

Report to	Calne Community Area Board
Date of Meeting	12th June 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Grants
Purpose of Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant Funding:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Summer Fun in Calne Playscheme - requesting £1,846 towards providing a 4 week programme of inclusive activities for young people and children during the summer holidays.	
<p><i>Officers recommend that a grant of £1,846 is awarded, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.</i></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. 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. In addition to Community Area Grants, Councillors can submit an Area Board Project which differs from Community Area Grants in that they do not require match funding. Area Board Projects should not be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria.
- 1.6. Area Board Projects are designed to enable the Area Board to address community issues or projects identified in the Community Plan/Local Agreement for Wiltshire. An application form is used and quotes for project work have to be provided in a similar manner to the Community Area Grant Scheme.
- 1.7. 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.
- 1.8. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.9. All applicants are encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who work on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.

- 1.10. In addition to the application contained in this report, two other applications were received. Neither of these met the Community Area Grant scheme criteria. One was rejected and the other was withdrawn.
- 1.11. 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.
- 1.12. The 2012/2013 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.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Area Grant Application Pack 2012/13 • Calne Community Area Plan – 2004-14 (incl. 2006/2010 update) • Area Board Grants Guidance 2012/13
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. The funding contained within this report forms the 2nd of 6 rounds of funding for 2012/13.
- 2.3. Grants will be considered at each Area Board meeting in the Calne Community Area as follows:
- 14th August 2012 (deadline for applications: 2nd July 2012)
 - 16th October 2012 (deadline for applications: 3rd Sept. 2012)
 - 11th December 2012 (deadline for applications: 29th Oct. 2012)
 - 5th February 2013 (deadline for applications: 21st Dec. 2012)

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 Calne Community Area Board.

- 4.2. Following awards made at the meeting on 10th April 2012 the budget remaining available to the Calne Community Area Board for 2012/13 is £30,482.00
- 4.3. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, the Calne Community Area Board will have a balance of £28,636.00.

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	Summer Fun in Calne Playscheme	4 week programme of inclusive activities for young people and children during the summer holidays.	£1846

- 8.1.1. **It is recommended that the Summer Fun in Calne Play scheme is awarded a grant of £1846 towards a 4 week programme of inclusive activities for young people and children during the summer holidays conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**
- 8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets grant criteria for 2012/13.
- 8.1.3. The project addresses issues in the Calne Community Area Plan, providing activities for young people and children and encouraging a sense of community cohesion, pride and well being.
- 8.1.4. This is widely recognised as a well organised and valuable project which has, for

the last 15 years, served different groups of children and young people who live in the 2 most socially deprived areas of Calne and one of the 3 most deprived wards in Wiltshire (according to the indices of deprivation 2000)

- 8.1.5. Although the scheme has run previously, this can be viewed as a separate project as it delivers a different set of activities and opportunities to a different group of young people and children.
- 8.1.6. The group is a registered charity, which has a fundraising programme that enables free and half price places to be offered to families on low incomes.
- 8.1.7. Parents suffering the effects of deprivation often suffer low self esteem. This project encourages and supports parents to become involved as committee members and volunteers which may develop confidence and experience in engaging with their own children, other adults and authorities.
- 8.1.8. This project provides inclusive and equal opportunities. Many local families on low incomes can not afford a family holiday or to use expensive leisure provisions and many other schemes organised for young people in the area focus upon older children. The project aims to involve children in a wide range of activities everyday that they may not otherwise have an opportunity to experience, including art, craft, sports and games. Up to 80 places per day will be provided this also includes extra support for children with disabilities so that they are not excluded from the activities which their friends and siblings are involved in.
- 8.1.9. This application is not towards running costs as funds to cover this have already been sourced. An award of a Community Area Grant will enable the group to run a wide range of facilitated arts workshops and physical activities and to provide new materials and equipment for the scheme.
- 8.1.10. An award to this project will represent approximately 15% of the overall project costs and will help the community to draw down an additional £11,247 from external sources.
- 8.1.11. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the scheme will still go ahead, but the quality/number of activities on offer will be affected, resulting in reduced value to the children, their families and the community.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Summer Fun in Calne
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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