

Report to	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	29 November 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking 20012/13 Community Area Grant Funding:

Application	Officer Recommendation
New kitchen for new Whiteparish Memorial Centre - £5,000 Applicant: Whiteparish Memorial Trust	Approve
Playground equipment for play ground at West Dean - £5,000 Applicant: West Dean Playground Committee	Approve
Floodlights for Downton Tennis Club - £5,000 Applicant: Downton Tennis Club	Approve
Marquee for Pitton Village Hall - £921 Applicant: Pitton Village 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 awarded on 27 September 2012 – **£998.40**

Amount available - £19,346

Amount requested at this meeting - £15,921 (grants) plus £1,700 (Footpaths guide) plus £200 (volunteering awards)

Amount left if all approved - £1,524

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 ONE more round of funding during 2012/13. 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 **£15,921** 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.

<p>New kitchen for new Whiteparish Memorial Centre - £5,000 Applicant: Whiteparish Memorial Trust</p>	<p>Approve</p>
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Recommendation: Approve

This application meets grant criteria 2012/13.

Application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15 as it aims to improve local facilities.

This project is to part fund the costs of the new kitchen at the Whiteparish Memorial Centre that is due to be built. This is a major local project that includes funding from various local sources. A clear need has been established hence the large project to build a new centre, replacing the old village hall.

Overall, this is a significant capital project and the Parish Council is involved in the overall funding arrangements of it.

The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local community facilities.

<p>Playground equipment for play ground at West Dean - £5,000 Applicant: West Dean Playground Committee</p>	<p>Approve</p>
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Officer recommendation: Approve

This application meets the grant criteria 2012/13.

The application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 -15 in that it enhances community facilities and improves play facilities for children and young people.

This project is to fund the cost of new equipment for the play park in West Dean.

The project is run by a committee of local parents and grandparents who wanted to see improvements in the play park and have raised money locally towards the project.

The Parish Council supports this project demonstrated through funding towards the project (£1,500) and an ongoing financial commitment to maintain it.

The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local community facilities.

Floodlights for Downton tennis club - £5,000 Applicant: Downton Tennis Club	Approve
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Officer recommendation: Approve

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 encourages participation in healthy activities.

This project is to fund the cost of installing floodlights on the 3rd tennis court, increasing floodlight coverage to all 3 courts. The aim of this is to increase the number of participating junior and adult tennis players and competitions. This was identified in the club's business plan as competition for court space is high. The club is a members and 'pay & play' centre so it is open to all.

The Parish Council supports this project and has confirmed that they will put £250 towards it. A large proportion of funding is also coming from other sources.

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

Marquee for Pitton Village Hall - £921 Applicant: Pitton Village Hall	Approve
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Recommendation: Approve

This application meets grant criteria 2012/13.

Application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15 as it aims to improve local facilities.

This project is to provide funding towards a marquee for Pitton Village Hall that would be used to enhance its many events, clubs and societies it has using the outdoor space at the hall during the year.

Although Pitton & Farley Parish Council are supportive of this grant they are not prepared to put any funding towards it as it would only benefit the residents of Pitton and not Farley. Members should bear this in mind when taking the decision.

The Area Board recognises the need to support local community facilities and encourage community cohesion through community events.

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