

Wiltshire Council

Trowbridge Area Board

23 May, 2013

Trowbridge Community Area Future (TCAF) Claim for Core Funding 2013/2014

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To seek the Board's approval to core funding to TCAF covering the financial year 2013/14 to be agreed at this meeting, 23 May 2013

2. Background

- 2.1. Officers are required to provide recommendations in a report, however the decision to support the community partnership and to what level, is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 2.2. There will be 2 tranches of funding to community partnerships during 2013/14 (up to 50% of their total projected costs in each tranche). The first is contained within this report, and the Partnership Development Officer will advise TCAF that the second tranche can be requested at an Area Board meeting in November 2013 when evidence is received of how the first tranche has been spent.
- 2.3. Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of £111,127 for community area grants, community partnership core funding, digital literacy and councillor led initiatives.
- 2.4. Community Area Partnerships are invited to apply for up to 20% of the community area grant budget. 20% of the Trowbridge Area Board budget 2013/14 is £17,697.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that core costs awarded in the 2013/14 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 3.2. TCAF was awarded £15,556 in 2012/2013. TCAF will be rolling forward approx. £9,837 of their reserves into 2013/14 to be spent on activities in this coming financial year as described in the workplan.

- 3.3. All partnerships funded by Area Boards are required to sign a Community Area Partnership Agreement (CAPA), which will be countersigned by the Chair of the Area Board. The CAPA is to be signed by both parties at this meeting if TCAF's core funding is awarded.
- 3.4. In order to show how the community area partnership aims to meet the commitments set out in the CAPA, TCAF are required to complete a work plan. This work plan has been reviewed and endorsed by Wiltshire Council's Partnership Development Officer and by Wiltshire Forum of CAPs as a workable document.(Appendix 1)
- 3.5. Trowbridge Community Area Future submitted a 2013/14 claim of - £15,556 for core running costs and £2,141 for the setting up and running of the Time Credits volunteering scheme in the community area (Appendix 2). 50% of this claim can be considered in this 1st tranche. The Area Board can therefore award up to £8,848.50 at this meeting.

4. Implications

4.1. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 4.1.2 The community partnership contributes to the continuance and improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon individual projects.

4.2. Financial Implications

- 4.2.1 Core costs awarded to the community partnership must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Trowbridge Area Board.

4.3. Legal Implications

- 4.3.1 There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

4.4. HR Implications

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

4.5. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 4.5.1 Community partnerships have agreed to the terms of the Community Area Partnership Agreement, which requires them to be fully inclusive. Membership of TCAF is open to anyone with an interest in the community area.

5. Recommendation

The Partnership Development Officer recommends that the Area Board:

- approve the claim of £17,697 with an agreement to release the 1st tranche of £8,848.50 immediately
- agree to the release of the 2nd tranche at the November 2013 area board meeting on receipt of an interim report from TCAF measured against the workplan

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 TCAF Annual Workplan, 2013/14
Appendix 2 TCAF Running Costs, 2013/14