

Report to	Tidworth Area Board
Date of Meeting	18th May 2015
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report:

- 1. To outline Community Area Grant funding and other funding available to Tidworth Area Board in the financial year 2015/16**
- 2. To approve reapplication for award from financial year 2013/14 - Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council - £5000**

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 2015/2016.
- 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 2015/16 budget of **Capital £45,975, Digital Literacy £1,500, CATG £11,757, Youth Funding 11-19 revenue £4,055, Youth Funding- LYN £13,865**. In 2015/16 only capital funding is available for community area and digital literacy grants. Area board operational funding and some small project support can be paid from revenue budgets as they allow.
- 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 2015/16 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 Grants, 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 are on-line application processes for Community Area Grants (CAG), Digital Literacy grants and LYN funded projects, 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.

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

- 2.1. Tidworth Area Board has been allocated a 2014/15 budget of **£45,975 discretionary Capital, £1,500 Digital Literacy funding, £11,757 CATG, £4,055 Youth Funding 11-19, LYN Youth Funding £13,865**. In 2015/16 only capital funding is available for community area and digital literacy grants. Area board operational funding and some small project support can be paid from revenue budgets as they allow.
- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2015/16 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

- 2.4. There are six funding rounds during 2015/16. Deadlines for receipt of funding applications are **6 weeks before** the next area boards in

20 July 2015
21 Sept 2015
16 Nov2015
8 Jan 2016
14 March 2016

- 2.5. 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.

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
	Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council	Village Playground	£5,000 ringfenced

8.1.1 Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council was awarded a Community Area Grant of £5,000 in financial year 2013/14 for development of a village playground. Whilst it is a requirement that Community Area Grants are spent within 1 financial year, the parish council has been unable to proceed in the timescales given due to a number of factors including changes in committee members and project managers.

The funding allocation has been ring fenced and carried forward.

The area board is asked to permit the parish council to reapply and draw down the funds in this financial year subject to the board being satisfied that the project can go ahead as planned.

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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