

Report to	Devizes Area Board
Date of Meeting	18th May 2015
Title of Report	Area Board Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 6 applications seeking 2015/16 Community Area Grant Funding.

1. **Devizes Boccia Club** - are seeking £100 towards equipment for disabled Boccia games
2. **Devizes Development Partnership** - are seeking £2,245.20 for CCTV camera and associated equipment
3. **Bishops Cannings Church of England (aided) School** - are seeking £5k for a community music project to help vulnerable children
4. **Devizes and District Contact a Family** - are seeking £875 towards CAF digital learning.
5. **All Cannings Village Hall** - are seeking £5k towards village hall improvements
6. **The Wyvern Club** - are seeking £953 towards a hearing loop

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Adult Care, Communities and Housing (5th April 2013). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance.
- 1.2. In 2015/16 the officer is required to only ensure that the request meets the funding criteria but not to make any recommendations.
- 1.3. The discretionary capital funding allocation for Devizes Area Board in 2015/2016 is £66,848. Grant awards are taken from this budget.
- 1.4. Applications of up to and including £1000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1001 - £5000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.5. Area boards will not consider Community Area Grant (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.
- 1.6. In addition to CAGs, councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle 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. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.8. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.9. Paper copies of funding applications no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce paper. They are however available on the Wiltshire Council web site with the area board agenda papers and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.10. The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>
- 1.11. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete and return an evaluation form as soon as the project or activity has been completed and this should be accompanied by receipts and invoices, as well as photographs if

possible. Failure to return the evaluation requested will preclude them from being considered for any future funding from the area board. This applies to all grants made by the area board.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Board Grant Guidance as presented for delegated decision • Devizes Community Area Plan • Devizes Joint Strategic Needs Document
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2015/16 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to decide whether the community benefit will warrant the request.
- 2.3. This is the first round of funding during 2015/2016. As long as funding remains there will be 5 more rounds this financial year

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 Devizes Area Board.
- 4.2. All awards are subject to the condition that no payment will be made until all other match funding has been confirmed.

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 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 are outlined within section 8 – Officer Comments.

8. Officer Comments

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8	Devizes Boccia Club	Equipment for Disabled Boccia games	£100

- a. This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project
- b. Devizes Boccia Club currently meets at Cornerstones in Devizes. The original request included hire costs. However the Area Board is not able to make grant allocations for revenue projects. Any other organisation or individual who can help with these costs should contact the club.
- c. The remainder of the project is to purchase some chutes which will help support and include the less mobile and coordinated wheelchair user members. This is what the grant request is for.
- d. No match funding is required

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9	Devizes Development Partnership	Replacement of CCTV camera and associated equipment	£2,245.20 towards a project costing £4,490.40

- a. This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project
- b. The purpose of this project is to replace the CCTV camera covering the Market Place in the centre of Devizes and upgrade of recording equipment
- c. The project contributes towards the safety and security of those using the town centre
- d. The match funding will come from DDP reserves

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10	Bishops Cannings Primary School	Community Music Project for vulnerable Children	£5k towards a project costing £10k

- a. This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project
- b. The project is to create a resource for vulnerable children and adults to experience the benefits of music. In the initial stages this will be provided by a music teacher in school and over time the resource will develop to provide music therapy.
- c. The funding will be used to purchase recording and musical equipment as well as storage and a MAC desktop. A small charge will be made in future years to make the project sustainable
- d. The strong desire is to explore and remove the barriers that cause children and young people to under achieve and provide a means for them to become successful citizens and meet their life aspirations. This funding will provide the equipment necessary to fulfil these objectives
- e. The project builds upon the established practice in which music therapy is used to address behaviour.
- f. The applicant has assured the officer that this is a resource that can be used both by the school and the wider community
- g. The match funding will come from reserves

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11	Devizes and District Contact A Family	Digital learning	£875 towards a project costing £925
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- a. This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project
- b. The project is to purchase a laptop and software in order to teach the carers and special needs members to use technology, particularly to access help and information via the internet
- c. A wide range of people from the community will benefit, many of whom have not had the opportunity or finances to purchase and use ICT
- d. No match funding is required although a £50 donation has been given

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
12	All Cannings Village Hall	Village hall improvements	£5k towards a project costing £23,100

- a. This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project
- b. The kitchen with its outdated equipment is being doubled in size and modernized with new storage and food handling facilities. Lighting and new double glazed window will make the kitchen more friendly for all users. This is the first major update for many years and is much needed by many village organizations. The whole heating system is being improved with environmentally efficient heat pumps air-heating and conforming insulation for the cavity walls and the ceiling. The improved proposed heating will improve the halls environmental footprint. Lighting and electrical systems will be updated. Toilet and shower facilities will be included
- c. The village hall is used by a wide range of different organisations and members of the local community.
- d. The match funding will come from reserves and other grants

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13	The Wyvern Club	Install a hearing loop	£953.50
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- e. This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.
- f. The project is to install a hearing loop in the main hall of the Wyvern Club in order to include those who are hard of hearing.
- g. The objectives of The Wyvern Club are to foster a spirit of mutual understanding, within a comfortable atmosphere, which encourages social interaction and a caring approach to the well-being of all of the fellow members of the Club. It is also to support and give aid, where practical, to charitable organisations and service associations within the Devizes Community area.
- h. The club has many regular users including the Royal British Legion (both the traditional branch and the Wiltshire Riders branch).
- i. No match funding is required

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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