

Report to	Bradford on Avon
Date of Meeting	12/11/2014
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: West Wilts Esprit Gymnastics Club Project Title: West Wilts Esprit Gymnastics Club Changing Room Upgrade and Fitness Suite.	£1000.00	
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£1000	
Total amount allocated so far	£13810	

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. If this award is granted there will remain £16,120 in the budget for 2014/15.

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.

3. The applications

Applicant: West Wilts Esprit Gymnastics Club Project Title: West Wilts Esprit Gymnastics Club Changing Room Upgrade and Fitness Suite.	Amount Requested from Area Board: £1000.00	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.</p> <p>Project Summary: West Wilts Esprit Gymnastics Club has now moved into its new premises on the White Horse Business Park in Trowbridge. We are looking to upgrade our male and female toilets/changing rooms to make them more fit for purpose and more suitable for disability access and increased capacity, and also to add a small fitness suite to our ground floor to enable family, friends and members of the public to exercise whilst waiting for participants and on their own time.</p> <p>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: Our fantastic new facility benefits everyone 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 provide Gymnastics opportunities to participants aged 6 months and upwards 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, Trampolining and Disability and we wish to expand this provision, so we need to upgrade our current changing/toilet facilities. It is also our goal to further reach under-represented sectors of the community such as 11-25 year olds and single parents. We therefore are working towards setting up a small fitness room on our ground floor, which will 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. This facility will also provide training and employment opportunities both for our current older teenage members and for the wider general public. We are also working with Wiltshire Health Trainers to provide them with somewhere to meet their clients (many of whom are single parents) and to have a small fitness facility to point them towards which is not as intimidating as the larger gyms in the county. We hope to become a training facility and offer both voluntary and paid employment to 14 year-olds upwards who wish to become fitness trainers, personal trainers and leaders. All of this is dependent on our obtaining the capital to purchase fitness equipment, and to have the toilet/changing facilities to support our growing membership.</p>		
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