

Report to	CALNE Area Board
Date of Meeting	25th August 2009
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 3 applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding:

1. SPLASH (School/ Police Liaison Activities for School Holidays) – seeking £3,980 towards the cost of providing positive holiday activity projects for young people during the October 2009 and February 2010 half term holidays.
 2. Calne Town Council – seeking £1,000 towards the cost of producing shop window displays to enhance the appearance of vacant shops within the town centre.
 3. Goatacre Cricket Club – seeking £855 to provide new and replacement tools and equipment.
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1. Background

- 1.1. A single and simple application process was accepted by the Implementation Executive on 13th May 2009 for use during 2009/10. Appendix 1 contains the Community Area Grants Pack, which has been developed and includes details of the grants process and criteria.
- 1.2. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to the Area Boards by the Leader of the Council (13th May 2009). Under the terms of that delegation Area Boards must operate within the policies set by the Leader and /or the Council. The Council has adopted an Area Grants policy, with funding criteria, to which the Area Boards must adhere.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that was contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting until 31st March 2010.
- 1.5. In 2009/10 the Calne Area Board has been allocated a budget of £31,744.
- 1.6. Up to 20% of this budget may form core funding to the Community Area Partnership.

<p>Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10 • Calne Community Area Plan 2004 • Calne Community Area Plan – update – 2006 • www.wiltshire.police.uk/ diversity & community affairs • www.wiltshire.police.uk/ action groups & initiatives
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2009/10 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before March 31 2010.
- 2.2. There will be 4 rounds of funding during 2009/10. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on
 - 20th October 2009
 - 15th December 2009
 - 16th February 2010

3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1. Application no. 2, from Calne Town Council, refers to an initiative, which aims to improve visual aspects of the town centre environment that have experienced decline in line with the recent economic climate.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Calne Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Calne Area Board will have a balance of £25,909

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. Wiltshire Council is committed to Equality and Inclusion. 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. Consideration has been given to each application and implications are outlined within section 9 of this report – ‘Reasons for proposals’.

8. Proposals

- 8.1. **It is recommended that SPLASH is awarded a grant of £3,980 towards the cost of providing positive activity projects for young people during half term holidays in October 2009 and February 2010, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**
- 8.2. **It is recommended that Calne Town Council is awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of producing window displays in vacant town centre shop units, conditional upon the Town Council funding an equal sum towards the project and also to the balance of funding and any requirement for planning permission/advertisement consent being in place.**
- 8.3. **It is recommended that Goatacre Cricket Club is awarded a grant of £855 in order to provide tools and equipment.**

9. Reason for proposals

9.1. SPLASH – Holiday Activities

- 9.1.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 9.1.2 SPLASH is a registered charity based at Chippenham Police Station, staffing costs included within the costs relate to one off payments for this project and not to ongoing salaries.
- 9.1.3 SPLASH develop and deliver a free programme of varied activities that focus upon keeping young people safe and healthy and which aim to promote inclusion and development.

- 9.1.4 This scheme is open to all young people aged between 9 and 16 but is particularly targeted at vulnerable young people who are:
- Socially deprived
 - In rural isolation with little opportunity for community engagement
 - Finding themselves in trouble
 - Finding it difficult to stay in school or getting into trouble at school
- 9.1.5 This application has specific links to the Calne Community Area Plan, through providing activities for young people, addressing issues surrounding the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour and also the promotion of community cohesion and well being.
- 9.1.6 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through encouraging positive lifestyle changes, young people's participation in positive activities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities and a reduction in the perception of anti-social behaviour.
- 9.1.7 A decision not to fund this project might result in it being undertaken at a reduced level.
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9.2. CALNE TOWN COUNCIL – Vacant shop displays.

- 9.2.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grants criteria
- 9.2.2 There are links to the Community Area Plan relating to issues around the state of disrepair and appearance of buildings in the town centre and ambitions for an attractive and well maintained built environment and for Calne to be a vibrant market town with a variety of retail opportunities.
- 9.2.3 This project represents an aspiration to address a loss in the vibrancy and visual attractiveness in the town centre as a result of recent economic decline and also aims to help reduce vandalism and fly posting in the town centre.
- 9.2.4 This initiative has the support of the local police and the Chamber of Commerce.
- 9.2.5 The project also responds to issues that have been raised through the Area Boards issues process around the need to enhance and promote town centre shop units.
- 9.2.6 Sponsorship from the Chamber of Commerce combined with equal contributions from the Area Board and the Town Council will demonstrate Wiltshire Council's commitment to work in partnership with local groups and Town and Parish Councils to address local issues.
- 9.2.7 In addition this initiative also relates to Wiltshire Council priorities promoting a feeling of safety in the community and reducing perceptions of anti-social behaviour.
- 9.2.8 A decision not to fund this initiative will result in its implementation at a reduced level with subsequent reduced impact.

9.3. GOATACRE CRICKET CLUB – Provision of tools and equipment

- 9.3.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grants criteria
- 9.3.2 There is a specific link with the Calne Community Area Plan through helping to enable the creation and provision of leisure recreation in the villages and also activities for young people in the villages.
- 9.3.4 The Cricket Club has a long history and a record of serving people from a wide variety of social groupings (age/gender/ability/ethnicity).
- 9.3.5 The Wiltshire Council Sports Development Manager has confirmed that this club is actively establishing links with local schools and is attracting increasing numbers of boys and girls to the club and to the benefits of engaging in sporting activities.
- 9.3.6 The application also links to Wiltshire Council priorities through encouraging lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of participants and their families, improving adult participation and young people’s participation in positive activities.
- 9.3.7 A decision not to fund this application will result in a delay in providing equipment and tools that are vital in maintaining a positive and good quality facility while the organisation seeks other funding sources.

Appendices:	<p>Appendix 1 Community Area Grant Pack Appendix 2 Grant application - SPLASH Appendix 3 Grant application – Calne Town Council Appendix 3 Grant application – Goatacre Cricket Club</p>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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