

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	6 <sup>th</sup> February 2013
Title of Report	Community Funding

## Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider three small grant applications, one councillor led initiative and two Community Area Grant applications.

### 1. Small grant applications

Bowerhill Toddler Group wish to apply for a grant of £350 to embrace different cultures.

Melksham Community Area Partnership, Community Safety group, wish to apply for a small grant of £286 to provide slow down stickers.

Atworth village hall committee wish to apply for a grant of £248 for specialised furniture for people with a disability

### 2. Councillor led initiative

Councillor Jon Hubbard seeks to support Queensway community with an event and seeks £500 towards that project

### 3 Community Area Grants

Wilts and Berks Canal Trust wish to apply for a grant to help restore the towpath. They request £2832.

Melksham Forest Community Centre wish to apply for a grant of £3841 to install sewer pumps in their community centre

## 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 £5,968 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](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2012/13</li><li>• Melksham Community Area Plan</li></ul>
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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 no further rounds of funding during 2012/13. Should funds be available, the next funding round begins in the new financial year .The next Area Board takes place on 5<sup>th</sup> June 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 nil for Grants.

### **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	Bowerhill Toddler Group	A project to help toddlers and their families embrace different cultures	£350

8.1.1. The officer recommends this application is awarded

8.1.2. The application meets the criteria for small grants 2012/13

8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan; Early intervention at preschool to break the cycle of deprivation and lack of educational attainment and increase parenting skills

8.1.4 Bowerhill Toddler Groups are a not- for- profit organisation.

8.1.5 The project addresses equality and inclusion issues, enabling toddlers and their families to raise their awareness of different cultures.

8.1.6 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 Community Area Partnership, Community Safety group.	Provide "slow down" stickers for residents wheely bins	£286

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 with regard to road safety.

9.1.3. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities

9.1.4. The applicant is a not for profit organisation.

9.1.5. The project will provide slow down stickers that will be seen by drivers on bin collection day. Drivers will repeatedly see notices as they pass by which remind them that speeding will not be tolerated..

9.1.6. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the project will need to find funding elsewhere.

Ref	Applicants	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.2.	Atworth village hall committee	To provide special furniture for people with a disability	£248

9.2.1. Officer recommends the application is awarded

9.2.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2012/13

9.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan: ensure inclusion of all and raise the community spirit.

9.2.3. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities

9.2.4. The applicant is a not for profit organisation.

9.2.5. This project will provide suitable seating for people with a disability. Two special needs chairs will be provided to ensure all can access the activities within the village hall.

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

Ref	Applicants	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.3.	Councillor Led initiative by Councillor Jon Hubbard	Support Queensway community with an event - to celebrate the wealth of talents that exist in the community.	£500

9.3.1. This project will enable the community to get together and gather for an event to reduce fragmentation in the community

Ref	Applicants	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.4	Wilts and Berks Trust	Help restore the footpath	£2832 - £750 to create GPS Benchmarks New route survey of 1.6km £1785

9.4.1 The officer recommends this application is awarded in part – to the sum of £2535

9.4.2 The application meets the criteria for grants 2012/13

9.4.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan; protect and enhance parks and green spaces, provide dog walking area where dogs can be off lead maintain and promote Kennet and Avon canal, support the Melksham link and the restoration of the canal and Promote cycling. This part of the path was prioritised following a meeting with the Partnership and members of the community in July 2012

9.4.4. Wilts and Berks Canal Trust are a not- for- profit organisation.

9.4.5. The project addresses equality and inclusion issues and will provide equal access for all.

9.4.6. 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

9.4.7. The project will provide the first stage of a topographical study working towards a multi use path and a traffic free cycleway from Melksham to Lacock and wildflowers will be planted along the route.

Ref	Applicants	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.5	Melksham Forest community Centre	Install sewer pumps in their community centre	£3841

9.5.1 The officer recommends this application is awarded in part – to the sum of £2046

9.5.2 The application meets the criteria for grants 2012/13

9.5.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan; to remove barriers to participation in local sports or community activity for people on low incomes, and increase local volunteering.

9.6 Melksham Forest Community Centre is a not- for- profit organisation.

9.6.1 The project addresses equality and inclusion issues and will provide equal access for all.

9.6.2 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

9.6.3 The project will provide the final stage of the project that has taken 18 years in

development and though the hall is nearly complete, this funding will complete the project providing a fully functional community space.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix x 6 - Grant applications from</b>  1 <u>Bowerhill Toddler Group</u>  2 <u>Melksham Community Area Partnership, Community Safety group.</u>  3 <u>Atworth village hall committee</u>  4 <u>Councillor Jon Hubbard</u>  5 <u>Wilts and Berks Trust</u>  6 <u>Forest Community Centre</u>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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