

**AREA 4 COMMUNITY AREA FUNDING DISTRIBUTION 2005/2006**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. To ask Members to consider 3 applications seeking 2005/2006 Community Area Award funding.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. **To agree funding distribution of the Area 4 Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2005/2006:**

- 2.1.1. **Steam Back to Box – Award £465 from the revenue budget for advertising and promotion, and competition prizes for local schoolchildren, for the “Steam Back to Box” event to celebrate the Brunel 200.**
- 2.1.2. **Relate Mid Wiltshire – Award £2,700 from the revenue budget, for a counselling service for young people, conditional upon all other funding being in place.**
- 2.1.3. **Box Parish Council – Rescind previous in principal award of £14,330 made on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2005. Award £30,000 from the capital budget for a sports pavilion, conditional upon all other funding being in place, and refer to the Executive Capital Partnership Funding Scheme. The applicant should be advised that it will not be possible to rescind this award and make a third application.**

**3. Links to the Corporate Business Plan Priorities:**

- 3.1. This report links most closely to the following priorities within the Business Plan:
- 3.1.1. Community, Involvement and Partners

**4. Background**

- 4.1. Following funding awards made on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2005, Area 4 Committee have a capital budget of £18,099 and a revenue budget of £3,500 for distribution in the form of Community Area Awards for the remainder of the year.
- 4.2. Appendix 1 provides details of the 2004/05 geographical distribution of awards across Area 4, in an attempt to assist members in distributing funding across the whole of the community area.
- 4.3. Members agreed at the their 8<sup>th</sup> March 2005 meeting that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget would be allocated to applications which demonstrated explicit links to identified priorities in the Corsham Area Community Plan. The remaining 25% would be available for those schemes that fell outside the Community Plan, but remained important for local people.
- 4.4. Funding criteria for 2005/06 were reviewed by a Working Party, which included representatives of all five Area Committees. The revised policy and procedures were subsequently approved by the Executive Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2005. Should Members therefore wish to act in contravention of this policy, the matter will need to be referred to the Executive.
- 4.5. On the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2005, Members made an ‘in principal’ award of £14,330 from the 2004/05 capital budget to Box Parish Council for the Sports Pavilion. The award was conditional upon the presentation of full details of the project by the applicant. The applicant has now provided a full business plan. Costs for the project have now increased, and the Parish Council have therefore requested that the previous in principal award is rescinded, and consideration given to a new updated application.

## 5. Funding

- 5.1. Members are reminded that all applications in 2005/06 will be considered under the same Community Area Award criteria. Those schemes requesting £500 or less will not require any matched funding, while those requesting more than £500 will not be awarded more than 50% of the total cost of their project.
- 5.2. Members need to be aware that at present there is no indication that unallocated capital funding will be rolled forward to 2006/2007. Any remaining revenue funding will not be carried forward.
- 5.3. Members' attention is drawn to the fact that all revenue funding allocated to groups and organisations must be drawn upon by 31 March 2006.
- 5.4. Member's attention is also drawn to the fact that this is the last of three funding rounds for 2005/06. The first took place on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2005, the second on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2005, and the third is contained in this report.

## 6. Officer Observations & Recommendations

| Ref  | Applicant                                  | Proposal   | Award Type | Funding Requested |
|------|--|--|------------|-------------------|
| 6.1. | <b>Steam Back to Box</b><br>See Appendix 2 | Advertising and publicity, and competition prizes for local schoolchildren to celebrate Brunel 200 | Revenue    | £ 465             |

- 6.1.1. This application meets the essential funding criteria for 2005/06, and demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan "Each community to actively support its local school".
- 6.1.2. The applicant is offering the opportunity for local schoolchildren to engage with the Brunel 200 celebration "Steam Back to Box Project" which will be run in conjunction with the annual Box Revels event in May 2006. Children and local people will be able to experience a working steam engine, and meet a direct descendant of Brunel.
- 6.1.3. The applicant has secured the full support of local schools for the art and poetry competitions for local school children. Officers are of the opinion that this will promote and encourage the children to celebrate local heritage.
- 6.1.4. Officers are also of the opinion that effective advertising and publicity for this event will encourage local participation of an estimated 2000-3000 people, but it will also attract visitors to the area. Local television hopes to cover the event.
- 6.1.5. The project has also received full support from Box Parish Council, Severn Valley Railway and the Queens Head Public House.
- 6.1.6. **Officer Recommendation** – Award £465 from the revenue budget, conditional upon all other funding being in place.

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| 6.2. | <b>Relate Mid Wiltshire</b><br>See Appendix 3 | "Talkzone" counselling service for young people aged 10-18 | Revenue    | £2,700            |

- 6.2.1. This application meets the essential funding criteria for 2005/06, and demonstrates direct links to the Community Plan: "The community wants modern, effective health and social care available as locally as possible".

- 6.2.2. This Committee awarded a similar sum in 2005 for a pilot project for young people.
- 6.2.3. The applicant would like to further expand the Relate outreach programme, which is now beginning to reach various villages and parishes within the Community Area.
- 6.2.4. The applicant currently promotes Talkzone via partners such as Connexions, GP Surgeries and Families in Focus, but also via the local schools to reach the young people directly. Officers are aware that the applicant is very keen to be even more proactive regarding advertising and publicity, to ensure full accessibility to the service.
- 6.2.5. Officers are of the opinion that the expanded Talkzone service will be of benefit to young people in the Corsham Area.
- 6.2.6. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £2,700 from the revenue budget.

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| Ref | Applicant                 | Proposal  | Award Type | Funding Requested |
|-----|---------------------------|---|------------|-------------------|
|     | <b>Box Parish Council</b> | Replace Box Pavilion with a new Sports Pavilion | Capital    | £30,000           |
|     | See Appendix 4            |   |            |                   |

- 6.3.1. This application meets the essential funding criteria for 2005/06, and demonstrates direct links to the Community Plan: "Lack of places for young people to meet" and "Lack of facilities for young people, particularly in the villages".
- 6.3.2. Box Parish Council wishes to rescind the previous in principal award of £14,330 made by this Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2005. The project expenditure has increased since the original application was submitted.
- 6.3.3. A full Business Plan has been provided, together with quotes from contractors.
- 6.3.4. The Parish Council has agreed to underwrite any shortfall in running costs. The Business Plan indicates that the facility aims to be self-supporting after 2 years.
- 6.3.5. Planning permission has been granted for a pavilion on this site (Planning application 02/02868 refers). Officers would however bring to Members attention that the applicant has since expressed a wish to amend the submitted plans, and at this time the Planning Officer has only given verbal agreement to the amendments.
- 6.3.6. The applicant is working in partnership with Box Primary School, the Bowls, Tennis, Football and Rugby Clubs. It is hoped to build a pavilion that will provide a facility for multiple sports, and to form the base for the developing youth club. Officers understand that the Parish Council received firm support for this project at their annual meeting in April 2005.
- 6.3.7. Officers note that the bulk of the project income is provisional not confirmed. Officers recognise that this is a very ambitious project, and whilst a previous application to a major funder was unsuccessful, it is understood that a new application has now been made to a more appropriate funding stream.
- 6.3.8. Officers are of the opinion that if Members are minded to support this project, the applicant should be advised that it would not be possible to rescind this award and make a third application.
- 6.3.9. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £30,000 from the capital budget for a sports pavilion, conditional upon all other funding being in place, and refer to the Executive Capital Partnership Funding Scheme. The applicant should be advised that it will not be possible to rescind this award and make a third application.

### **6.3.10. Financial Implications**

- 6.4. Distribution of awards must fall within the Community Awards budget allocated to Area 4 Committee as outlined in section 4.1 of this report.
- 6.5. If Members make awards in line with officer recommendations, Members will have a capital balance of £2,429 and a revenue balance of £335.
- 6.6. Consideration needs to be made to ensure a balance of funding across towns, villages and hamlets within the Community Area.

### **7. Community and Environmental Implications**

- 7.1. Awards made by Area Committee to successful applicants will contribute to the continuance and /or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and well-being in the Community Area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent on the individual project.

### **8. Human Resources Implications**

- 8.1. There are no Human Resources implications directly relating to this report.

### **Documents used in the preparation of Report**

Community Area Grant Proposal Forms

### **REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY & REGENERATION STRATEGIC MANAGER TO AREA 4 COMMITTEE 17 JANUARY 2006.**

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