

Report to	Bradford on Avon
Date of Meeting	07/01/2015
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: The HUB@BA15 Project Title: Start-up costs for The Hub @ BA15	£5000.00	
Applicant: Holt Parish council Project Title: Ham Green kerbs	£1455.00	
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£6455	
Total amount allocated so far	£14810	

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 these grants are awarded there will be £ 9,665 remaining 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

<p>Applicant: The HUB@BA15 Project Title: Start-up costs for The Hub @ BA15</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £5000.00</p>	
<p>This application meets the grant criteria for 2014/15 and supports corporate objectives around vulnerability, health and wellbeing and economic development.</p> <p>Project Summary: A community trust has been formed from a partnership of the Bradford on Avon Churches Together, the Bradford on Avon Town Council and the Bradford on Avon Community Area Network. A lease on the former HSBC bank premises in the centre of Bradford on Avon has been secured from landlord the Catholic Church for use as a Trussell Trust affiliated food bank, for debt and housing advice, affordable access to credit and other services to the poor and vulnerable in the local community. The Hub @ BA15 will provide a food parcel collection point for those in hunger, a supportive environment for online access to money management, welfare, housing and benefit services and a community meeting space with facilities for local groups.</p> <p>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: The beneficiaries will be poor and vulnerable individuals and families in the Bradford on Avon community/BA15 postcode area. This will include the hungry and homeless; those suffering from benefit interruption; the working poor; those without online access to welfare support; and community groups requiring a meeting space and office support. We will be a centre for volunteering and we will offer 'Time Credit' rewards in return for in-kind contributions received.</p>		
<p>Applicant: Holt Parish Council Project Title: Ham Green kerbs</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £1455.00</p>	
<p>This application meets grant criteria for 2014/15, although it could be argued that the Parish Council should have precepted for the total costs of this work.</p> <p>Project Summary: Ham Green is held in trust by Holt Parish Council. It is grassed and surrounded by tarmac roads. The green is bordered by posts and chains which are Grade 2 listed. The West side of the Green is bounded by the B3107 and protected by kerbs. The North and South sides are grassed up to the highway. The North side is used for residents' parking and is suffering from serious erosion for about 60% of its length. Much of the south side is being eroded by passing traffic. In both cases, the historic</p>		

posts and chains are threatened.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: Ham Green is recognised as a specially sensitive area in the District Plan. It is a major element of the conservation area in Holt and is of significant amenity value to the village and local area.

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