

Report to	Bradford on Avon Area Board
Date of Meeting	19 September 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider four applications seeking Community Area Grant funding:

i) Bradford on Avon and District French Twinning Association requesting £2,006 for the May 2013 visit of twin town Sully-sur-Loire to Bradford and for a trip by Fitzmaurice Primary School to Sully

Officers recommend that £ 2, 006 is awarded to the Twinning Association for twinning activities with Sully in 2013.

ii) Wiltshire People First requesting £ 500 towards the 'Our Lives, Our History' project

Officers recommend that £ 500 is awarded towards the 'Our Lives, Our History' oral history project.

iii) Holt Sports and Recreation Committee requesting £ 1,195 towards the costs of the Holt Second Sports Court

Officers recommend that £1, 195 is awarded as a final payment towards the Holt Second Sports Court in recognition of the exceptional circumstances faced by the applicant

iv) TEDxBradford on Avon requesting £ 900 towards an event on 4 November 2012 for creative people and businesses on the theme of 'Crafting the Unexpected'

Officers recommend that £ 900 is awarded towards the 'Crafting the Unexpected' event on 4 November 2012

1. Background

- 1.1 Area Boards have authority to approve Community 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 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 as to why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 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 Bradford on Avon Area Board has been allocated a budget in 2012/2013 of £47,110 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives.
- 1.5 It has been decided that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce the volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council website and hard copies will be available upon request.
- 1.6 The 2011/2012 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.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12• Bradford on Avon Community Area Plan• Wiltshire Local Area Agreement
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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 2012/13, this being the third.

3 Environmental & Community Implications

- 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 Bradford on Avon Area Board.

4.2 If grants are awarded in line with recommendations, Bradford on Avon Area Board will have a balance of approximately £ 2, 496 remaining in the grants budget for the 2012/13 financial year.

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 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	Bradford on Avon and District French Twinning Association	May 2013 visit of Sully-sur-Loire to Bradford and for a trip by Fitzmaurice Primary School to Sully	£ 2, 006

8.1.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2011/12.

8.1.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support for the local economy, tourism, culture,

education and civic links.

8.1.3 The exchange visit will support a visit to Bradford by 50 adults and 20 young dancers from Sully. It will strengthen links between Fitzmaurice School pupils and their partner school in Sully and 32 students from Fitz will be enabled to visit Sully, including 10 from disadvantaged backgrounds. In Bradford the project will support a concert at the Wiltshire Music Centre, a day trip to Stourhead and social meals. It will cover the costs of visitors and support the costs incurred by host families.

8.1.4 Fundraising events are held monthly by the 60 members of the association and have raised £ 3,500 towards costs. Support has been given by 15 local shops and businesses. Bradford on Avon Town Council has contributed £ 500 towards costs and the Sully Twinning Association has put up £ 1, 550.

8.1.5 An evaluation of the impact the visits will be carried out through feedback from the Chamber of Commerce, from host families, the school and the Music Centre.

Officers recommend that £ 2, 006 is awarded to the Twinning Association for twinning activities with Sully in 2013.

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8.2	Wiltshire People First	'Our Lives, Our History' oral history project about the lives of people with learning disabilities	£ 500

8.2.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2011/12. This is a joint application to the Trowbridge, Melksham and Bradford on Avon Area Boards requesting £ 500 from each board towards elements of the project in each community area.

8.2.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support for health and social care, education and inclusion objectives.

8.2.3 The project will provide an oral history of the lives of people with learning difficulties in west Wiltshire over the last 100 years. The local community will be encouraged to contribute ideas and to share stories and this will be filmed as part of the DVD and written narratives. Members of Wiltshire People First are keen to tell the public about their lives, aspirations and achievements. Few published records exist and people with learning difficulties are keen to give their own accounts of their lived experiences and their feelings about significant events happening around them and to them. A community event will be held in St Margaret's Hall and the grant funding will be used for room hire, transport, support workers and refreshments.

8.2.4 Community benefits will include greater community inclusion, community participation, potential volunteering opportunities and overall fostering of goodwill and respect for all. Legacy outputs will include a DVD, photos and posters which will form part of an exhibition display in public libraries. All those involved will be invited to a launch event. It is hoped that further opportunities will be created for local people to network, thereby creating a new social group in Bradford on Avon.

8.2.5 The applicant will be raising the majority of the funding from a £ 20,000 Heritage Lottery Fund application.

Officers recommend that £ 500 is awarded towards the ‘Our Lives, Our History’ oral history project on condition that the match funding is raised

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8.3	Holt Sports and Recreation Committee	Holt Second Sports Court	£ 1,195

8.3.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2011/12, however members should note that this is the second time that the applicant has applied for funding towards the project, £ 5, 000 having been awarded in June 2011.

8.3.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support for sport and recreation and community development in the village of Holt.

8.3.3 The applicant wishes to build a sports court to extend the fun and activities which have been very successful on their first sports court in the village recreation field. The new court was built in the Summer of 2011 but has been deemed of unsatisfactory quality and is not fit for its intended purpose as a multi use games area. The court has been locked for a year as it cannot be used safely. A professional surveyor surveyed the court and confirmed that the court to be substandard and a health and safety professional deemed it unsafe to use. Following a legal mediation process with the builder, the agreement is that he rectifies the problem with a new surface and pays £ 3,000 costs plus VAT while the club is liable for £ 5, 000 costs plus VAT. The committee have already spent around £ 6,000 on professional fees.

8.3.4 The applicant is very grateful for the Area Board support to date but, in the dire circumstances, is requesting a further contribution towards the costs of 2 coats of green paint, line-marking for tennis and 5-a-side football, a tennis net plus a litter bin.

8.3.5 Project costs are £ 2, 390 towards which the club continues to fundraise, with a Safari Supper and a Spanish evening planned in 2013 for this purpose. Court hire

fees will also contribute to costs.

Officers recommend that £1, 195 is awarded as a final payment towards the Holt Second Sports Court in recognition of the exceptional circumstances faced by the applicant

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8.4	TEDx Bradford on Avon	'Crafting the Unexpected' event for creative people and businesses at Wiltshire Music Centre on 4 November 2012	£ 900

8.4.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2011/12

8.4.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support to the economy, creative industries and local democracy.

8.4.2 TEDx Bradford on Avon is spawned from the global TED.com, designed to give communities and individuals the opportunity to stimulate dialogue at a local level. The event will bring together creative people and businesses in the local area to explore creativity in the widest sense. Speakers will come from disciplines as varied as engineering, sculpture, contemporary art, advertising, film direction, poetry, screenplay writing, music and education. The event will be video recorded and made available on the web to a global audience. It will raise the profile of the town regionally and potentially internationally by showcasing the rich seam of talent living and working locally as well as the quality of intelligent debate and discussion.

8.4.3 There are strict rules about how a TEDx event should be run and as part of the license commercial sponsorship is not allowed. A strong and successful first TEDx will provide a strong platform for subsequent years and for the opportunity to fundraise from other external bodies. No other sources of funding have been applied for. The planning and arrangements are all being handled by volunteers. Discounts and subsidies agreed with the venue and other professional services have at least halved the running costs of the event, budgeted at £ 2,100.

8.4.4 Evaluation of the success of the event will come from ticket sales, numbers viewing the special website at tedxbradfordonavon.com, community feedback and from interest in future events.

Officers recommend that £ 900 is awarded towards the 'Crafting the Unexpected' event at Wiltshire Music Centre on 4 November 2012

Appendices:	Grant applications from: Bradford on Avon and District French Twinning Association Wiltshire People First Holt Sports and Recreation Committee TEDxBradford on Avon Officer Comments from Arts Development Officer
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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