

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> January 2012</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, to request funds for 1 application seeking funding for 2012 Community Events and seek agreement for 1 Area Board project.

1. Cricklade, Jenner Hall are seeking £5,000 to assist with the repair of the roof
2. Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Extended Services Network is seeking £2,500 for play schemes
3. The Area Board are seeking £5,000 for a project to help support the local business economy.
4. St Bartholomews Flower Guild are seeking £600 toward a 2012 community event

## 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. 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. The Area Board has allocated £30,453 to Grants and Projects, including £10,000 for Events to celebrate the Jubilee and the 2012 Olympics, leaving a balance of £27,996.
- 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 1 further round of funding during 2012. The remaining will take place on;
  - 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 £15,496 for community area grants and Area Board Projects £3,726 for Youth Projects and £9,600 for 2012 events from the £10,000 already allocated.

## **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	Jenner Hall	Are seeking funds to assist with the repair of the roof	£5,000

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 renew stone slated roof.

8.1.7. The project will renew the roof and thus provide a safe and environmentally sound venue for older people and socially isolated people in Cricklade

8.1.8. If funds are not allocated the project will be delayed

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.1	Wootton Bassett and Cricklade extended services	Summer Play Scheme running a mixture of free or affordable activities for young children	£2,500

- 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 run a mixture of either free or affordable activities over the holiday for children ranging from 0- 19 years of age, working in partnership with the children's centres.
- 9.1.7. The project is to meet the needs of children and families who experience barriers preventing them from achieving their full potential by reducing disadvantage
- 9.1.8. If funds are not allocated the summer play scheme will be reduced in content

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10.	Area Board	For a project to help support the local business economy by increasing visitor numbers throughout the community area.	£5,000

- 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 project is to help support the local business economy by increasing visitor numbers throughout the community area

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
11.	St Bartholomew's Flower Guild	A Flower festival over the Queens Jubilee event on June 2/3/4 <sup>th</sup> at	£600

- 11.1.1 The Area Board allocated the sum of £10,000 for events to celebrate the Queens

Jubilee or the Olympics and this application meets the criteria. The officer recommends this grant is awarded

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant application – Jenner Hall Appendix 2 Grant application – Extended Services, together with the summer planner and evidence of need document Appendix 3 Grant application - Area Board Appendix 4 Grant application – St Bartholomew Flower Guild</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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