

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board</b>	Item No. 09a
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> October 2010</b>	
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>	

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 2 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Marston Meysey Village Hall Association seeks £1750 for kitchen equipment. The application meets the criteria for a Community Area Grant.
2. Cricklade Town Council seeks £2494 for a fence around the skate park. The application meets the criteria for a Community Area Grant

## 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 Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £51,962 for community grants.
- 1.6. The sum of £7,731 was awarded at the Area Board on 25<sup>th</sup> May and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010, this leaves a total budget of £44,231.
- 1.7. Cricklade Leisure Centre was awarded £5000 from 2009/2010 Community Area Grants that was carried forward to 2010/2011 and has now been awarded.
- 1.8. This leaves a remainder of £39,231 for allocation
- 1.9. Where the demand for funding exceeds the funds available applications meeting the area board priorities will be given priority.
- 1.10. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.11. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11</li><li>• Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area Plan</li></ul>
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## **2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 5 rounds of funding during 2010/11. There have been two rounds - on 26<sup>th</sup> May and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010 and the third is contained in this report. The remaining will take place on:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011

## **3. Environmental & Community Implications**

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.

## **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board will have a balance of £ 34,987

## **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 give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

## 8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Marston Meysey Village Hall Association	To provide equipment to refurbish small kitchen in the village hall	£1750

- 8.1.1. The Grant meets the criteria for a community area grant. 2010/11
- 8.1.2. The grant demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, recreation, culture and leisure.
- 8.1.3. The grant meets locally agreed/area board priorities, enabling community groups to use the facilities, improve community cohesion and reduce social isolation for older members of the village.
- 8.1.4. The group is a not for profit organisation.
- 8.1.5. The grant is to provide equipment including replacing existing cupboards and other fittings, plus providing a new refrigerator, dishwasher and microwave.
- 8.1.6. The hall welcomes all members of the local community.
- 8.1.7. Should the grant not be awarded, this would delay the project and be to the detriment of the local community.

Ref	Applicant	Project Proposal	Funding Requested
8.2.	Cricklade Town Council	To erect a fence around the skate park	£2494

- 8.2.1. The Grant meets the criteria for a community area grant. 2010/11
- 8.2.2. The grant demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, recreation, culture and leisure.
- 8.2.3. The grant meets locally agreed/area board priorities, enabling young people to play safely in the local community and the play strategy "Everything to Play for 2007 – 2012".
- 8.2.4. The group is a not for profit organisation and the Town Council have put the application forward on behalf of the young people.
- 8.2.5. The grant is to provide a 1.4 m fence around the skate park, protecting skaters from collision with members of the public.

8.2.6. The skaters are a group of young people from the local area.

8.2.7. Should the grant not be awarded, the Town Council will continue to seek external funding, the project would not take place in the foreseeable future and there is a continued potential risk of injury to users of people entering the area.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant application – Marston Meysey Village Hall Association</b> <b>Appendix 2 Grant Application – Cricklade Town Council</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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