

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	31 st July 2013
Title of Report	Community Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider three Community Area Grant applications and one Councillor led initiative

1. Community grant applications

Melksham Disabled Football Club seeks £500 to fund use of in -door accessible facilities until the new facilities built in the campus.

Beanacre and Melksham Cricket Club seeks £1,000 match funding for a Defibrillator outside the pavilion at King George V playing Fields

Wiltshire Mind request £445 to fund laptop computer, mobile broadband dongle, yoga mats and art easels for their new self help peer support social group in Melksham

2. Councillor led initiative

Melksham and District Seniors Forum

Councillor Pat Aves seeks £1,500, match funding, for venue hire, publicity, newsletters, consultation and costs of sending representatives to conferences.

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 £56,737 capital for community grants, and £14,492 revenue for community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. .
- 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 now stipulates that only Capital funding is available and the criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2012/13• Melksham Community Area Plan• Melksham Area Board Priorities as at 8th July 2013
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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 3 further rounds of funding during 2013/14. The next Area Boards take place on 9 October, 11th December and 12th February 14

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 £64,759 for Grants to include Core Partnership Funding.

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	<u>Melksham Disabled Football Club</u>	To fund use of in door accessible facilities until the New facilities are built in the campus	£500

- 8.1.1. The officer does not make any recommendation on this grant
- 8.1.2. The application does not meet the criteria for community area grants 2013/14 as the group applied for a grant and it was granted in the last 12 months (£500 for Projector June 2013)
- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan; encourage exercise

and Area Board priorities H1 encourage participation in organised and non organised sport and H2 Ensure better use of all school's facilities

8.1.4 Melksham Disabled Football Club are a not- for- profit organisation.

8.1.5 The project addresses equality and inclusion issues, enabling disabled people to participate in football.

8.1.6 Should the Area Board make a decision not to fund the project the project will need to find funding elsewhere

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
9	<u>Beanacre and Melksham Cricket Club</u>	Defibrillator outside the pavilion at King George V playing Fields	£1,000

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 and locally agreed priorities with regard H1. To encourage participation in organised and non organised sport.

9.1.4. The applicant is a not for profit organisation.

9.1.5. 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.	<u>Wiltshire Mind</u>	New self help peer support social group in Melksham require laptop computer, mobile broadband dongle, yoga mats art easels	£445

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 A2, support the provision of recreational activity spaces for young people and their families A3 support young people not in education ,employment or training to be able to attain job experience employment or further training

9.2.4. The applicant is a not for profit organisation.

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

Ref 9.3	Applicant Councillor Pat Aves	Project proposal Older People’s Social Isolation prevention project	Funding requested £1,500
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9.3.1 Officer recommends the application is awarded

9.2.5. The applicant is a not for profit organisation.

9.2.6. The project seeks to provide welfare and activities of interest for over 55s in Melksham and across the community area to promote the wellbeing of older people and reduce social isolation

9.3.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2013/14

Appendices:	<p>Appendix x 6 - Grant applications from</p> <p><u>Melksham Disabled Football Club</u></p> <p><u>Beanacre and Melksham Cricket Club</u></p> <p><u>Wiltshire Mind</u></p> <p><u>Melksham and District Seniors Forum Councillor led initiative</u></p>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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