

Report to	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	27 September 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider 2 applications seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant Funding:

Application	Officer Recommendation
Funding the purchase of a new instruments to improve stylistic variations - £2,016 Applicant: Woodfalls Band	Refuse
Loop system for Downton Memorial Hall - £998.40 Applicant: Downton Memorial Hall	Approve

2. Key figures so far:

Available funds for 2012/13 – **£41,036**

- Amount awarded on 5 April 2012 - **£7,469**
- Amount awarded on 7 June 2012 - **£0**
- Amount awarded on 26 July 2012 - **£5,223 (Grants) & £8,000 (Footpath Theme)**

Amount left if all approved - **£17,539**

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. 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.
- 3.2. There will be at least 2 more rounds of funding during 2012/13, including this meeting. The deadline for submitting applications to the Community Area Manager is about 4 weeks prior to the meeting. For the actual date see: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard

4. 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.

5. Financial Implications

Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Southern Wiltshire Area Board. Grant applications totalling **£3,014** have been received for this meeting.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

7. HR Implications

- 7.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

8. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 8.1. 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.

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Recommendation: Refuse

This grant was deferred at the previous meeting.

This application meets grant criteria 2012/13.

Application does not demonstrate a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15.

This project is to part fund the costs of two new horns to improve the stylistic variations of the band.

The Area Board recognises the need to support local community arts and music groups however the community benefit from this project seems limited.

Clarification of local community benefit, in terms of potential for local band member development and how often the band plays locally at community functions would strengthen the community benefit of this project.

Loop system for Downton Memorial Hall – £998.40 Applicant: Downton Memorial Hall	Approve £998.40
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Officer recommendation: Approve £998.40

This application meets the grant criteria 2012/13.

The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan 2010 -15 in that it enhances community facilities and improved access for people with hearing difficulties.

This project is to fund the cost of a hearing loop system for the hall so that more people can enjoy the activities, such as film shows, that take place at the hall.

The Parish Council supports this project and is also funding a new wireless microphone system for the hall.

The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local community facilities so that they are available for all.

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