

	Agenda Item No.07
Report to	Calne Area Board
Date of Meeting	15th December 2009
Title of Report	Community Area Grants
Purpose of Report	
<p>To ask Councillors to consider 2 applications- seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cherhill Village Institute – seeking £3,400 towards the cost of refurbishing toilet facilities and the creation of a fully fitted unisex disabled toilet.2. Calne Community Area Partnership – Environmental Theme Group – seeking £926 towards a ‘Community Clean-up Day’ of the Abberd Brook, Calne.	

1. Background

- 1.1. A single and simple Community Area Grant 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 20th October 2009, the Calne Area Board has a balance of £15,686. 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 Criteria 2009/10 • Calne Community Area Plan 2004 • Calne Community Area Plan 2006
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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 applicants where projects can realistically proceed before 31 March 2010.
- 2.2. This report contains the third of four rounds of funding that will take place during 2009/10. The remaining round will take place on:
 - 16th February 2010
- 2.3. Community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils are encouraged to submit funding applications to the 16th February Area Board.
Closing date for receipt of applications is 5th January 2010.

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 £ 11,360

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.	Cherhill Village Institute	To provide disabled toilet facilities and renovate existing facilities.	£ 3,400

8.1.1. Cherhill Village Hall – Award £3,400 towards the renovation of toilets and provision of disabled facilities in line with DDA requirements, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2010.

8.1.2. Cherhill Village Hall is a thriving facility in a rural location and the achievement of this project will increase the benefit that it offers to the local community.

8.1.3. This application meets the 2009/10 funding criteria and demonstrates direct links to the Calne Community Area Plan by providing accessible facilities in the villages.

8.1.4. This project has emerged from ongoing work of the Village Hall Committee to achieve a facility which is accessible to all members of the community; it has undertaken a

DDA Audit to assess the accessibility of this community facility and links to terms of compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act (1995).

- 8.1.5. In addition the project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities around engaging with local people, increasing numbers involved in volunteering and in improving young people's participation in positive activities.
- 8.1.6. The total cost of this project is £6,825. If Members make an award in line with Officer recommendations this will represent approx. 49% of the total project costs and will leave a shortfall of £3,425
- 8.1.7. The applicant has confirmed that alternative funding is being sought to meet the shortfall and is confident that an award of £3,400 would be drawn down in advance of the March 2010 deadline.
- 8.1.8. Failure to fund this application will not prevent the project from proceeding although its start date will be delayed while alternative funding is identified.
- 8.1.9. Further details of this application are provided in Appendix 2.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Environmental Theme Group of the Calne Community Area Partnership	To hold a Community Clean-up day at the Abberd Brook, Calne.	£ 926

- 8.2.1. **Environmental Theme Group of the Calne Community Area Partnership – Award £926 towards running a Community Clean-up day at the Abberd Brook, Calne, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2010.**
- 8.2.2. This group has only recently emerged as a theme group of the Community Area Partnership and this project represents the first piece of work that it has embarked upon.
- 8.2.3. This application meets the 2009/10 funding criteria and demonstrates direct links to the Calne Community Area Plan by addressing issues of litter and fly-tipping through holding clean-up days and by providing activities which promote community cohesion, pride and well being.
- 8.2.4. The Environmental Group represents the Partnership on the Area Board working group which is made up of various agencies, organisations and local residents and was set up in October to look at issues that have arisen at the Area Board surrounding the maintenance and management of the Abberd Brook. This project has emerged out of ongoing work that the working group is trying to do and projects which it is encouraging.
- 8.2.5. In addition the project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities around engaging with local people to find out their priorities and working with them to deliver solutions; increasing numbers involved in volunteering; encouraging people to make lifestyle changes that

will have a positive impact on health; improving young people’s participation in positive activities; improving the local area through intergenerational activities such as street clean-ups and community events and also through improving local biodiversity.

8.2.6. This application represents the total cost of this project: £926.

8.2.7. Failure to fund this application will prevent this project from proceeding at the current time and could have a detrimental effect upon the enthusiasm of the newly formed group and the impact of the Area Board working group.

8.2.8. Further details of this application are provided in Appendix 3.

Appendices:	<p>Appendix 1 Calne Community Area Grants budget summary Appendix 2 Grant application – Cherhill Village Institute Appendix 3 Grant application – Calne CAP Environmental Theme Group</p>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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