

Report to	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	17 June 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 6 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Morning Star (Salisbury), equipment for gardening service, £4,226
2. Coombe Bissett Parish Council, resurfacing of Shutts Lane, £4,711
3. Redlynch Village Hall Management Committee, replace roof, covered way to entrance, upgrade rear stage, £5,000
4. Redlynch Playing Field, laying of safety impact material in play park, £4,284
5. Old Sarum Community First Responders, set up of new scheme, £1,534
6. Laverstock & Ford Parish Council, set up of youth club with equipment, £2,000

To ask Councillors to consider 1 application for endorsement for the Performance Reward Grants scheme

1. Play Ranger Initiative, Action for Children, provide structured outdoor play schemes - £15,000 (report enclosed)

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. We can signpost groups to the Charities Information Bureau (CIB) for support to seek funding from elsewhere. CIB work on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.5. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.6. Southern Wiltshire Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £41,087 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £628. This leaves a total budget of £41,715 for the 2010/2011 budget. The amount spent so far this year is £4,173 leaving £37,542 up to March 2011.
- 1.7. A decision has been made that in 2010/2011 and thereafter 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.
- 1.8. The 2010/2011 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 20010/11• Southern Area Community Plan 2004 - 09
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2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

2.2. There will be at least 5 more rounds of funding during 2010/11, including this meeting. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;

- 19 August 2010
- 14 October 2010
- 16 December 2010
- 3 February 2011

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

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 Southern Wiltshire Area Board. Grant applications totalling **£21,755** have been received for this meeting. If all were to be approved there would be **£15,787** remaining.

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, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

8. Grants

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW028/10	Morning Star (Salisbury)	Gardening Project in Winterslow, trailer and shed	£4,226

- 8.1.1. **Officer recommendation:** Approve costs of trailer only totalling £2,224
- 8.1.2. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.1.3. Application does not demonstrate a direct link to the Community Plan
- 8.1.4. Morning Star (Salisbury) is a charity that works with homeless people and people with substance abuse problems. The charity runs the New Life Centre in Winterslow, which is a six bedroom house, with a caravan providing extra bed spaces and is set in approximately 1.2 acres of land.
- 8.1.5. The grant will fund a heavy duty shed, braked trailer and a tow hitch. This charity is based in Winterslow but its clients, people who are homeless or addressing substance misuse who have intensive support needs, can come from outside the community area. Using the resources applied for, the clients of the project will provide a gardening service which will be targeted towards those who most need it in Winterslow. Currently the charity has been able to provide some parts of this service locally but due to limitations with their vehicle, removing garden materials from people homes requires a trailer and also a place to store the gardening tools.

Winterslow Parish Council – The Parish Councillors have looked at the application and are aware of the project in the community and wish to support the grant application. The group is based in Winterslow and sell produce to raise funds as well as many other activities which help to support the local community. The Parish Council support the grant application as the group helps many local people and brings the community together.

With regard to the funding, the charity's accounts show a large sum of £64,439 in reserve. Around £32K is restricted and the remaining £32K is for running costs which covers their entire work programme.

Matters to consider:

- Community benefit in providing a shed is limited. The trailer has community benefit as it is an integral part of the clearance of garden waste from people's houses.
- 8.1.6. If the Board does not fund this project they will not be able to expand the gardening project in Winterslow.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW025/10	Coombe Bissett PC	Resurfacing of Shutts Lane	£4,711

8.1.7. **Officer recommendation:** Approval subject to adoption after resurfacing

8.1.8. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.9. Application does not demonstrate a direct link to the Community Plan 2004 - 09

8.1.10. This project will effectively benefit a wide range of local people as the village hall and school site will benefit from the improved and safer access for people arriving both by car and on foot. The Parish Council and local community have shown their commitment to this through their agreement to increase the precept for 2 years which means they will have raised £16,000 by the end of this financial year. Once resurfaced the Council will adopt the road. Graham Axtell confirmed that: "the road when it is surfaced and kerbed as agreed will be maintained as part of the Public Highway as far as the turning to the village hall. It will be added to the inspection regime. We will notify the parish of this when works have been completed to our satisfaction."

Matters to consider:

- Suitability of grants budget for resurfacing a road - this application be taken on own merit as potentially there are a number of unadopted roads or car parks which could benefit from resurfacing in our rural areas.

8.1.11. If the Board does not fund this project the Parish Council will continue to fundraise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW026/10	Redlynch Village Hall Management Committee	Refurbishments to village hall	£5,000

8.1.12. Officer Recommendation: Approve

8.1.13. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.14. This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan in that it looks to enhance and maintain facilities and services within a village.

8.1.15. This Hall is owned by Redlynch Parish Council and managed by the Redlynch

Village Hall Management Committee. The project will renew the old felt roof over the kitchen area at the front of the building with mono-pitched roof to match with the recently completed main roof. It will also bring a covered way to the main entrance and upgrade the rear stage to form a function area and storage facility.

Matters to consider:

- Necessity of a new pitched roof over the possibility of a repaired or flat roof.

8.1.16. Redlynch Parish Council: To be received

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW030/10	Redlynch Playing Fields Association	Laying of safety impact absorbent material on children's play area	£4,284

8.1.17. Officer Recommendation: Approve subject to contributions made by the parish council or R2 funds

8.1.18. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.19. This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan 2004 -09 in that it looks to improve a children's play area, making it safer and bringing the safety levels up to British and European Standard.

8.1.20. This play area is owned by Redlynch Parish Council and managed by the Redlynch Playing Field committee. The project will replace below standard ground cover in the play area with impact absorbent material which brings the safety standard up to the required British and European Standard. This play area is highly utilised and would benefit a high number of families using the facility.

Matters to consider:

- Lack of contributions from any available R2 funds or the parish council.

8.1.21. Redlynch Parish Council: To be received

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW027/10	Old Sarum Community First Responders	Equipment and consumables to set up and run the scheme	£1,534

8.1.22. Officer Recommendation: Approve subject to confirmation as a registered Community First Responder through Great Western Ambulance Service (GWAS).

8.1.23. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.24. This application, although does not demonstrate a direct link to the Community Plan 2004 – 09, demonstrates a link to the priorities set by the area board and the forthcoming community plan.

8.1.25. This is a start up of a new Community First Responder Scheme in the area. It will cover both Old Sarum and Stratford Sub-Castle. The applicant is already fully trained and accompanied by one other volunteer so far. He is looking to recruit more volunteers. With the expansion of the community at Old Sarum this project can provide a critical emergency response for a large number of residents.

Matters to consider:

- This is a new group still going through the set up process with GWAS.

8.1.26. If funding is not provided by the board the applicant will continue to fundraise but will set back the project by many months.

8.1.27. Laverstock Parish Council: In support

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW027/10	Laverstock Youth Club	Set up and equipment for the youth club	£2,000

8.1.28. Officer Recommendation: Approve subject to confirmation of the venue.

8.1.29. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.1.30. This application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2004 – 09 through the potential for improving participation rates among young people

8.1.31. This is a start up of a new community facility for young people which has come to fruition through the parish plan. It will provide a youth club facility with good equipment for up to 30 young people.

Matters to consider:

- This is a new group still going through the set up process and securing an appropriate venue is critical to the success of this project.

8.1.32. If funding is not provided by the board the applicant will continue to fundraise..

8.1.33. Laverstock Parish Council: In support

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