

Report to Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board
Date of Meeting 30th May, 2012
Title of Report Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To consider an application for community area grant funding

A summary of the application together with the Community Area Manager's recommendation is set out below.

Application (and amount requested)	Recommendation
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1. Tockenham Village Hall Committee: Summer Olympic Sports events and fun run - £400	<i>Approve</i>
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Total requested:	£400
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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. Under the terms of the delegation, Area Boards are required to follow the [Community Area Grant guidance and funding criteria](#).
- 1.2. 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 are made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.3. The Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board has been allocated a discretionary budget for 2012/2013 of £51,680.

1.4. 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 the volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded satisfy the criteria set by the Council and are made to projects that can proceed within a year of the award being made.

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. Financial provision has been made to cover this expenditure. If grants are awarded in line with the Community Area Manager’s recommendations, the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board will have a remaining balance of £3,674.

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 an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

8. Officer recommendation

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Tockenham Village Hall Committee:	Summer Olympic Sports events and fun run	£400

8.1.1. This application seeks funding to provide a childrens’ sports day and an adults fun run as part of the Tockenham Summer Fete. The project seeks to bring the Olympics to Tockenham by giving the fair an Olympic theme. The Committee has secured an additional field in which to run traditional children’s races and permission has been obtained from necessary Landowners to hold a 5k fun run across neighbouring fields.

8.1.2. The application seeks £400 to cover the cost of insurance, first aiders, prizes and postage costs for entries. This is actually more than the cost of the event. In addition,

the event will also raise funds from competitors' entry fees. The applicants estimate that £500 will be raised from entries. This would more than cover the cost of the event and therefore it is not clear why the Board's grant is required, other than increasing the 'profits' generated by the Fair which are applied for village causes. This would be contrary to the Council's normal grants criteria.

8.1.3. However, it is recognised that there is a risk to the Fair organisers that the income generated from the event may not match expectations which could mean the cancellation of the event and disappointment for local children. It is considered that a smaller grant would act as a guarantee and enable the event to go ahead regardless of the number of entries received. This would be within the spirit of the criteria set by the Board for the Year of Celebrations small grant scheme. Therefore:

8.1.4. It is **recommended** that, taking into account of the circumstances set out at 8.1.3 above, the Tockenham Village Hall Committee is awarded a grant of £180 to cover the cost of the prizes and medals.

Background papers:	Grant Application – Tockenham Village Hall Committee
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