

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Melksham Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> May 2010</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 3 applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding:

1. **Melksham Party in the Park** have applied for **£1931** towards the purchase of Electrical Equipment, Lighting Improvements and Safety Matting. The recommendation is to award the funding.
2. **Cllr Jon Hubbard** has applied for **£1962** towards holiday activities for children and young people aged 5 – 13yrs. The recommendation is to award the funding.
3. **Cllr Jon Hubbard** has applied for **£600** towards a street based youth worker on Friday evenings in King George V Playing Fields. 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 Area Board meeting.
- 1.6. Melksham Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £49,762 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £1,783. This leaves a total budget of £51,545 for the 2010/2011 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](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11</li><li>• Melksham Community Strategy</li><li>• Party in the Park grant application</li><li>• Holiday activities for young people grant application</li></ul>
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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. There will be 4 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
  - 28<sup>th</sup> July 2010
  - 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011

## **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 grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Melksham Area Board will have a balance of £47,052.

## **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	<b>Melksham Party in the Park</b>	<b>Towards the purchase of Electrical Equipment, Lighting Improvements and Safety Matting.</b>	<b>£1931</b>

8.1.1. The recommendation is to award the funding.

8.1.2. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Melksham community plan in terms of it providing a high quality recreational event which helps to improve the economic standing of the town

8.1.4. There are no locally agreed/area board priorities that relate to this application.

8.1.5. The applicant is a non-profit community organisation that runs the annual Melksham Party in the Park.

8.1.6. Party in the Park started in the Year 2000 as a millennium one-off event. Due to its success the event has developed year after year to become the high quality recreational event that it is today. The local community support the event in their thousands. There is now a need to replace ageing equipment and to make improvements to satisfy health and safety requirements - all in the cause of ensuring that the event can continue for many more years

8.1.7. No equality and inclusion issues will be addressed by the project

8.1.8. If the area board does not grant funding the Melksham party in the park it could impact on the ability of the group to sustain the vent in future years

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8.2.	<b>Cllr Jon Hubbard</b>	<b>Holiday activities for children and young people aged 5 – 13yrs.</b>	<b>£1,962</b>

8.2.1. Recommendation is to award the funding.

8.2.2. This is a councillor initiated project not a community grant.

- 8.2.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Melksham community plan in terms of providing Children & Young People's activities, especially during the holidays. A survey by Melksham town council in 2009 also identified a need
- 8.2.4. Locally agreed/area board priorities: A survey by Melksham town council in 2009 also identified a need.
- 8.2.5. The applicant is a Wiltshire Councillor.
- 8.2.6. The project is to run a 4 day programme of holiday activities for Melksham children and young people aged 5 – 13yrs. This will include a range of activities for children to choose from, each taking place across 4 central Melksham venues
- 8.2.7. Equality and inclusion issues: low fees to enable all families to access activities. £10 per day for 1<sup>st</sup> child, £5 for second child, and £3 for 3<sup>rd</sup> child
- 8.2.8. If the area board does not grant funding the Steering group would discuss the possibility of using Extended Services funding, which would impact on planned other future projects, where some would not be able to go ahead and therefore not have the impact desired for families of Melksham

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	<b>Cllr Jon Hubbard</b>	<b>Street based youth worker for King George V Playing Fields</b>	<b>£600</b>

- 8.3.1. Recommendation is to award the funding.
- 8.3.2. This is a councillor initiated project and not a community grant.
- 8.3.3. The application demonstrates a link to the community safety issue highlighted in the Community Plan.
- 8.3.4. This grant funding will help towards addressing issue of antisocial behaviour in King George V Playing Fields which has been raised through the issues process.
- 8.3.5. The applicant is a Wiltshire Councillor.
- 8.3.6. The aim is to fund street based youth workers for Friday evenings to work in King George V Playing Fields for 6 months. The actual cost of this project is £1800. £600 has already been secured from Extended Services and £600 has been applied for from the Town Council.
- 8.3.7. No Equality and inclusion issue will be addressed by this project

8.3.8. If the area board does not grant funding then the street based youth workers would not be able to be employed for as long as necessary.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant application – Party in the Park</b> <b>Appendix 2 Grant application – Cllr Hubbard</b> <b>Appendix 3 Grant application – Issue 916</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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