

Report to	Tidworth Area Board
Date of Meeting	19th May 2014
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report:

To consider three Community Area Grant Applications

- 1. Phoenix Hall, Netheravon, upgrade of audio-visual equipment - £3,523.50**
- 2. Ludgershall Memorial Hall- CCTV equipment- £1094.50**
- 3. Castledown Bowls Club-Club- shed £950**

To consider two member led applications

- 1. Young people's summer activities programme- £1,946**
- 2. TCAP first tranche funding, £3,000**

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Cabinet Member. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2014/2015.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria 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 2014/15 budget of **£38,300.43 Capital and £6,759 revenue**. In 2014/15 only capital funding is available for community area and digital literacy grants. Community partnership core funding, area board operational funding and some small project support can be paid from the revenue budget as it allows.
- 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 Paralympics legacy, in 2014/15 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 £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,000 - £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. There 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 online on the Wiltshire Council website.

- 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. 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 [blog site](#). Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.

Background documents used in the preparation of this report	Area Board Criteria and Guidance
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2. Main Considerations

Tidworth Area Board has been allocated a 2014/15 budget of **£38,300.43 Capital** that may be allocated through Community Area Grants and Digital Literacy Grants, **£6759 Revenue** that can include core funding for the CAP. There is a further funding for Community Area 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 2014/15 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.3. There are six funding rounds during 2014/15. Deadlines for receipt of funding applications are **6 weeks before** area boards on

- 21st July 2014
- 22nd September 2014
- 17th November 2014
- 19th Jan 2015

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 Tidworth Area Board.

4.2. If grants are awarded in accordance with officer recommendations at this meeting, Tidworth area board will have a balance of **£32,732.43 Capital and £1,813 Revenue.**

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

8.1

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
C-Tid 14-01	Phoenix Hall Management Committee	The installation of a video and sound system with broadband connection	£3523.50

- 8.1.1 Phoenix Village Hall Management Committee has applied for the sum of £3523.50 towards the installation of a video and sound system, with broadband connection, in Phoenix Hall, Netheravon.
- 8.1.2 This application meets the 2014/15 grant criteria. This is a capital project, the organisation applying is a not for profit community organisation, match funding has been secured and the project will have community benefit.
- 8.1.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2013 – 2023 under the Housing and Built Environment and Culture and Leisure themes in that it:-
- improves an existing community hall used by most of the local population.
 - encourages community use of the facility
- 8.1.4 The Hall is a charity, managed by a committee under the supervision of trustees for the benefit of the local community.
- 8.1.5 The hall has undergone recent improvements to lighting and acoustics and this application represents the next phase in the planned programme of improvements. The improvements will enable the showing of films, presentations, talks and lectures and provide the ability to play music at events in the hall.
- 8.1.6 The total project cost is £7167.50, the management committee has secured £3523.50, leaving a shortfall of £3523.50 which is the amount applied for to the area board.
- 8.1.7 The applicant holds free reserves of £7500. After a contribution to the project of 25% project costs, the remaining reserve is required for some major refurbishment works and to part fund future projects to improve the hall as a community amenity.

8.2

Ref			
C-Tid 14-02	Ludgershall Memorial Hall Management Committee	Installation of CCTV equipment	£1094.50

- 8.2.1 Ludgershall Memorial Hall Management Committee has applied for the sum of £1094.50 towards provision of CCTV cameras for the Memorial Hall.
- 8.2.2 The application meets the 2013/14 grant criteria. This is a capital project, the organisation applying is a not for profit community organisation and match funding is in place.
- 8.2.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2013 – 2023 under the Housing and Built Environment, Culture and Leisure and Community Safety themes in that it:-
- improves an existing community hall used by most of the local population.
 - encourages community use of the facility
 - works to prevent anti-social behaviour
- 8.2.4 Ludgershall Memorial Hall has been the target of several instances of Anti-Social behaviour in recent months. Groups using the hall have faced disruption and some hall users have felt intimidated and threatened by the behaviour of young people outside the facility.
- 8.2.5 The hall has also suffered from vandalism.
- 8.2.6 The project is to provide for 6 CCTV cameras to be located at the Memorial Hall, one in the entrance hall, one either side of hall at roof level full length, one on the rear door, one on the garden at other side and one covering the car park. The project also includes the provision of monitors, recorders as well as training for staff.
- 8.2.7 The local beat Police officer has been informed and is supportive of the project. It is hoped that evidence gathered may help to identify the culprits of Anti-Social Behaviour and that CCTV will act as a deterrent for others.
- 8.2.8 The CCTV control room will be secured and access will be limited to named members of the committee.
- 8.2.9 The total project cost is £2189.00, the Management Committee are providing £1094.50 from reserves, leaving a shortfall of £1094.50 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

8.3

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
C Tid 14-03	Castledown Bowls Club	Club Shed	£950

8.3.1 Castledown Bowls Club has applied for the sum of £950 for a new club shed.

8.3.2 The application meets the 2014/15 grant criteria. The organisation applying is a not for profit community organisation, this is a capital project, match funding is in place and the project can be seen to have community benefit.

8.3.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2013 – 2023 in that it:

- improves an existing community facility
- encourages community use of the facility
- contributes to healthier lifestyles through supporting physical activity
- supports military/civilian integration.
- supports intergenerational activity

8.3.4 Castledown Bowls Club, operating at Wellington Academy has membership covering the whole of the community area with members from all the Towns and Parishes. It is the only facility of this kind in the area and is a valued local club.

8.3.5 The club accepts members from age 12 with no upper age limit and encourages intergenerational activity. Members come from military or civilian backgrounds and the club promotes integration of the two communities.

8.3.6 The club has limited resources, subscriptions pay for upkeep of the green and equipment, however members travel to away matches at their own expense.

8.3.7 The project is to replace the existing club shed which has deteriorated over time. The shed is required to store club equipment, refreshments and mowers etc. Without this facility the club would be unable to operate effectively.

8.3.8 The total project cost is £950 which is the amount applied for to the area board. The club has a small operating surplus however this is required for seasonal maintenance of the specialist mover and other routine maintenance of the facility.

Ref	Sponsored	Project proposal	Funding requested
R Tid 14-01	Cllr Chris Williams	Summer activities programme	£1946

- 8.4.1 This is a member project sponsored by Cllr Chris Williams to be allocated from the area board revenue budget.
- 8.4.2 The project is to support TCAP Youth and Young People's Group which is seeking funding of £1946 to enable the development of a summer activity programme for young people across our community area.
- 8.4.3 The project demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2013 – 2023 in that it:
- Supports services and opportunities which will enable children and young people to become independent
 - Encourages positive activities and inspire young people to participate
 - Supports integration of military and civilian families and young people.
 - Provides meaningful activities for young people
 - Showcases facilities in Tidworth, Ludgershall and parishes
 - Builds on the Legacy of the Olympic games
 - Promotes health and wellbeing through sport and leisure activities
- 8.4.4 The project is to run a programme of activities from 4th August - 29th August (4 weeks) which will include Free Running, Art and other activities to be held in parish locations. Sessions will be fun and energetic, providing positive activities for young people during the summer break.
- 8.4.5 The project will support the integration of military and civilian young people and will bring young people from across the community area together.
- 8.4.6 The programme will be managed by Extended Services and Youth Development Services.
- 8.4.7 All necessary policies and procedures as regards child protection and safeguarding are in place.
- 8.4.8 The total project cost is £3580, the youth service and extended services at Wellington Academy are contributing £1634 in staff costs and cost of rooms in kind, leaving a shortfall of £1946 which is the amount applied for to the area board.

8.5

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
R/tid1 4/02	Cllr Mark Connolly	TCAP first Tranche funding	£3000

8.5.1 This is a member project sponsored by Cllr Mark Connolly, to be allocated from the 2014/15 revenue budget.

8.5.2 The project is to provide Tidworth Community Area Partnership with the first tranche of its funding from the area board for the financial year 2014/15. This will enable TCAP to continue to operate effectively and to support the work of the area board.

8.5.3 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.

8.5.4 The local community will benefit from TCAP work to deliver actions in the 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.

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

8.5.6 The board is asked to support the payment of the first tranche of TCAP funding for the financial year 2014/15 of £3,000.

Appendices	<p>Appendix 1- Phoenix Hall, Netheravon, upgrade of audio-visual equipment -£3,523.50</p> <p>Appendix 2- Ludgershall Memorial Hall- CCTV equipment- £1094.50</p> <p>Appendix 3- Castledown Bowls Club-Club- shed £950</p> <p>Member led applications</p> <p>Appendix 4 -Young people's summer activities programme- £1,946</p> <p>Appendix 5- TCAP first tranche funding, £3,000</p>
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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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