

Report to	Bradford on Avon Area Board
Date of Meeting	16/07/2014
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

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

Application	Grant Amount	
Applicant: WW1 Working Group Project Title: Rededication of War Memorial and Roll of Honour	£645	
Applicant: South Wraxall Village Project Title: South Wraxall War Memorial	£3,500	
Applicant: Musicians South West CIC (Community Interest Company) Project Title: Women of WW1 at Bradford, Winsley, & Holt	£1,923	
Applicant: West Wilts Esprit Gymnastics Club Project Title: Rhythmic, Boys and Disability Gymnastics Project	£1,000	
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£7,068	
Total amount allocated so far	£4,744	

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2014/15 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 Cabinet member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2014/2015.

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.

If all requested grants are approved, the Community Grant Fund will have a total of £21, 118 remaining unallocated for the 2014/15 financial year for projects in the Bradford on Avon community area.

3. The applications

Applicant: WW1 Working Group Project Title: Rededication of War Memorial and Roll of Honour	Amount Requested from Area Board: £645
<p>This application meets the grant criteria for 2014/15.</p> <p>Project Summary: To commemorate those who fell in the 1st World War on the 100th anniversary of its beginning. The War Memorial in Westbury Gardens needs to be cleaned prior to a service of rededication. A Roll of Honour Board stating the names of those who fell in the Bradford on Avon Area needs repair and relocation in a local church. This event will involve the British Legion, the Churches, relatives named on both structures, school children, Twin Towns from France and Germany and local elected representatives.</p> <p>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: The entire Community of Bradford on Avon and surrounding Parishes will remember them.</p> <p>Funding: The capital elements of the project are being match funded by the Town Council.</p>	

Applicant: South Wraxall Village Project Title: South Wraxall War Memorial	Amount Requested from Area Board: £3,500
<p>This application meets the grant criteria for 2014/15.</p> <p>Project Summary: The plan is to erect a war memorial to commemorate the 11 villagers who lost their lives in WW1 and WW2 in time for the centenary of the First War. The village does not have a permanent memorial.</p> <p>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: The entire village will benefit from perpetuating the memory of the 11 brave men who gave their lives for us in the two world wars. The families will benefit as several of the men lost have no known graves (some were lost at sea). The project is also giving rise to two village centred fundraising events including a sponsored walk and barn dance which help bring the village together.</p> <p>Funding: This capital project is being match funded by donations and fundraising.</p>	
Applicant: Musicians South West CIC Project Title: Women of WW1 at Bradford, Winsley, & Holt	Amount Requested from Area Board: £1,923
<p>This application meets the grant criteria for 2014/15.</p> <p>Project Summary: As part of the WW1 commemoration we would like to perform 'Women of World War One - a Tribute' at St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, and at two other venues in the Bradford on Avon area. The show consists of readings from poems, diaries and letters written by women who lived through the war, interspersed with live music for piano and strings written by female composers of the era, and accompanied by a slide show of contemporary images. An exhibition will also be on display. In conjunction we would like to offer an associated workshop for families on the afternoon of the day of each show.</p> <p>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: We intend to hold our Women of WW1 project in Winsley (St Nicholas Church), Holt (venue tbc but likely to be the village hall) and one other venue in the Bradford area (most likely to be the West Barn). The main aim of our project is that people from a variety of age groups and backgrounds in these and surrounding areas should have the opportunity to connect directly with the experiences and feelings of those who lived through the War, through spoken word, powerful live music, and images. Each evening performance will be preceded by a daytime workshop in which participants will gain skills and confidence in speaking aloud and</p>	

singing. They will then have the opportunity to participate in a professional live public performance should they so wish. The workshop is based on a 'play in a day' format. Participants will be given a brief introduction and some time to view the exhibition. They will each select a portion of the script and will be coached in delivering this to an audience by a professional drama coach. They will learn two contrasting songs from the era including a suffragette march and a gentle lament for those who died, and play a simple accompaniment on handchimes. Workshop participants and audience members alike will learn more about the lives of women who lived through WW1 - stories of heartache, stoicism, emancipation, loss, tremendous bravery - and feel a connection with members of their own families and a deeper understanding of the generation who lived through the War. This will be an enriching experience which will touch participants and audience alike, and will bring people in each community closer together through shared experiences, present and past. With the WW1 centenary this year, there is a strong interest in commemorative events. Most of these, understandably, will be based on the experience of men, especially soldiers; women's stories are equally valuable and are worthy of particular focus. Our initial research - letters to magazines and discussions with local women's groups - elicited a substantial response from individuals whose relatives shared their memories. We received over 30 emails and letters; many are included in the script. Whilst most Bradford residents have access to live music/theatre performances, opportunities for participation in such events are more limited. Performing in front of an audience builds confidence, as does the acquisition of new skills. Singing has health benefits - see <http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/hearthealth/singinggood> - and builds a strong group identity, with mutual reliance an important element. Learning about previous generations' lives and sharing family history likewise brings individuals, families and communities closer together.

Funding: Capital expenditure is being incurred for musical instruments, exhibition materials, portable lighting, costumes etc. and is being matched in large part by income from ticket sales.

Applicant: West Wilts Esprit Gymnastics Club

Project Title: Rhythmic, Boys and Disability Gymnastics Project

Amount Requested from Area Board: £1,000

This application meets the grant criteria for 2014/15.

Project Summary: West Wilts Esprit Gymnastics Club has been in existence for 42 years, and has now secured improved training facilities in Trowbridge. We wish to expand our current Rhythmic, Boys', Parkour and Disability Gymnastics provision, as well as replacing current Pre-School Gymnastics equipment and introducing Soft Play. This will enable us to build on the Olympic legacy by increasing our participants, making our provision more accessible, and providing training opportunities to retain older

gymnasts and to make them into the coaches of the future.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: The new facility will benefit anyone in our main catchment area (Trowbridge, Westbury, Bradford-on-Avon and the surrounding villages) who wishes to become involved, or is already involved, in Gymnastics-related activity. We currently provide Gymnastics opportunities to participants aged 6 months and upwards, but we have outgrown our current facility and have waiting lists for a number of our classes. In the last year we have introduced a number of new Gymnastics-related activities such as Rhythmic, Boys, Parkour, Adults and Disability and we wish to expand this provision but have no more room in our current gym. It is our goal to further reach under-represented sectors of the community such as 11-25 year olds, adults wishing to return to sport and disabled participants. We also wish to develop disciplines which are very limited in Wiltshire such as Rhythmic Gymnastics, Parkour, Team Gym, Gym Fit and Soft Play. We are supported in this by ex-Olympian Francesca Fox, who coaches with us on a seasonal basis. These activities attract our target under-represented audiences and offer general fitness opportunities and alternative activities to our members as well as their parents/guardians and siblings. We currently offer part-funded training and mentoring opportunities to our older gymnasts to enable them to become qualified coaches, and an increased membership will mean more opportunities for us to develop the coaches of the future from our current members. In this way, we can become a training facility and offer both voluntary and paid employment to 14 year-olds upwards who wish to become coaches and leaders. All of this is dependent on our obtaining the capital to purchase new equipment.

Funding: Contributions to the costs of capital expenditure for specialist apparatus and materials are being shared by the Trowbridge and Westbury Area Boards with match funding through private fundraising.

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