

Report to	Warminster Area Board
Date of Meeting	5 July 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant funding.

1. Chapmanslade Parish Council. A request for £240
Officer recommendation: Approve
2. Boyton Parish Council. A request for £434
Officer recommendation: Approve
3. Warminster and Villages Community Development Trust. A request for £1,540
Officer recommendation: Approve

Total request if all applications are allocated in line with officer recommendations: £2214.

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 Adult Care, Communities and Housing (4 April 2012). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2012/2013.
- 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 and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary

groups. Likewise, Small Grants (new this year) should be awarded to similar groups, as well as un-constituted groups of people wanting to improve things near to where they live.

- 1.4. Warminster area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 budget of £47,714 for community grants, small grants, community partnership core funding and area board/councillor led initiatives.
- 1.5. Warminster Area Board can allocate up to 20% (£9,543) of this budget for the Warminster and Villages Community Area Partnership. (See separate report)
- 1.6. Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,000 - £5000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.7. Small Grants, new for this year will fund up to £350, where the total cost of the project does not exceed £350. This grant is aimed at enabling groups (including those not formally constituted) to implement projects, involving local people to make their community a better place to live.
- 1.8. Area boards will not consider Community Area Grant (CAG) 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.
- 1.9. In addition to CAGs and Small Grants, councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls. The application process and form has been updated to bring it in line with the other grants.
- 1.10. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.11. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.

- 1.12. Applicants are encouraged to contact and seek funding help from Charities Information Bureau (CIB) who work on behalf of Wiltshire Council. CIB 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.
- 1.13. Paper copies of funding applications no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce paper. They are however available on the Wiltshire Council web site with the area board agenda papers and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.14. The 2012/2013 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) and paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.
- 1.15. A decision was 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.
- 1.16. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete and return an evaluation form as soon as the project or activity has been completed and this should be accompanied by receipts and invoices, as well as photographs if possible. Failure to return the evaluation requested will preclude them from being considered for any future funding from the area board. This applies to all grants made by the area board.
- 1.17. A budget ring-fenced for the needs of young people will again be made available in 2012/2013. How this will be allocated will be the decision of the area board.
- 1.18. Warminster Area Board has a separate Community Area Transport Group (CATG) budget of £15,226 for 2012/13.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12 • Warminster and Villages Community Area Plan
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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. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 2012/2013. The remaining rounds will take place on the following dates:

Board meeting

6 September 2012
8 November 2012
10 January 2013
7 March 2013

Deadline for applications

27 July 2012
28 September 2012
30 November 2012
25 January 2013

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 Warminster Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Warminster Area Board will have a balance of £36,700

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	Chapmanslade Parish Council	Hardwood Bench for Community	£240

8.1.1 Officer Recommendation – approve

8.1.2 The application meets the 2012/13 small grants criteria.

8.1.3 The project will be place in the High Street in Chapmanslade and will be the only bench in this locations. It will benefit many people in the area and help to promote a stronger and more vibrant community.

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8.2	Boyton Parish Council	Development of Parish Plan	£434

8.2.1 Officer Recommendation: Approve

- 8.2.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2012/13.
- 8.2.3 It is intended that the plan will form part of the County's Core Planning Strategy.
- 8.2.4 The funding would be used to produce a community led Parish Plan for Boyton and Corton. A parish wide questionnaire would be used for the plan and it will be ratified through Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy. It will give the Parish some power over development in the coming years.
- 8.2.5 The cost of producing the plan is £534 with £100 being match funded by the Parish Council.
- 8.2.6. If funding is not received the plan may not be published in the proposed format.

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8.3	Warminster and Villages Community Development Trust	Disabled Young People Opportunity trip	£1,540

8.3.1 Officer recommendation: Approve

- 8.3.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2012/13
- 8.3.3 The application is linked to the Community Plan through Culture and Leisure and Education and lifelong learning.
- 8.3.4 The Disabled Young People's project will provide opportunities for disabled young people with moderate disabilities for whom an 'open youth work' environment is not appropriate at this point in time. The project will use the same principles and values as youth work delivery, working with young people to provide a programme of fun and challenging activities which enable learning and development. Disabled young people will be encouraged to take part in other opportunities in the future offered by the YDC and other groups. To include: ten pin bowling, arts and crafts, cooking, animation film etc.
- 8.3.5 The project operate in the same way as the successful bridging project which has been responding to identify the needs of young people to be able to access quality youth provision since it began. The young people attending the bridging project said it was very difficult to access residential with able body peers. Recognising the many benefits that residential can bring both in terms of the experiences gained on them, and the life skills young people gain then enables them to bring into their day to day lives. We believe that this residential project will both benefit the young people taking part and the

wider community as the young people will be better equipped to play a role in society and their community. The skills and experience gained at this residential project will be transferable in the future to other mainstream settings such as the youth service and other community provision. It will help the young disabled people to go on and lead more independent lives and access mainstream services.

8.3.4. Warminster and Villages Community Partnership will oversee the project and the support work will be undertaken by the Warminster Youth Development Centre who have the expert knowledge in this area.

8.3.6. If the funding is not agreed, the project will be in jeopardy and may not go ahead.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Chapmanslade Parish Council Appendix 2 Grant application – Boyton Parish Council Appendix 3 Grant application – Warminster and Villages Community Partnership
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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