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| Report to | Tidworth Area Board |
| Date of Meeting | 15th July 2013 |
| Title of Report | Area Board Funding |

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider officer recommendations in respect to:

1. Everleigh Parish Council – seeking a Community Area Grant of £206 towards repair to bus shelter. ***Officer Recommendation- Refusal***
2. **Ludgershall Fire Cadets** to ratify an award of £400 made under Community Area Managers Delegated powers towards a summer camp for young people, submitted by Cllr Chris Williams as a member project.
3. **Member Project - Cllr Mark Connolly**, to provide the first tranche of funding for TCAP 2013/14 to the sum of £4263

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 Adult Care, Communities and Housing (5 April 2013). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance 2013/2014](#).
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. The area board may want to link funding to local priorities, including those identified in their Community Plan, Local Area Joint Strategic Assessment and any other community based consultative work.
- 1.5. Tidworth Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of **£42816 Capital and £11,708 revenue**. In 2013/14 only capital funding is available for community area and digital literacy grants. Community partnership core funding and area board operational funding can be paid from the revenue budget.
- 1.6. In addition to CAGs and digital literacy grants councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls.
- 1.7. In support of the Olympic and Paralympic legacy, in 2013/14 the Tidworth area board invites applications that encourage young people and people with disabilities to become more actively involved in sports, outdoor activities, recreation, arts and volunteering.
- 1.8. Applications of up to and including £500 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £501 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000. Grants of up to £500 are available for Digital Literacy projects.
- 1.9. New for 2013/14 is a single on-line application process for Community Area Grants (CAG) and Digital Literacy grants, introduced to provide an easy step by step application process. The application process and funding criteria can be found [here](#).

- 1.10. Area boards will not consider CAG applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.11. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire councillors on the area board.
- 1.12. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.13. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete an evaluation form as soon as the project has been completed and provide receipts if requested. Groups are encouraged to up-load information and photographs about their project on to their area board [blogsite](#). Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.

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| Background documents used in the preparation of this report | Area Board Grant Criteria and Guidance 2013/14 as approved by delegated decision |
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2. Main Considerations

Tidworth Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of **£42,816 Capital** that may be allocated through Community Area Grants and Digital Literacy Grants, **£11,708 Revenue** that can include core funding for the CAP.

There is a further **£11,757 for Transport group priorities**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation outlined in Section 1 of this report.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2013/2014 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.3. There are now 3 funding rounds remaining during 2013/14. Deadlines for receipt of funding applications are **6 weeks before** the following area boards:
 - **16th September 2013**
 - **18th November 2013**
 - **20th Jan 2014**

2.4. The Community Area Manager has delegated authority to authorise grant payments up to £500 between area boards where a project needs to be funded urgently. This will be in consultation with and agreement of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the board, all projects must meet the community grants criteria and be ratified at the next meeting of the area board.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

3.1. Area Board Grants 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 Malmesbury Area Board.

4.2. If grants are awarded in accordance with officer recommendations Tidworth area board will have a balance of **£7,045 Revenue and £42,816 Capital**

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 and Small Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, town and parish council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications will be outlined in section 8, "Officer Recommendations" of the funding report.

8. Officer Recommendations

| Ref | Applicant | Project proposal | Funding requested |
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| 8.1. | Everleigh Parish Council | Repair to Bus Shelter | £206 |

8.1.1. Officers recommend that this application is refused as it relates to a function that is the statutory duty of the parish council.

8.1.2. This application does not meet the grant criteria 2013/14 in that the area board should not fund applications from parish council's for projects that should be funded from parish precepts.

8.1.3. In this case the parish precept is not sufficient to cover the cost of repair of the bus shelter in question and the parish council's accounts are currently running at a loss, hence the reason for the application.

8.2

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| R/tid1 3/01 | Cllr Chris Williams | Support to summer camp project- Ludgershall Fire Cadets | £400 |

8.2.1 This is a member project sponsored by Cllr Chris Williams, paid under delegated authority by the Community Area Manager, for ratification by the area board on 15th July 2013.

This project by Ludgershall Fire Cadets is an opportunity to take several young people from the Ludgershall area away on a camping trip over the summer holidays. The objectives are for them to learn new skills including outdoor crafts, team work and leadership and to develop enhanced awareness of their social responsibilities. There have been recent incidents in the Ludgershall area involving young people who lack constructive activities and this project is an opportunity to provide meaningful activities and learning opportunities for some young people.

A key element of the community plan for Tidworth Community Area is the provision of meaningful activities for young people and this project contributes to meeting that objective.

Following last year's successful Summer Camp Weekend, Ludgershall Fire Cadets are arranging another 5 day Summer Camp 2012/13.

They have organised canoeing, archery, rock climbing, abseiling, Bushcraft and mountain biking. As with last year they will be staying at 'The Biblins Youth Camp Site.

The total cost of the project is £3100 which will be made up from fundraising activities, sponsorship and charges to participants and the area board is asked to agree the decision to award £400 as a contribution towards this worthwhile project.

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| R/tid1 3/02 | Cllr Mark Connolly | TCAP first Tranche funding | £4263 |

This is a member project sponsored by Cllr Mark Connolly, to be paid from the 2013/14 revenue budget.

The project is to provide Tidworth Community Area Partnership with the first tranche of it's funding from the area board for the financial year 2013/14. This will enable TCAP to continue to operate effectively and to support the work of the area board.

The work of the community area partnership is important to the development of the community area. The partnership develops the community plan for the area, engages all local partners, develops community events and activities and supports the work of the area board.

The local community will benefit from the production of a community plan for the area, setting out priorities and targets for action to address local issues. The community will also benefit from partners working together across the community area in TCAP meetings and as part of thematic action groups on a range of topics including, health, housing, education, young people etc. The community will also benefit from the range of events and activities led by or supported by TCAP e.g. annual area awards, annual Christmas concert.

TCAP has submitted a full report on it's activities over the last year and a plan of activities for the next year in line with the Community Area Partnership Agreement.

The board is asked to support the payment of the first tranche of TCAP funding for the financial year 2013/13 of £4,263.

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| Appendices | Appendix 1 Grant Application – Everleigh Parish Council |
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report other than those requested in the funding criteria e.g. estimates.

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