

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	4 April 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider five applications seeking 2011/2012 Community Area Grant Funding. This is the last round of funding for 2011/12.

1. **Sukosta Theatre Company** have applied for **£2000** towards running theatre workshops for older people. The recommendation is to award the funding.
2. **Great Hinton Memorial Hall** have applied for **£910** towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the village. The recommendation is to award the funding.
3. **Melksham Party in the Park** have applied for **£1477** towards the purchase of electrical cabling. The recommendation is to award the funding on the condition that if the event makes a profit then the amount of funding awarded is returned to the area board.
4. **SPLASH** have applied for **£4620** towards the running of an intergenerational project in Melksham working with vulnerable young people. The recommendation is to award the funding.
5. **Bowerhill Village Hall** have applied for **£725** towards the purchase of a new boiler. The recommendation is to award the funding.

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. EXAMPLE Two applicants withdrew their applications and hope to reapply at a future date. One application did not meet the funding criteria and was referred to Charities Information Bureau (CIB) for support to seek funding from elsewhere. 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 other Area Board meeting.
- 1.6. Melksham Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £49,762 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2010/2011 budget is £3687. This leaves a total budget of £53,449 for the 2011/2012 budget.
- 1.7. 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.
- 1.8. The 2010/2011 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.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11• Melksham Community Strategy• Grant applications
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. This will be the final round of funding during 2010/11.

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 Melksham Area Board.
- 4.2. If these community grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Melksham Area Board will have a balance of **£40,030**.

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 – “Officer Recommendations”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Sukosta Theatre Company	Theatre workshops for older people.	£2000

- Recommendation is to award the funding.
- Application meets grant criteria 2011/12. (2012/13 criteria were not available at the time this report was written)
- This application demonstrates a link to the Melksham community plan – ‘improve elderly health’.
- Locally agreed priorities: Brookside Home and Sanford Home have expressed a keen interest in the project.
- The applicant is a not for profit organisation.
- The project is to run a programme of four movement/theatre workshops with elderly care home residents in the Melksham area. The theatre company has experience of working with those with dementia/and very frail.
- Equality and inclusion issues are addressed by this project: supporting elderly residents will a lack of access to other activities.
- If the area board does not grant funding the company would have to fundraise or seek alternative funding sources.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Great Hinton Memorial Hall	Purchase of a defibrillator for the village	£910

- Recommendation is to award the funding.
- Application meets grant criteria 2011/12. (2012/13 criteria were not available at the time this report was written)
- This application demonstrates a link to the Melksham community plan – high levels of stroke and cardiac arrhythmia.
- Local priorities: a strong desire by a group of local residents in the parish.
- The applicant is a non for profit organisation.
- The project is to purchase a Automated External Defibrillator to be situated outside the Great Hinton village hall which is central to the village and accessible to every household.

- Equality and inclusion issues are addressed by this project: none
- If the area board does not grant funding the organisation would have to fundraise or seek alternative funding.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Melksham Party in the Park	Purchase of electrical cabling.	£1477

- The recommendation is to award the funding on the condition that if the event makes a profit then the amount of funding awarded is returned to the area board.
- Application meets grant criteria 2011/12. (2012/13 criteria were not available at the time this report was written)
- No specific links to the Melksham community plan.
- Party in the Park is a popular Melksham event that was established in 2000.
- The applicant is a non for profit organisation.
- There is currently a need to invest in about 80m of electrical cabling and switching gear.
- Equality and inclusion issues are addressed by this project: none
- If the area board does not grant funding the organisation would have to fundraise or seek alternative funding.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	SPLASH	Melksham Does Art - intergenerational art project working with vulnerable young people.	£4620

- Recommendation is to award the funding.
- Application meets the grant criteria 2011/12. (2012/13 criteria were not available at the time this report was written)
- This application demonstrates a link to the Melksham community plan – getting young and older people to work together, remove barriers to participation in local sports or

community activity for people on low incomes, and improve access to art.

- No other specific local priorities.
- The applicant is a non profit organisation
- The project is to run an intergenerational art project which will aim to improve and build relationships between young people and older people. The project will incorporate jubilee and poppy day. PSCOs and youth workers will be involved.
- Equality and inclusion issues are addressed by this project: the project will reach disadvantaged young people and isolated elderly people.
- If the area board does not grant funding the organisation would have to seek alternative funding.

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8.5	Bowerhill Village Hall.	Purchase of a new boiler	£725

- Recommendation is to award the funding.
- Application meets grant criteria 2011/12. (2012/13 criteria were not available at the time this report was written)
- No specific links to the Melksham community plan.
- The issue was highlighted through complaints from people using the hall and cancelled booking when the boiler broke down this winter.
- The applicant is a non profit organisation.
- The project is to purchase a new gas boiler to replace the current one which has broken down on several occasions and has become uneconomical to maintain.
- Equality and inclusion issues are addressed by this project: none.
- If the area board does not grant funding the organisation would have to fundraise or seek alternative funding.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Sukosta Appendix 2 Grant application – Great Hinton Memorial Hall Appendix 3 Grant application – Melksham Party in the Park
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	Appendix 4 Grant application – SPLASH Appendix 5 Grant application – Bowerhill Village Hall
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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