

**AREA 3 COMMUNITY AREA FUNDING DISTRIBUTION 2005/2006**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. To ask Members to consider 6 applications seeking 2005/2006 Community Area Award funding.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. **To agree funding distribution of the Area 3 Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2005/2006:**

- 2.1.1. **Chippenham Credit Union – Award £500 from the revenue budget, towards the establishment of a Credit Union in the Chippenham community area, conditional upon volunteers being recruited and collection points agreed.**
- 2.1.2. **Christian Malford Parish Council – Award £1,157 from the capital budget, towards the erection of a bus shelter, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**
- 2.1.3. **Allington Preservation Group – Award £100 from the revenue budget, towards the cost of installing road signs in Allington Lane “Please drive slowly through the Village” and Single Track Road with Passing Places”.**
- 2.1.4. **Family Mediation – Award £500 from the revenue budget, towards a counselling service for children experiencing family breakdown.**
- 2.1.5. **North Wilts & Devizes Portage Service – Award £286 from the revenue budget, towards the cost of stationery.**
- 2.1.6. **Seagry & Startley Village Hall Committee – Award £750 from the capital budget towards the cost of replacement tables, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**

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

- 3.1. Community Area Awards can be linked to the Council’s priority of Partnerships, Community and Involvement and in practise, through community based projects, can support the delivery of Community Plans and other Council Priorities including those associated with Equalities and Diversity and Healthy Lifestyles.

**4. Background**

- 4.1. Following the funding awards made on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2005, Area 3 committee has a capital budget of £17,521, and a revenue budget of £5,795 for the remainder of the year 2005/06.
- 4.2. Members are advised that the opening capital balance reads £17,521 and not the closing balance reported 10<sup>th</sup> October of £22,521 as Members awarded Grittleton Cricket Club £10,000 and not £5,000 as recommended by officers.
- 4.3. Appendix 1 provides details of the 2005/06 geographical distribution of awards across Area 3, in an attempt to assist members in distributing funding across the whole of the community area.
- 4.4. Members agreed at the their 21<sup>st</sup> February 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 Chippenham Area Community Plan. The remaining 25% would be available for those schemes that fell outside the Community Plan, but remained important for local people.

- 4.5. Funding criteria for 2005/06 were reviewed by a Working Party, which included representatives of all five Area Committees. The Executive Committee subsequently approved the revised policy and procedures 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.

## 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 2006/07. 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<sup>st</sup> March 2006.
- 5.4. Members attention is drawn to the fact that this is the last of three funding rounds for 2005/06. The first took place on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2005, the second on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2005, and the third is contained in this report.

## 6. Officer Observations & Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.1.	<b>Chippenham Credit Union</b> See Appendix 2	To support the establishment of a Credit Union within the Chippenham Community Area	Revenue	£500

- 6.1.1. This application meets the 2005/06 funding criteria, but does not demonstrate a direct link to the Chippenham Area Community Plan. Guidance allows the Area 3 Committee to award 25% of its funding to projects that fall outside of the Community Plan, where there remains a benefit to the community.
- 6.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this service will be of particular benefit to those from low-income households. It will provide the opportunity for people to save and borrow at reasonable rates, learn how to budget more effectively, and assist them with debt problems.
- 6.1.3. Officers believe that this will provide a valuable facility for the community.
- 6.1.4. **Officer Recommendation** – Award £500 from the revenue budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.2.	<b>Christian Malford Parish Council</b> See Appendix 3	Erection of a Bus shelter	Capital	£1,157

- 6.2.1. This application meets the 2005/06 funding criteria, and demonstrates explicit links to the Chippenham Area Community Plan. Transport section 5 item 5.11.” Lack of facilities at bus stops”
- 6.2.2. Officers note that local residents identified the lack of bus shelter as an issue in their Parish Plan (Section 2 Volume 1).

- 6.2.3. Officers understand that at present bus travellers are obliged to wait in the road due to the absence of a proper facility, as the bus stop is sited adjacent to a small ditch and narrow grassy bank.
- 6.2.4. The Parish Council will meet ongoing maintenance costs.
- 6.2.5. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £1,157 from the capital budget, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.3.	<b>Allington Preservation Group</b> Appendix 4	Installation of road signs "Please Drive carefully through the Village" & "Single Track Road with Passing Places"	Revenue	£100

- 6.3.1. This application meets the funding criteria for 2005/06, and demonstrates a link to the Chippenham Area Community Plan. Transport section 5 item 5.8 "Speeding vehicles particularly through the villages during rush hour."
- 6.3.2. Officers are of the opinion that the installation of these signs will assist with reducing the speed of traffic in a conservation area. The lane has no footpath, so in addition it will promote a safer walking environment for pedestrians.
- 6.3.3. Officers note that this project has the full support of Wiltshire County Council and Chippenham Without Parish Council.
- 6.3.4. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £100 from the revenue budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.4.	<b>Family Mediation</b> See Appendix 5	To provide a counselling service for children experiencing family breakdown.	Revenue	£500

- 6.4.1. This application meets the 2005/06 funding criteria, and demonstrates explicit links with the Chippenham Area Community Plan. Health & Social Care section 6 item 6.5 "Concerns over the general health of children and young people, especially within the urban areas".
- 6.4.2. The applicant currently provides a mediation service for adults experiencing family breakdown, and has identified a need to provide separate sessions specifically to support children of parents who are separating or divorcing.
- 6.4.3. This project is a unique service not currently available in the Chippenham area. Clients have the choice of accessing the service either by visiting the Family Mediation office in Swindon, or alternatively, a venue within the Chippenham area.
- 6.4.4. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £500 from the revenue budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.5.	<b>North Wilts &amp; Devizes Portage Service</b> See Appendix 6	Print stationery	Revenue	£286

- 6.5.1. This application meets the 2005/06 funding criteria, and demonstrates explicit links with the Chippenham Area Community Plan. Health & Social Care section 6:
- 6.5 “Concerns over the general health of children and young people, especially within the urban areas”
  - 6.7 “Full range of services to allow people with a learning disability to live as they choose”
  - 6.10 “Support for carers to allow them to keep caring for friends and relatives”.
- 6.5.2. The Portage Service is a registered charity offering a free home teaching service for pre-school children with special needs.
- 6.5.3. The charity has recently been awarded the “Investors in Children” mark, and has also received “Bristol Standard”, from the Bristol Early Years & Childcare Partnership. The standard is recognition that the organisation has adopted best practice framework for practitioners.
- 6.5.4. The applicant would like to print headed paper and compliment slips bearing the marks and awards to illustrate that the high standard of service they provide has achieved recognition. It also illustrates that the Portage Service is a professional organisation.
- 6.5.5. Officers are of the opinion that it is highly desirable to display these achievements on the organisation’s stationery, as it provides additional assurance to parents, other professionals and potential funders that the Portage Service is a quality service provider.
- 6.5.6. Officers are of the opinion that the applicant provides an extremely valuable service both for the children, and in addition to parents, offering support and reassurance at a critical time when children have been recently diagnosed with special needs.
- 6.5.7. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £286 from the revenue budget.

Ref	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
6.6.	<b>Seagry &amp; Startley</b> See Appendix 7	The purchase of replacement tables for the village hall	Capital	£750

- 6.6.1. This application meets the 2005/06 funding criteria, but does not demonstrate an explicit links to the Chippenham Area Community Plan. Guidance allows the Area 3 Committee to award 25% of it’s funding to projects that fall outside of the Community Plan, where there remains a benefit to the community.
- 6.6.2. The tables currently in use at the village hall are extremely old and have reached a state of disrepair. The Village Hall Committee is anxious to maintain a high level of health and safety for all of the hall users, and therefore wishes to replace them with tables that are both easy to erect and keep clean.
- 6.6.3. The Village Hall is an extremely well used facility. Local groups including pre-school playgroups, the Brownies, the Luncheon Club and Community Coffee mornings all take place in the building. All of these groups would therefore directly benefit.
- 6.6.4. **Officer Recommendation** - Award £750 from the revenue budget.

## **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. Distribution of awards must fall within the Community Awards budget allocated to Area 3 Committee as outlined in section 4.1 of this report.
- 7.2. If Members make awards in line with officer recommendations, Members will have a capital balance of £15,614 and a revenue balance of £4,409.
- 7.3. Consideration needs to be made to ensure a balance of funding across towns, villages and hamlets within the Community Area.

## **8. Community and Environmental Implications**

- 8.1. 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.

## **9. Human Resources Implications**

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

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

Community Area Grant Proposal Forms

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