

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Westbury Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>17 October 2013</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area Board Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 2 applications seeking 20013/14 Community Area Grant Funding.

1. **Dilton Marsh History Society** - is seeking £500 towards the commemoration project A Village at War.

Recommended for consideration for approval

2. **U3A** – are seeking £378 towards the purchase of publicity equipment

Recommended for consideration for approval

## 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<sup>th</sup> 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 emphasis in the Coalition Government's 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.

Westbury Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of £49,091

- 1.4. for community grants, digital literacy projects, community partnership core funding, area board operational funding and area board/councillor led initiatives.
- 1.5. Applications of up to and including £500 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £500 - £5000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.6. Area boards will not consider Community Area Grant (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.
- 1.7. In addition to CAGs, councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle 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.
- 1.8. 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.
- 1.9. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.10. Paper copies of funding applications no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce paper. They are however available on the Wiltshire Council web site with the area board agenda papers and hard copies available upon request.

- 1.11. The 2013/2014 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website  
<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areboards/areboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>
- 1.12. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete and return an evaluation form as soon as the project or activity has been completed and this should be accompanied by receipts and invoices, as well as photographs if possible. Failure to return the evaluation requested will preclude them from being considered for any future funding from the area board. This applies to all grants made by the area board.

<p><b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Area Board Grant Guidance 2013/14 as presented for delegated decision</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">BA13 Community Area Plan</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Westbury Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</a></li> </ul>
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. There will be two further rounds of funding during 2013/2014:
- 12 December 2013
  - 6 February 2014

## 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 Westbury Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Westbury Area Board will have a balance of **£44,793**

4.3. All awards are subject to the condition that no payment will be made until all other funding has been confirmed.

## 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 will give local community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils 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 are outlined within section 8 – Officer Recommendations.

## 8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	<b>Dilton Marsh History Society</b>	A Village At War – digital archive CR Rom project	£500

8.1.1. It is the officer's recommendation that an award of £500 for the Village At War project is considered for approval.

8.1.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 .

8.1.3. The aim of the project is to commemorate and preserve the heritage of Dilton Marsh during WW2. Funding is sought to make 500 CD Roms containing a digital archive and virtual exhibition to give free of charge to the community. This will feature a gallery and information about soldiers from the village, a mini documentary explaining live in a wartime rural community as well as any memories of villagers. This will preserve this heritage for the future making it accessible to all and will be part of a larger project involving the community in activities, training and living history events

8.1.4. It fits in with the BA13 community plan section - Support cultural facilities for arts

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
<b>9.1.0</b>	<b>U3A</b>	Funding towards purchase of publicity equipment	£378

- 9.1.1. It is the officer's recommendation that an award of £378 to help purchase publicity equipment is considered for approval
- 9.1.2. This application meets grant criteria 2013/14
- 9.1.3. The intention is to purchase an outdoor display board and stand to use at local events to publicise the group with the aim of increasing membership. U3A currently has about 130 members and need to recruit more to increase subscription income which should give financial independence.
- 9.1.4. The U3A group provides a variety of educational and cultural activities for its members. This application fits in with the BA13 community plan section - Support cultural facilities for arts

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