

Report to	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	2 February 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider applications seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding:

Application	
Downton Skate Park project Applicant: Downton PC - £5,000 (£1905 Archaeological dig already approved)	Approve £5,000
Winterslow Play Day 2012 - activities Applicant: Winterslow Play Day Committee - £1,464	Approve £1,464
Tables for community use in centre Applicant: Barry's Field Sports Ground - £731	Approve £656
Sunshine Project – Workshop with Elderly People Applicant: Circular Arts - £1,000	Approve £1,000
Equipment for youth club in Whiteparish Applicant: Whiteparish Youth Group - £4,000	Approve £3,700
Downton Diamond Jubilee celebrations Applicant: Friends of Downton Queen's Diamond Jubilee- £1,204	Approve £556
Staging for the village hall Applicant: Redlynch Village Hall - £3,600	Approve £3,600
Flooring for new straw bale classroom Applicant: River Bourne Community Farm- £2,400	Approve £2,400

2. Key figures so far:

Available funds for 2011/12 – **£41,815**

Amount spent/allocated on grants so far in 2011/12 - **£22,203**

Amount available to spend at Feb 2 area board: **£19,612 plus £3,954 youth funding = £23,566**

Amount of funding sought for February 2012 (including £5,000 for Old Sarum Community Room in a separate agenda item) - **£22,449**

3. Main Considerations

3.1. 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.

3.2. There will be at least 4 more rounds of funding during 2011/12, including this meeting. The deadline for submitting applications to the Community Area Manager is about 4 weeks prior to the meeting. For the actual date see: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard

4. 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.

5. Financial Implications

Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Southern Wiltshire Area Board. Grant applications totalling **£17,449*** have been received for this meeting.

6. Legal Implications

6.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

7. HR Implications

7.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

8. Equality and Inclusion Implications

8.1. 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.

***NB – A further £5000 is also requested on another agenda item.**

Downton Skate Park project Applicant: Downton PC	£5000
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Officer recommendation: Approve

Part of this project has already been approved but this has been withdrawn and replaced with this updated bid. Although the applicant is a parish council, due to the project being a one off project and not maintenance of an existing facility this application meets grant criteria 2011/12.

Application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15.

Issue number 28 - Support opportunities for positive activities for Children and Young People.

Issue number 58 - Support the provision of appropriately equipped children and young people's play areas taking into consideration access for people with special needs

Issue number 59 - Support the community to raise awareness of available facilities and resources and identify need for new facilities

This project is to fund the costs of the Archaeological Watching brief (already considered and approved) which is a mandatory part of the preparation of the ground where the Skate Park will be situated. Further to this the Board is also asked to fund a part of the build costs.

The Skate Park project has significant local support from young people of the village and they have raised money towards it. Also Trafalgar School have pledged £1000 and around £40,000 will be sourced from R2 funds.

The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for young people. As this is a brand new facility, and that significant amounts have been raised locally the Board will not be contradicting the grants policy if the award is granted.

If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise.

Winterslow Play Day 2012 – Activities for play day Applicant: Winterslow Play Day Committee	£1464
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Recommendation: Approve – funding from youth funding budget

This application meets grant criteria 2011/12. Also meets the criteria to receive funding from the youth funding budget.

Application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15.

Issue number 28 - Support opportunities for positive activities for Children and Young People.

Issue number 69 - Encourage the development of activities for children and young people in all communities in response to local needs. Eg. school holidays

This project is to fund the costs of activities for young people at the Winterslow Play Day 2012. This activity day takes place during the summer holidays and last year was attended by more than 1000 people. The day is organised by volunteers and they have approached all Parish Councils in the Community Area to seek support for the event as it is recognised that people from all over the Community Area can and do go to the play day.

The project clearly has local support as so many people attended and provided positive feedback as shown in the summary report produced for 2011.

The Area Board recognises the need to ensure there are positive activities for young people, especially during the summer holidays. If funded this year, it will be the second year running that this project will have received funding therefore we should look at ways of making this more sustainable in the long run. The parishes of Winterslow and Firsdawn are yet to confirm their contribution but are asked to fund £100 each.

If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise and some of the activities might not be available.

Tables for community use in Barry's Field Sports Ground Applicant: Barry's Field Sports Ground	£731
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Recommendation: Approve - £656

This application meets grant criteria 2011/12.

Application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15. Issue number 59 - Support the community to raise awareness of available facilities and resources and identify need for new facilities

This project is to fund the costs of new tables for the Barry's Field Pavillion.

The Area Board recognises the need for safe equipment at its community centres across the community area.

Although this is under £1000, therefore not needing matched funding, the parish council will contribute £75 meaning that the amount required is £656.

If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise and some of the activities might not be available.

Sunshine Project – Workshop with Elderly People Applicant: Circular Arts	£1000
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Recommendation: Approve

This application meets grant criteria 2011/12.

The application does not demonstrate a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15. However its objectives such as intergenerational linkages, volunteering, youth involvement provide community benefits linked to the plan.

This project is to fund the costs associated with the workshops held in Southern Wiltshire for this programme for older people. The applicant has confirmed that there will be at least 4 workshops in the area and these will be supported by students from Trafalgar School.

This project covers the whole of south Wiltshire therefore other area boards have been approached for funding too. South West Wiltshire Area Board has contributed. Amesbury Area Board did not consider the bid. Salisbury had already funded a project in this financial year for this applicant therefore has not contributed.

The Area Board recognises the need to assist in the delivery of activities for older people. However, it should be confident that funding awarded goes towards the activities in its own community area.

If the Board does not fund this project then the amount of activity in Southern Wiltshire for the project could be reduced.

Equipment for youth club in Whiteparish Applicant: Whiteparish Youth Group	£4000
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Officer recommendation: Approve – Total required £3700. £1219 from Area Board general fund and £2481 from Youth Funding budget

This application meets grant criteria 2011/12.

Application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15.
Issue number 28 - Support opportunities for positive activities for Children and Young People.

Issue number 59 - Support the community to raise awareness of available facilities and resources and identify need for new facilities

This project is to fund the costs of equipment for the newly established Whiteparish Youth Group. There is plenty of interest in the village and surrounding areas and 40 - 50 young people attended a session on 1st December showing the appetite for the project.

The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities for young people. The establishment of a new youth club is great for the community and should be supported.

The Parish Council are willing to contribute £300 towards the equipment and set aside a further amount to support the club at a later date if necessary.

If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise.

Downton Diamond Jubilee celebrations Applicant: Friends of Downton Queen's Diamond Jubilee	£1204
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Officer recommendation: Approve - £556 which covers the insurance for the event

This application meets grant criteria 2011/12.

Application does not demonstrate a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15, however supports the Council's objectives of promoting community events to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

This project is to fund the costs of a Diamond Jubilee community event which will comprise of a carnival, street party (food and transport provided for OAPs) and an evening concert with fireworks. The celebrations are open to the public and it is expected that around 2500 people will take part.

The Area Board recognises the value of community events as a way of bringing people together.

The Parish Council are due to consider putting funding towards this in February.

If the Board does not fund this project the community will continue to fundraise.

Staging for the village hall Applicant: Redlynch Village Hall	£3600
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Officer recommendation: Approve

This application meets grant criteria 2011/12.

Application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15.
Issue number 59 - Support the community to raise awareness of available facilities and resources and identify need for new facilities

This project is to fund the costs of portable staging which, if granted, will provide staging for the Jubilee and Olympic events planned for 2012 and beyond for all future users of the hall.

The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities. It also recognises that the community, including the parish council, are contributing to the project. The Parish Council's contribution has been confirmed. The Village Hall does appear to have healthy reserves however they are planning to hold events this year to celebrate their 100th year, this will include community events and commemorative installations.

If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise.

Flooring for new straw bale classroom Applicant: River Bourne Community Farm	£2400
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Officer recommendation: Approve

This application meets grant criteria 2011/12.

Application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15.
Issue number 28 - Support opportunities for positive activities for Children and Young People.

Issue number 59 - Support the community to raise awareness of available facilities and resources and identify need for new facilities

Issue number 65 - Support and promote the River Bourne Community Farm in Laverstock as a learning and recreational opportunity for the whole community

This project is to fund the costs of new flooring in the new straw bale classroom. This will be used by schools for educational purposes and will also be available for the local community.

The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities.

The Parish Council is not contributing to this project but is funding a larger project at the River Bourne Farm to improve the infrastructure.

If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise.

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