

Report to	Tidworth Area Board
Date of Meeting	19th March 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report	
<p>1. To ask Councillors to consider two applications seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding.</p> <p>a. St Andrew's Parochial Church Council- improving community facilities- £570</p> <p>b. Ludgershall Skate Park Committee- £5,000</p>	<p><u><i>Officer Recommendation</i></u></p> <p>Award in full</p> <p>Award in Full</p>

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 (4 April 2011). 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 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 for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement. With this in mind Community Area Grants should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. Area boards will not consider applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.5. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, although the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.6. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.7. All applicants are encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who is working 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.
- 1.8. 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 2011/2012 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

The budget for Tidworth Area Board for 2011/12 (including carry over from the previous year) was £53,794.89. At the Area Board meeting on the May 21st a spend of £1,019.00 was agreed and at the area board meeting on 17th July a spend of £6,942.81 was agreed. At the September meeting the area board approved a spend of £16,081 leaving an available budget of £29,752.89. At the November meeting the area board approved £4,842, leaving £24,910.08, (£11,000 ring fenced for Jubilee/Olympic celebrations). At the January meeting, the Area Board approved £ £16,242, leaving £8668.10 remaining.

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 & Community Implications

- 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 Tidworth Area Board.
- 4.2. The available budget of the area board is £8668.10. Applications received for grants and member led projects in this round total £15,130. If the area board approves all grants and member led projects submitted, it will be required to commit funding of £6561.90 from the 2012/13 budget to cover payments.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific human resources 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 – “Officer Recommendations”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Tid/110 30	St Andrew's Parochial Church Council	Improving facilities for community use	£570

- 8.1.1. It is recommended that this application is approved in full.
- 8.1.2. The application meets the Community Area Grants criteria 2011/12, as the application is for provision of enhanced community facilities and not for religious activity.
- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Plan 2003-13 which notes the ongoing need for community facilities and services across the Tidworth

Community Area.

- 8.1.4. The project is to improve facilities for community use including young mums and infants groups and afternoon tea groups who use the church premises. The church council plans to provide new modern hygienic tables and a variety of craft resources for play activity as well as storage boxes. This is non- religious activity for the benefit of the local community.
- 8.1.5. Total cost is £670 for which quotations have been received. Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council has been approached for £100 funding and the remaining £570 is the amount applied for to the area board.
- 8.1.6. Accounts provided are for the church and PCC as a whole and these show a deficit for the last year due to increased and ongoing costs of building repair and maintenance, general running costs and clergy.
- 8.1.7. The toddler group runs independently, members making a small contribution and the church providing lighting and heating.

Officer Recommendation- It is recommended that this application is supported in full

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Tid/11/031	Ludgershall Skate park Committee	Development of skate park	£5,000

8.1.8 It is recommended that this application is supported in full.

8.1.9 The application meets the Community Grants criteria in provision of services and facilities across the community area, to meet the needs of young people.

8.1.10 The project is to establish a skate park in Ludgershall which has been a long held aspiration of young people in the area. Young people have been actively fundraising for the project and have been actively involved in development of plans for the skate park.

8.1.11 Ludgershall Town Council has donated land at the recreation ground to facilitate the development of the skate park. Discussions have been held with Wiltshire Council and planning permission is not required for the project The skate park committee have ensured that the site is located in such a position to minimise any potential noise or other nuisance to Ludgershall residents.

8.1.12 The local police are supportive of the project as it will contribute to the prevention of anti-social behaviour through the provision of leisure facilities for local young people.

8.1.13 The total project cost is £30,000 for which the necessary quotations have been received. Young people themselves have raised £9938, Ludgershall Town Council is contributing £10,000 and Aster Housing will contribute £5,000 subject to all other funding becoming available. The shortfall in funding need to deliver the project is £5,082. The amount

requested from the Community Grants fund is £5,000.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant Application – St Andrew’s Parochial Church Council- £570 Appendix 2 Grant Application- Ludgershall Skate Park Committee- £5,000
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