

Item 5

Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	20th October 2009
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding:

1. Calne Heritage Centre – seeking £1,758 towards the cost of producing a book/project in relation to the exploration/recording and commemoration of people from the Calne Community Area who took part in WW1.

1. Background

- 1.1. A single and simple application process was accepted by the Implementation Executive on 13 May 2009 for use during 2009/10.
- 1.2. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to the Area Boards by the Leader of the Council (13 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 31 March 2010.
- 1.5. Calne Area Board was allocated a budget of £31,744 for 2009/10. After a deduction of 20% to core fund the Community Area Partnership, a total of £23,279 remained for distribution through the Community Area Grants Scheme.
- 1.6. Following the award of Community Area Grants at the Area Board meeting on 25th August 2009 and the extraordinary meeting held on 22nd September 2009, the Calne Area Board has a balance of £17,444. Appendix 1 – (Calne Community Area Grants budget summary) is included to provide information about the distribution of Community Area grants awarded by the Calne Area Board in the current financial year.

<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 2006
---	--

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2009/10 year are made to applicants where projects can realistically proceed before 31 March 2010.
- 2.2. This report contains the second of four rounds of funding that will take place during 2009/10. The remaining rounds will take place on:
 - 15th December 2009
 - 16th February 2010
- 2.3. Community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils are encouraged to submit funding applications to the 15 December Area Board. Closing date for receipt of applications is 3 November 2009.

3. Environmental Implications

3.1. There are no specific environmental implications related to this report.

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 £ 15,686.

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 this specific application and implications are outlined within section 8 of this report.

8. Officer Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Calne Heritage Centre	To publish a book recording/exploring and commemorating people from the Calne Community Area who were involved in WW1	£ 1,758

8.1.1. It is recommended that Calne Heritage Centre is awarded a grant of £1,758, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and an assurance being received that the books will not be sold for more than cost price.

8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria, providing that the books are not sold for a profit.

8.1.3. At a time when the subject of service and community involvement in the First World War is receiving significant coverage in the popular media; this project has been

designed to include everyone in the community, including young people/children who, it is hoped, will engage in learning activities through local school groups and at the heritage centre

- 8.1.4. The project links to the Calne Community Area Plan through promoting a sense of community pride and cohesion.
- 8.1.5. In addition the project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities around engaging with local people and increasing numbers involved in volunteering, and in improving young people's participation in positive activities.
- 8.1.6. A decision not to fund this project will result in its implementation being delayed, and the potential link to popular interest being lost.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Calne Community Area Grants budget summary Appendix 2 Grant application – Calne Heritage Centre
--------------------	---

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

Report Author	Jane Vaughan, Community Area Manager Tel: 01249 706447 Mobile:07900606933 E-mail: jane.vaughan@wiltshire.gov.uk