning
- 8.1.3 The applicant is contributing £2,335 of other funding towards the project from other sources
- 8.1.4 **It is recommended that a grant of £2,000 is approved on condition that the Landfill match funding applied for is awarded.**

Applicant 8.2	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge Academy of Boxing	to replace external lighting & minor repairs to the club building	£975

- 8.2.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2011/12
- 8.2.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 5 Sport & Active Leisure
- 8.2.3 The applicant is not contributing any other funding towards the project from other sources
- 8.2.4 **It is recommended that a grant of £975 is approved.**

Applicant 8.3	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge Town Council	to run an event in Trowbridge Park on 4 June to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee	£4,979

- 8.3.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2011/12
- 8.3.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 1 Economy, including Tourism & Employment and Theme 4 Culture, Heritage & Arts
- 8.3.3 The applicant has contributed for £5,000 funding towards the project from its own funds
- 8.3.4 **It is recommended that a grant of £4,979 is approved.**

Applicant 8.4	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge Town Council	to arrange a day of celebration on 22 May when the Olympic Torch comes through Trowbridge	£3,588

	followed by a celebration day on Saturday 26 May for all families to take part in trying Olympic sports which are represented in the 2012 games	
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- 8.4.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2011/12
- 8.4.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 1 Economy, including Tourism & Employment; Theme 4 Culture, Heritage & Arts and Theme 5 Sport & Active Leisure
- 8.4.3 The applicant has contributed £5,000 funding towards the project from its own funds
- 8.4.4 **It is recommended that a grant of £3,588 is approved.**

Applicant 8.5	Project summary	Funding requested
Wiltshire Cultural Supplementary School	to run a series of 3 events focusing on Muslim, Afro Caribbean & Polish histories open to young people and their families	£800

- 8.5.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2011/12
- 8.5.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 4 Culture, Heritage & Arts and Theme 7 Education & Lifelong Learning
- 8.5.3 The project will have positive Equality & Diversity implications
- 8.5.4 The applicant is contributing £1,030 of other funding towards the project from other sources
- 8.5.5 **It is recommended that a grant of £800 is approved.**

Applicant 8.6	Project summary	Funding requested
Wiltshire Youth Marching Band	to purchase uniforms for the band	£1,000

- 8.6.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2011/12
- 8.6.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 4 Culture, Heritage & Arts and Theme 7 Education & Lifelong Learning
- 8.6.3 The applicant has not provided any match funding for the project
- 8.6.4 **It is recommended that a grant of 1,000 is approved.**

9. Area Board Project Applications

The full application is available at at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Applicant 9.1	Project summary	Funding requested
Submitted by Councillor John Knight	To complete the War Memorial upgrade by the design and manufacture of a pair of entrance	£2,500

	gates by a young person attending a Trowbridge School	
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9.1.1 Councillors will need to consider whether the application meets one or more of the following:

- Evidence of community need
- Clear links to the community plan
- Evidence that it addresses an on-going issue that has been logged via the Community Issues System

9.1.2 It is recommended the Area Board considers the Area Board project application to determine whether to allocate funding from the Area Board budget.

10. Queen's Diamond Jubilee and Olympic Events Small Project Fund

10.1 It is proposed that the Area Board commits £5,000 towards a small project scheme with a maximum grant of £300 available to local groups to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee or the Olympic Torch Relay. Groups will be eligible to apply for events happening in their locale or that will take place at one of the official events in Salisbury.

10.2 Applicants will need to demonstrate the benefits of their project in terms of meeting one or more of the following:

- Showcases what we have and what we do so well in our area
- Promotes our strong and vibrant community spirit.
- Reinvigorates our local economy

10.3 A simple application form will be made available to groups who wish to apply with The final deadline for applications to be 31 March 2012. To address the time constraints that applicants would face in time for the organisation of their events, the Area Board will also be asked to consider delegating authority to the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Area Board, to approve any grant applications relating to the Jubilee or Olympics between meetings of the Area Board. A report will be submitted at the next available Area Board meeting to detail any grants awarded under this delegation.

11. Recommendations

11.1 It is recommended that the Area Board agrees to the recommendations contained within paragraphs 8 and 9 of this report.

11.2 It is recommended that the Area Board agrees to committing £5,000 towards a small project scheme with a maximum grant of £300 available to local groups to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee or the Olympic Torch Relay.

11.3 To address the time constraints that applicants face to submit their applications in time for the organisation of their events, it is recommended the Area Board will consider delegating authority to the Community Area

Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Area Board, to approve any small project grant applications relating to the Jubilee or Olympics between meetings of the Area Board against the criteria in paragraph 10.2. A report will be submitted at the next available Area Board meeting to detail any grants awarded under this delegation.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Grant applications

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