

REPORT TO THE MALMESBURY AREA (1) COMMITTEE			Report No. 7a	
Date of Meeting		21st May 2008		
Title of Report		Area 1 Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2008/2009		
Link to Corporate Priorities		Partnership Working		
Public Report		Yes		
Summary of Report				
To ask Members to consider recommendations for a late funding application for a Community Area Award. The application is for an arts project with current residents of Burnham House, Malmesbury, prior to their transfer to Athelstan House in July.				
Officer Recommendations				
Members agree funding distribution of the Area 1 Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2008/2009:				
Burnham House Arts Project – Award £2,200 from the revenue budget towards an arts project with residents, day care visitors and staff of Burnham House, conditional upon the award being paid to, or invoiced by the recipient before 31 st March 2009.				
Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
YES	NONE	YES	NONE	YES
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1. Introduction

- 1.2 This report also considers a late application for 2008/9 Community Area Award funding, which links to issues and priorities in the Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages.

2. Options and Options Appraisal

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Burnham House Arts Project Appendix 1	An arts project with residents, day care visitors and staff of Burnham House	Revenue	£2,200

2.1 Option 2: Burnham House Arts Project – Award £2,200 from the revenue budget towards an arts project with residents, day care visitors and staff of Burnham House, conditional upon the award being paid to, or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009

- 2.1.1 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria and demonstrates specific link to the Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages, relating to Social Care and the Arts.
- 2.1.2 This application illustrates an innovative approach to engaging older people in an arts project relating to where they currently live or regularly visit. Not only will this project represent an opportunity for older people to reflect on their current situation, but the project is likely to help allay any apprehensions about their move to Athelstan House in July. It is hoped that this reminiscence project of words and images will be valuable for everyone involved in Burnham House, plus the wider public through exhibitions in the Library and the new health centre. Further details of this application are provided in Appendix 1.
- 2.1.3 The artist undertaking this project was formerly an arts adviser for Wiltshire and a local Primary School Head Teacher. She has recently obtained a first class degree in Fine Arts which has included a high degree of photographic experience.
- 2.1.4 Failure to fund this scheme will mean that the project will be unlikely to proceed and a valuable opportunity to engage with older people will be lost.
- 2.1.5 The total cost of this project is £6,046. The applicant is contributing her time and travel costs on a voluntary basis and is asking this committee to support the project through funding of the materials. If Members make an award in line with the officer recommendations and funding criteria, this will represent a contribution of 100% of the project.
- 2.1.6 Officers are confident that this project will be completed before March 31st 2009.

3. Legal Implications

Members of the Area Committee will not be able to make an award to an applicant that exceeds the sum requested on the formal application form. Should Members wish to award a greater sum, the item would need to be deferred until the next funding round and the applicant requested to submit a revised application.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 Distribution of awards must fall within the Community Awards budget allocated to Area 1 Committee.
- 4.2 If Members make awards in line with officer recommendations, there will be a capital balance of **£32,156** and a revenue balance of **£9,050**

5. Community and Environmental Implications

- 5.1 This award can be directly linked to priorities identified in the Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages.
- 5.2 Awards made by Area Committee to successful applicants will contribute to the continuance and/or the 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.

6. Equality & Diversity Implications

- 6.1 Community Area Awards give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 6.2 An Equality Impact Assessment for the Community Area Awards has been undertaken and copies are available on the Council's website.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1 Failure to make awards would have a moderate impact on applicants and their associated community projects. Since this is considered to be unlikely, the overall risk is considered low.

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Appendix 1 Application - Burnham House Arts Project
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	Community Area Award Funding Criteria 2008/9 Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages 2005 – 2015

Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
Community Area Awards Criteria	Executive 7 th February 2008	E182
2008/9 Budgets	Council 26 th February 2008	C83
Minutes of Area 1 meeting	Malmesbury Area (1) Committee on 23 rd January 2008	M41