

Report to	Bradford on Avon Area Board
Date of Meeting	30 th September 2009
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 2 applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Sukosta Theatre Company, Explorative Arts, £2,900 to deliver a programme of outreach theatre workshop activities with young people and the elderly

It is recommended that Sukosta Theatre Company is awarded a grant of £2,900 towards the cost of providing three week long residencies, reaching up to 80 elderly people and three 'messaging around' demonstration workshops, reaching up to 400 young people in the Bradford on Avon Community Area.

2. Bradford on Avon Senior Citizens Forum, £500 to publish a quarterly newsletter and to hold public meetings to disseminate information to older people about the services available to them in the community area.

It is recommended that the Bradford on Avon Senior Citizens Forum is awarded £500 to produce a quarterly newsletter and organize public meetings to facilitate dissemination of information and broaden consultation with older people with the condition that the Area Board will not be able to fund this project again in the future.

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.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10• Bradford on Avon Community Area Plan
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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 31st March 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
 - 11th November 2009
 - 20th January 2010
 - 17th March 2010

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 Bradford on Avon Area Board.
- 4.2. In 2009/10 the Bradford on Avon Area Board has been allocated a budget of £35,333. After the deduction of 20% of this budget to core fund the Community Area Partnership, a total of £25,911 remains to distribute through Community Area Grants. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Bradford on Avon Area Board will have a balance of **£22, 511**.

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

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8.1	Sukosta Theatre Company	Explorative Arts	£2,900

- 8.1.1 It is recommended that Sukosta Theatre Company is awarded a grant of £2,900 towards the cost of providing three weeklong residencies, reaching up to 80 elderly people and three ‘messing around’ demonstration workshops, reaching up to 400 young people in the Bradford on Avon Community Area.
- 8.1.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.1.3 This application has specific links to the Bradford on Avon Community Area Plan, through supporting a local organization that contributes to the cultural life of the community area and by providing positive activities for young people.

- 8.1.4 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through improving access for services for people with dementia, encouraging people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on their health and by improving young people's participation in positive activities.
- 8.1.5 Sukosta is an explorative arts organisation based in Bradford on Avon which seeks to create new performance work challenging perceived boundaries of art and life. Sukosta's outreach activities seek to introduce new audiences to performance art.
- 8.1.6 The project would involve three 'Messing Around' workshops for young people and three 'Our Time' weeklong residencies for older people in residential care. The 'Messing Around' workshops would aim to introduce participants and spectators into the creative theatre process and development techniques such as improvisation and performance. The workshop would relate to a number of complimentary creative, curriculum and personal development educational objectives and has the support of St Lawrence School. The 'Our Time' residencies would be delivered onsite to older people and seek to involve elderly people in a creative process around their rich experience of life and memory, using atmosphere, elements, states and sounds. Sukosta have carried out such workshops before and have submitted a reference from Edbury Court Residential Home in Essex in support of their application.
- 8.1.7 This project is specifically targeted at young people under 25 years of age and older people, over 50 years of age.
- 8.1.8 Support from the Area Board would enable Sukosta to embed the outreach activities to be delivered as part of the explorative arts project in the Bradford on Avon Community Area. If funding is not received from the board, Sukosta will have to seek alternative sources of funding that may lead to the project being delivered elsewhere.

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8.2	Bradford on Avon Senior Citizens Forum	Title of project	£500

- 8.2.1 It is recommended that the Bradford on Avon Senior Citizens Forum is awarded £500 to produce a quarterly newsletter and organize public meetings to facilitate dissemination of information and broaden consultation with older people with the condition that the Area Board will not be able to fund this project again in the future.

- 8.1.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria. However, consideration must be given to the long term sustainability of the project. The Senior Citizen's Forum has received funding from West Wiltshire District Council in the past. It is important to note that Area Board grants are not designed to fund year on year running costs of organizations and as such this funding is only available as a one – off grant.
- 8.2.3 This application has specific links to the Bradford on Avon Community Area Plan in that it supports the objective to offer a range of solutions to health and social care needs. Meetings of the Senior Citizen's Forum attract between 80 and 100 attendees, suggesting that there exists considerable demand for the information supplied by the group.
- 8.2.4 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through engaging with local people to find out their priorities and working with them to deliver solutions, improving access to services for people with dementia and potentially reducing deaths through accidents.
- 8.2.5 Bradford on Avon Senior Citizen's Forum is a voluntary organisation which aims to assist older people to discuss the need for, services and facilities available to them in the locality.
- 8.2.6 The Bradford on Avon Senior Citizen's Forum seeks to publish a quarterly newsletter and to hold public meetings to discuss provision of services for senior citizens across the Bradford on Avon Community Area.
- 8.2.7 This project is specifically targeted at people over 50 and their inclusion into the community.
- 8.2.8 If the area board decides against this grant application, it is likely that the activities of the group will be limited. Funding is unlikely to be found from alternative sources.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Community Area Grant Criteria Appendix 2 Grant application – Sukosta Theatre Company Appendix 3 Grant application – Bradford on Avon Senior Citizens Forum
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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