

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ITEM NO. 10(a)

Report to	Amesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	13th October 2009
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 3 applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding, totalling £4,058

1. SPLASH – seeking £2,433 to contribute towards the costs of holiday activities for vulnerable young people and young people ‘in need’ in the Amesbury Area.
2. Durrington Town Council – seeking £400 to contribute towards the cost of providing disabled access to the Recreation Ground in Durrington.
3. Winterbourne Parish Council – seeking £1,225 to contribute to the costs of clearing scrubland on Winterbourne Gunner allotment site and the erection of fencing to provide additional plots and security of the site.

1. Background

- 1.1. A single and simple application process was accepted by the Implementation Executive on 13 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 (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. Amesbury Area Board was allocated for 2009/10 a budget of £37,897. After the deduction of 20% of this budget to core fund the Community Area Partnership, a total of £27,791 remains to distribute through the Community Area Grants Scheme.

Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10 • SPLASH – Wiltshire: Annual Report 2008
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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. There will be 3 rounds of funding during 2009/10. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on:
 - 8 December 2009
 - 11 February 2010
- 2.3. Community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils are encouraged to submit funding applications to the 8 December area board (closing date for receipt of applications is 26 October 2009), or the 11 February 2010 meeting (closing date for receipt of applications is the 30 Dec 2009).

3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1. There are no specific or direct environmental implications arising from this report.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Amesbury Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with this report's recommendations, Amesbury Area Board will have a remaining balance of £ 23,733.

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 each application and implications are outlined within section 8 of this report.

8. Officer Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	SPLASH	Holiday activities for vulnerable young people and young people 'in need' in the Amesbury Area.	£ 2,433

- 8.1.1. It is recommended that SPLASH is awarded a grant of £2,433 as a contribution towards the cost of holiday activities for vulnerable young people and young people 'in need' in the Amesbury Area.
- 8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.1.3. This application relates to a number of the council's priorities, including:
- (a) Engaging with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions
 - (b) Encourage people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of both themselves and their families
 - (c) Improve young people's participation in positive activities
 - (d) Increase the number of people who feel safe in their community
 - (e) Improve local area through intergenerational activities such as street clean ups, and community events
 - (f) Reduce perceptions of anti-social behaviour
 - (g) Increase levels of recycling and re-using household waste especially amongst those people who currently do not recycle.
- 8.1.4. Splash engages with vulnerable young people from the age of 9 to 16 to divert them away from anti-social and negative behaviour and into positive activities. This application addresses issues in the Stonehenge Community Area Plan relating to activities for teenagers, crime and community protection, and children and young people. Splash provides activities for young people during the school holiday periods, when vulnerable young people can often experience times of disaffection, and excluded from mainstream events. Activities range from sports, art, drama, cooking, environment and play.
- 8.1.5. Some of the key objectives of SPLASH holiday activities is to keep vulnerable young people safe and healthy, increasing opportunities for them to enjoy, achieve and make a positive contribution to their community, which in turn helps to build young people's self esteem and confidence and help them to develop social skills and introduce them to new situations and friends.
- 8.1.6. SPLASH has been in existence for over 20 years, and has a sound governance structure and fundraising strategy. 'In kind' support from Wiltshire Police assists with office space, infrastructure costs, ICT and other administrative costs – ensuring that income generated can go towards the activities for young people.
- 8.1.7. SPLASH will invite referrals from a wide range of young people understood to be vulnerable or 'in need' from all communities within the Amesbury Area. It hopes to base the holiday activities in Amesbury, and to this end Amesbury Town Council have been asked to confirm support for this application. Confirmation of the town council's support has been received.
- 8.1.8 This is a one-off grant request to fund holiday activities that will take place in the half term holiday in February 2010 and the Easter Holidays in early April 2010. A decision not to fund this scheme could result in fewer activities being facilitated.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Durrington Town Council	To provide disabled access to the Recreation Ground, Durrington.	£ 400

8.2.1. It is recommended that Durrington Town Council is awarded a grant of £400 as a contribution towards the costs associated with providing disabled access to the Recreation Ground in Durrington.

8.2.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria and that such schemes relating to the provision of disabled access should be actively encouraged.

8.2.3. This application relates to a number of the council's priorities, including:

- (a) Engage with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions
- (b) Improve access to services for people with dementia
- (c) Encourage people to make healthy lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of both themselves and their family
- (d) Improve adult participation in sport
- (e) Increase the number of people who feel safe in their community
- (f) Reduce carbon emissions from transport through development, sustainable transport, traffic management and new technology

8.2.4. The path for the disabled, which this access will tie in with, was built in partnership with Natural England, Sustain the Plain and Durrington Town Council. This project will facilitate easy access to the river and encourage another part of the community to take up fishing as a sport. The recreation ground already provides the means for people with disabilities to engage in leisure activities and easy accessibility to the grounds is therefore considered to be important.

8.2.5 This is a one-off grant request for £400 to contribute towards total project costs of £820. Durrington Town Council will fund the remaining £420 required.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	Winterbourne Parish Council	To clear scrub-land on Winterbourne Gunner allotment site and to erect fencing to provide additional plots and to provide security for the site	£ 1,225

8.3.1. It is recommended that Winterbourne Parish Council is awarded a grant of £1,225 as a contribution towards the costs associated with clearing scrub-land at the Winterbourne Gunner allotment site and for erecting fencing to improve security of the site and to provide additional plots.

8.3.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria.

8.3.3. This application relates to a number of the council's priorities, including:

- (a) Encourage people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of both themselves and their family
- (b) Improve young people's participation in positive activities
- (c) Increase levels of recycling and re-using household waste especially amongst those who currently do not recycle
- (d) Reduce carbon emissions from transport through development, sustainable transport, traffic management and new technology
- (e) Improve local biodiversity.

8.3.4. This project will help the parish council to create more plots on the allotment site which currently has a waiting list with all 20 current plots in productive use. The impact on the community will be positive for all ages, taking into account the educational benefits associated with the productive use of allotments for young people and the social benefits it provides for the elderly. By increasing the number of plots more people in the community and from neighbouring parishes will be able to benefit from this facility. It is also considered to be a good use of the land in this part of the village.

8.3.5 This is a one-off grant request for £1,225 to contribute towards total project costs of £2450. Winterbourne Parish Council will fund the remaining £1,225 required.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Community Area Grant Pack Appendix 2 Grant applications – SPLASH, Durrington Town Council, Winterbourne Parish Council
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