

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board	Item No. 17
Date of Meeting	1 July 2010	
Title of Report	Community Area Grants	

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Trowbridge Amateur Swimming Club – A swimming gala and social events to celebrate the 20th meeting between the swimming club and S V Poseidon Leer swimming club under the umbrella of twinning arrangements with the German town of Leer - Requested £1,486

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. Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £77,592 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. To date £37,498 has been allocated from this budget. £1,050 has been returned to the Area Board from an under spend in the grant to West Ashton Village Hall, plus a £257 community grants under spend (2009/10) has now been added. This gives a current remaining total of £41,401 available to spend.
- 1.5. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 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.
- 1.6. 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 2009/10 & 2010/11• Trowbridge Community Area Plan• Local Agreement for Wiltshire
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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 4 further rounds of funding during 2010/11 dependent on amounts of funding remaining. These will take place on:
 - 9th September 2010
 - 18th November 2010

- 20th January 2011
- 17th March 2011

The deadline for applications is 6 weeks prior to the Area Board meeting

3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 3.1. 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 Trowbridge Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Trowbridge Area Board will have a balance of £39,915 in its budget.

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 Diversity 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.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

8. Officer Recommendation

The full application is available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Applicant 8.1	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge Amateur Swimming Club	A swimming gala and social events to celebrate the 20 th meeting between the swimming club and S V Poseidon Leer swimming club under the umbrella of twinning arrangements with the German town of Leer	£1,486

- 8.1.1. The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.1.2. The application demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan 2004 – 14 Theme 3 – Culture, including Leisure, Recreation, Heritage & the Arts
- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition “Building Resilient Communities.”
- 8.1.4. The applicant is contributing £1,487 towards this application from its own fundraising.
- 8.1.5. The applicant states that the project will still go ahead if the grant is not awarded
- 8.1.6. As this is an annual event the Board would be minded to recommend that the applicant cannot apply again to the Community Area Grants scheme unless for a separate project
- 8.1.7. **It is recommended that a grant of £1,486 is approved on condition that the applicant does not apply for this event on an annual basis.**

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Trowbridge Amateur Swimming Club
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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