

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	10th October 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider two applications seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant Funding and four applications seeking small grants

Community Area Grants

1. Wiltshire People First seeking a portion of £1,500 to provide an oral history of the lives of people with learning difficulties, over the last 100 years.
2. Melksham Amateur football club seeking £2,800 for a football project for young people with a disability

Small Grants

3. Atworth Youth Club seeking £300 for an Aikido project.
4. Great Hinton Indoor Bowling Club seeking £300 for a carpet handling trolley.
5. The Happy Circle Day Centre seeking £350 for a Christmas event
6. Semington Village Hall Management Committee seeking £350 for Christmas Lights

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. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Melksham Area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 budget of £49,731 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. Following allocation at previous Area Boards, this leaves a total budget of £12,397 for the 2012/2013 budget.
- 1.6. A decision has been made in 2012/2013 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.
- 1.7. The 2012/2013 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or 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 2012/13• Melksham Community Area Plan
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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 2 further rounds of funding during 2012/13. The remaining will take place on;

- 12 December 2012
- 6 February 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 Melksham Area Board.

4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Melksham Area Board will have a balance of £7,797 for Grants and core partnership funding.

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
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8.1	Wiltshire People First	An oral history of the lives of people with learning difficulties	£ 1,500 Officer recommends that £500 is awarded to match Bradford on Avon and Trowbridge
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8.1.1. Subject to conditions, the officer recommends this application is awarded;- Bradford On Avon and Trowbridge have agreed to award £500 each towards this project and the recommendation from the officer would be to award £500 to match this funding

8.1.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2012/13

8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan; encourage the local support of disadvantaged young people and preventing disability becoming a barrier

8.1.4. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities

8.2. Wiltshire People First are a not- for- profit organisation supporting people with a learning difficulty. The project seeks to provide a project in 3 areas of Melksham, Bradford On Avon and Trowbridge, working with people with a learning difficulty who are keen to tell the public about their lives, aspirations and achievements. Wiltshire People First plan to hold community events, networking opportunities and supporting people to have more of a voice in the 3 areas. The legacy outputs would include DVD, photos and poster to form a display to be held in libraries and open to the public

8.2.1. The project specifically addresses equality and inclusion issues, enabling people with a learning difficult to be heard in their own community.

8.2.2. Should the Area Board make a decision not to fund the project the project will be delayed as further funding will need to be sought

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
9	Melksham Amateur football club	Football project for young people with a disability	£2,800

9.1.1. Officer recommends the application is awarded

9.1.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2012/13

9.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan: encourage the local

support of disadvantaged young people and preventing disability becoming a barrier

9.1.3. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities

9.1.4. The applicant is a not for profit organisation providing football coaching for young people.

9.1.5. The project will provide the first disabled football club in Melksham, upgrading WFA coaching to suitably trained coaches with full CRB checks, first aid and with a welfare officer.

9.1.6. Equality and Inclusion are the main focus of this project

9.1.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the project will need to find more funds to progress.

9.2. Small Grants

Ref	Applicants	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.3.	Atworth Youth Club	Aikido project	£300

9.3.1. This project will provide young people with a chance to try Aikido, benefiting young people and giving them confidence. Officer Recommends the small grant is awarded

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9.4.	Great Hinton Indoor Bowling Club	Bowls carpet handling trolley.	£300

9.4.1. This project will provide senior members of the bowling club ability to stow the bowling carpet and allow members ease of use of the bowls, thus keeping fit without the heavy lifting and removal of the carpet each time. Officer Recommends the small grant is awarded.

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9.5.	The Happy Circle Day Centre	Christmas event for older people who are lonely at Christmas	£350

9.5.1. This project will provide a celebration for Christmas for 35 older people who are socially isolated. Officer recommends the small grant is awarded.

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9.6.	Semington Village Hall Management Committee	Christmas Lights for the new initiative of a Christmas tree	£350

9.6.1. This project will provide a focus for the village, young people and older people and help to keep the community spirit-that was demonstrated during the diamond jubilee, alive. The officer recommends the small grant is awarded

Appendices:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appendix 1 Grant application – Wiltshire People First 2. Appendix 2 Grant application Melksham Amateur <u>Small Grants:-</u> 3. Appendix 3 Grant application Atworth Youth Club 4. Appendix 4 Grant application Great Hinton Indoor Bowling Club 5. Appendix 5 Grant application The Happy Circle Day Centre 6. Appendix 6 Grant application Semington Village Hall Management Committee
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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