

Report to	Southern Wiltshire
Date of Meeting	01/08/2013
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Area Board.

Application	Grant Amount	Recommendation
Applicant: Odstock Parish Council Project Title: Odstock Play Area	£5,000	Approve
Applicant: The Trafalgar School at Downton Project Title: Trafalgar Boxing Fitness and Junior Boxing Club equipment	£500	Approve
Applicant: Downton Memorial Hall Project Title: Downton Memorial Hall new boiler	£1,100	Approve
Total amount requested at this meeting	£6,600	
Total amount allocated so far	£10,604	Available if approved
Capital funding available 2013/14	£45,274	£28,070
Revenue funding available 2013/14	£12,199	£12,199
Total funding available for the year 2013/14	£57,473	£40,269

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2013/14 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

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.

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.

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.

3. The applications

<p>Applicant: Odstock Parish Council</p> <p>Project Title: Odstock Play Area</p>	<p>Amount: £5,000</p>	<p>Recommendation: Approve</p>
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.</p> <p>This project is to provide a new children's play area within Odstock playing field.</p> <p>The village of Odstock is a community with a growing number of young families. The proposal would create a focal point for families from the village and surrounding communities to enable physical activity for children, bringing positive health benefits and encouraging outside activity. A need for the facility was identified through the Annual Parish Council in spring 2012 and has the full support of the local community.</p> <p>The proposal utilises existing community land within the village playing field, which currently has no play equipment. The land is owned by the local estate (Longford Estate, Earl of Radnor) and is on a rolling enduring 5-year lease to the community facilitated through the Parish Council. This arrangement has been in place for several decades and the estate has no future plans to amend this agreement.</p> <p>The project aims to enhance the existing area through the preparation of the site and installation of a small variety of play equipment aimed at children aged 3 - 12 years old. The proposal is in keeping with the surrounding area and meets with the approval of neighbouring residents; a local public consultation for siting, design and requirement was conducted. These plans do not require additional planning permission.</p> <p>It is anticipated the project will start in late Autumn 2013, once funding is in place, and will take approximately 6 weeks to complete.</p> <p>The Area Board supports local projects that bring in new facilities. This project will benefit the local community, especially children and families. The application demonstrates wide community support.</p>		
<p>Applicant: The Trafalgar School at Downton</p> <p>Project Title: Trafalgar Boxing Fitness and Junior Boxing Club equipment</p>	<p>Amount: £500</p>	<p>Recommendation: Approve</p>
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.</p> <p>The project aims to deliver non-contact boxing training to students through extra-curricular sessions, with the focus on fitness and promoting healthy lifestyles. It will also deliver the Sports Leaders accredited 'Junior Boxing Organisers' course. This</p>		

course (run by the Amateur Boxing Association of England) teaches leadership and basic boxing skills to candidates, who are required to deliver a number of hours of non-contact, boxing related activity in schools. Funds are required for the purchasing of 17 pairs of boxing gloves and pads.

Students will have access, as well as members of the local community, to the lunchtime and after school clubs that will start next term. Our Sports Leaders will also use the equipment when delivering their sessions to as part of their qualification.

This is a new physical activity offered in the community area and will benefit young people in the community as the club is open to people from outside Trafalgar School to join.

Applicant: Downton Memorial Hall Project Title: Downton Memorial Hall new boiler	Amount: £1,100	Recommendation: Approve
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This application meets grant criteria 2013/14.

Downton Memorial Hall boiler has been condemned as unsafe so the hall needs a new boiler urgently as there is no hot water apart from water boiled in an urn, as the hall is frequently used for food preparation etc this is essential.

The whole community of Downton and its surrounds use the Hall for many varied activities. Whilst the main hall is heated with gas heaters, the boiler is required for hot water and heating the other rooms.

This is a valuable community resource which is well used. It has local support and will benefit the community.

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