

Report to	Warminster Area Board
Date of Meeting	6 September 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. Sukosta Theatre Company. A request for £3,600

Officer recommendation: Approve

2. Warminster Carnival Committee. A request for £334.07

Officer recommendation: Approve

Total request if all applications are allocated in line with officer recommendations:
£3,934.07

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. 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.
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. 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.
- 1.8. 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.
- 1.9. 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.
- 1.10. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.11. 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.
- 1.12. 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.

- 1.13. 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.
- 1.14. 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.
- 1.15. 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.
- 1.16. 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.
- 1.17. 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 2012 / 13• Small Grants Application Pack 2012 / 13• Warminster and Villages Community Area Plan
---	---

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

8 November 2012
10 January 2013
7 March 2013

Deadline for applications

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 £23,471.93

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	Sukosta Theatre Company	How we Move – theatre / movement workshops	£3,600

8.1.1 Officer Recommendation – Approve subject to the following conditions being met:

- a. Sukosta Theatre Company provides evidence of the support and involvement in this project of the Armed Forces, Warminster and District Film Society, the Athenaeum and other community groups in Warminster as referred to in the application form. The applicant has confirmed to the Community Area Manager that these groups have been approached but the CAM is keen to see this area developed.
- b. £1100 match funding from the Arts Council is confirmed.

8.1.2 The application meets the 2012/13 grants criteria.

8.1.3 The application demonstrates a link to the community plan through increasing cultural activities and supporting the Athenaeum. It will also be a source of education for local people, both young and life-long learning.

- 8.1.4 Sukosta Theatre Company is a Wiltshire based company trained at the Lecoq International Theatre / Mime school. Please see www.sukosta.com for further details. The company has developed and presented new performance work internationally over the last 18 years and share their expertise with young people, adults and older people.
- 8.1.5 The How We Move project in Warminster will involve an intergenerational programme of five workshops with diverse groups in the community. The workshops will develop participants' awareness of theatrical movement and space and will also develop the health and well being of participants. The project will work with a number of groups in the area including a general workshop in the Athenaeum Centre. Film footage will be made and shared with the wider community.
- 8.1.6 The Company believes there is a need for this project in Warminster based upon their initial talks with a variety of groups including the Armed Forces and the Youth Development Centre. Their similar work in other areas in Wiltshire with diverse groups in the community will be tailored to meet Warminster's particular needs. It is hoped that this project provides an opportunity for diverse groups to become involved in workshops that they would not normally have the chance to do in Warminster.
- 8.1.7 The overall cost of the project will be £7,200 with £3,600 match funded. £1100 has been requested from the Arts Council, £100 from groups and business contributions and £2,400 of match funding is via Wiltshire College and in kind funding. In kind funding includes green screen, filming assistance, editing and production.
- 8.1.8 The Community Area Manager received a "Technical Assessment" from an Arts Development Officer at Wiltshire Council who stated, "The theatre company is enthusiastic and committed to delivering innovative arts work and I have no reason to suggest that they would not be in a position to deliver this project." She also thought that their fees and costs were reasonable and in line with the standard expected in this area.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Warminster Carnival Committee	Warminster Annual Carnival	£334.07

8.2.1 Officer Recommendation: Approve

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

8.2.3 The funding will contribute to Warminster's annual carnival for the town and surrounding villages where there will be no charge for spectators on Saturday 27 October 2012.

8.2.5 Between 3000 and 10000 people will benefit from the project.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Sukosta Theatre Company Appendix 2 Grant application – Warminster Carnival Committee
--------------------	--

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

Report Author	Jacqui Abbott Warminster Community Area Manager <u>Tel:</u> 07771 844 530 Email: <u>Jacqui.abbott@wiltshire.gov.uk</u>
----------------------	---