

Westbury Area Board

16 August 2012

Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider applications seeking the following funding from 2012/13 Area Board Grants:

1. Jubilee Players Bratton for £535
2. Area board led grant for £1,000 to fund a dental campaign for pre school children
3. Area board led grant for £2,000 to fund the start up of a job club
4. Area board led grant for £1500 to fund an awareness campaign for responsible dog ownership and dog fouling.

1. Background

1.1 Area boards have authority to approve grants under powers delegated to the area boards by the leader of Wiltshire Council (13 May 2009). Under the terms of that delegation area boards must operate within the policies set by the leader and/or the council. Wiltshire Council has adopted an Area Grants Policy, with funding criteria, to which the area boards must adhere.

1.2 In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an area board that was contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the leader, the appropriate cabinet member or the Cabinet.

1.3 In 2012/13 the Westbury Area Board has been allocated a budget of £40,447.

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 before 31 March 2013.

2.2 Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting until 31 March 2013.

3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

3.1 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 Westbury Area Board.

4.2 If the grant applications are approved as per officer recommendations, there will be **£28,912** left in the Westbury area board budget for 2012/13.

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

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Jubilee Players, Bratton	To replace 12 scenery flats (8 no 8ft x 4ft and 4 no 8ft x 2ft) and purchase cables and a two way radio for productions.	£ 535

8.1.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.1.2 . The Jubilee Players comprise a thriving village amateur dramatics group which was founded in 1997. It provides regular plays and performances ensuring affordable ticket prices to ensure maximum community participation. Members of the community are involved in the productions not only acting but also set design and construction, lighting, costumes, front of house and publicity. The project demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition "Building Resilient Communities".

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Children's Centre	Funding for an awareness campaign in pre school dental health	£1,000

8.2.1 This is an area board led grant linking to the issues raised at Westbury Forward and in the draft Westbury community plan - see separate report.

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Crosspoint	Funding for the set up and running of a job club	£2,000

8.3.1 This is an area board led grant linking to the issues raised at Westbury Forward and in the draft Westbury community plan - see separate report.

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Westbury area board	Funding of an awareness campaign ref dog fouling.	£ 1500

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