

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting	15 March 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider:

1. Five applications seeking Community Area Grant Funding: (Appendix 1)
 - i. Trowbridge Amateur Swimming Club - to organise an open swimming event - £5,000 requested
 - ii. West Ashton Parish Council - to purchase of a laptop projector for Parish & community use - £500 requested
 - iii. Trowbridge Arts Festival - towards the running of a Trowbridge Arts Festival - £4,877 requested
 - iv. Wiltshire Islamic Cultural Centre – to run a Pilot BME Youth Project - £2,660 requested
 - v. World Evangelism Bible Church – £5,000 for a project to help address post traumatic disorders relating to the terminally ill

Total Amount requested = £18,037
2. The application from Clarendon College for the funding of £2,754.67 ring fenced on 19 January 2012 to help with celebrations around the Olympic Torch Relay (Appendix 2)
3. To note the allocation of funding of small grants up to £300 for Jubilee and Olympic Celebrations as agreed at the 26 January 2012 Area Board meeting (Appendix 3)

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 £51,346 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

- 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 awarded.
- Trowbridge Academy Of Boxing - to replace external lighting & minor repairs to the club building - £975 awarded
- Trowbridge Town Council – to run an event in Trowbridge Park on 4 June to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee - £4,979 awarded
- 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 awarded
- 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 awarded
- Wiltshire Youth Marching Band – to purchase uniforms for the band - £1,000 awarded
- Application from Councillor John Knight 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 –£2,500 awarded
- £5,000 committed to a small project fund for local projects to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee and Olympic events in Wiltshire

This gives a current remaining total of £16,102 available to allocate

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12 • Trowbridge Community Area Plan • Technical Officers reports
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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.

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. Applications received are requesting more funding than is left in the Area

Board budget by £1,935

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
Trowbridge Amateur Swimming Club	To set up and organise a 2 day Licensed open swimming meet	£5,000

8.1.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2011/12

8.1.2 The applicant demonstrates a link to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 5 Sport & Active Leisure

8.1.3 The applicant is contributing £10,843 of other funding/income towards the project

8.1.4 **It is recommended that a grant of up to £5,000 is approved on condition that the other funding applied for is raised.**

Applicant 8.2	Project summary	Funding requested
West Ashton Parish Council	to purchase of a laptop projector for Parish & community use	£500

8.2.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2011/12 although as it is an application from a Parish Council the Area Board may wish to consider whether the applicant could raise the funds for the item via its precept

8.2.2 The applicant demonstrates an indirect link to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 10 Community Partnership Working in Practice

8.2.3 The applicant is contributing 50% funding towards the project from their own funds

8.2.4 **It is recommended that a grant of up to £500 is approved.**

Applicant 8.3	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge Arts Festival	Towards the running of a Trowbridge Arts Festival	£4,877

- 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 is contributing for £15,750 funding/income towards the project
- 8.3.4 The Council's Arts Service sees this project as a high priority and states the development of an ambitious cultural festival will have a significant impact in terms of enriching the community and supporting the local economy.
- 8.3.5 **It is recommended that a grant of up to £4,877 is approved on condition that the other funding applied for is raised**

Applicant 8.4	Project summary	Funding requested
Wiltshire Islamic Cultural Centre	to run a Pilot BME Youth Project	£2,660

- 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 7 Education & Lifelong Learning & Theme 9 Crime & Community Safety
- 8.4.3 The applicant will contribute over 50% of the funding towards the project from its own funds
- 8.4.4 The project will have positive Equality & Diversity implications
- 8.4.5 The Council's Youth Development Service recognises this project fills a need that exists in Trowbridge for Muslim young people
- 8.4.5 **It is recommended that a grant of up to £2,660 is approved with the condition that the group engages with the local Wiltshire Council youth service and joins the Wiltshire Youth Services Council, which could help support them in regards to training and funding for training.**

Applicant 8.5	Project summary	Funding requested
World Evangelism Bible Church	for a project to help address post traumatic disorders relating to the terminally ill	£5,000

- 8.5.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2011/12 stating that the project is non religious
- 8.5.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 8 Health & Social Care
- 8.5.3 The applicant is providing £18,350 in other funds/income towards the project
- 8.5.4 **It is recommended that a grant of up to £5,000 is approved**

9. Appendix 3 outlines the applications awarded funding of small grants up to £300 for Jubilee and Olympic Celebrations as agreed at the 26 January 2012 Area Board meeting

10. Recommendations

10.1 **It is recommended that the Area Board agrees to the recommendations for the Community Area Grant applications contained within paragraph 8 of this**

report.

10.2 It is recommended the Area Board considers the application from Clarendon College (Appendix 2) for the youth funding of £2,754.67 to determine whether to allocate the funding

Appendices:	Appendix 1 - Community Area Grant applications Appendix 2 - Clarendon College Youth Funding Application Appendix 3 - Applications awarded funding of small grants for Jubilee and Olympic Celebrations
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