

Report to	Chippenham Area Board
Date of Meeting	14th September 2009
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report -

To ask Councillors to consider 8 applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding

Officer recommendations:

1. Grittleton, Sevington, Leigh Delamere Village Hall Committee – Award £4,973 to construct a Multi – Use Games Area (MUGA) conditional upon the balance of funding being in place
2. Biddestone Cricket Club – Award £939 to provide equipment for young and disabled cricketers
3. Chippenham Sports Club – Award £1,247 to purchase a dividing net and sports equipment, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place
4. Splash – Award £4,424 to deliver positive holiday activities for vulnerable young people, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place
5. Chippenham Trails Group – Award £5,000 to construct Dirt Jumps, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place
6. Kington St Michael Village Shop Limited – Award £752 to purchase replacement refrigeration unit, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place
7. Bath Lacrosse Club – Award £3,325 to develop a Junior Lacrosse Club for Chippenham, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place
8. Kington Langley Parish Council – Award £2,500 to construct a footpath, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place

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 • Chippenham & Villages 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
 - 2nd November 2009
 - 11th January 2010
 - 1st 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 Chippenham Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Chippenham Area Board will have a balance of £14,800.

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 – “Project Proposals”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Grittleton, Sevington, Leigh Delamere Village Hall Committee	Construct a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)	£4,973

8.1.1 Grittleton, Sevington, Leigh Delamere Village Hall Committee – Award £4,973 to construct a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.1.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10.

8.1.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan Update 2009 – “Improve outdoor sports facilities for young people”.

- 8.1.4 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through encouraging positive lifestyle changes, young people's participation in positive activities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities.
- 8.1.5 The project also demonstrates a link to North Wiltshire District Council's Play Strategy 2007 – 2012 – "Everything to Play for".
- 8.1.6 The Village Hall Committee carried out a comprehensive survey of local residents which identified that increased recreational opportunities were needed to meet the needs of an increasing number of children in the village.
- 8.1.7 A decision not to fund this project will result in a delay to the installation of the facility.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Biddestone Cricket Club	Provide equipment for young & disabled cricketers	£939

8.2.1 Biddestone Cricket Club – Award £939 to provide equipment for young and disabled cricketers.

- 8.2.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10.
- 8.2.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan Update 2009 – "Improve outdoor sports facilities for young people".
- 8.2.4 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through encouraging positive lifestyle changes, young people's participation in positive activities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities.
- 8.2.5 The quality of coaching and inclusive structure at Biddestone Cricket Club has been recognised by the English Cricket Board with the Club Mark award.
- 8.2.6 The Wiltshire Council Sports Development Manager has confirmed that the applicant has a thriving youth membership, and this equipment will enhance the current opportunities.
- 8.2.7 A decision not to fund this project will result in a delay in the purchase of the equipment, which will in turn impact upon the young and disabled members of the club.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Chippenham Sports Club	Purchase dividing net and sports equipment	£1,247

8.3.1 Chippenham Sports Club – Award £1,247 to purchase a dividing net and equipment, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place

8.3.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10.

8.3.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan Update 2009 – “Facilities for sport are valued” & “Provide support to active and successful clubs that provide outlets for youth”.

8.3.4 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through encouraging positive lifestyle changes, young people’s participation in positive activities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities.

8.3.5 The Wiltshire Council Sports Development Manager has confirmed that the applicant is actively seeking to offer sporting activities to the wider community, and supports both Wiltshire Council’s and Sport Englands objective of increasing participation of adults and children.

8.3.6 A decision not to fund this project will result in a delay in the purchase of the net and equipment, which will in turn impact upon the users of the Sports Club.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Splash	Deliver positive holiday activities for vulnerable young people	£4,424

8.4.1 Splash – Award £4,424 to deliver positive holiday activities for vulnerable young people, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.4.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10.

8.4.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan Update 2009, through providing activities for young people, addressing issues surrounding the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour and also the promotion of community cohesion and well being.

8.4.4 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through encouraging positive lifestyle changes, young people's participation in positive activities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities and a reduction in the perception of anti-social behaviour.

8.4.5 SPLASH is a registered charity based at Chippenham Police Station, staffing costs included within the costs relate to one off payments for this project and not to ongoing salaries.

8.4.6 SPLASH develops and delivers a free programme of varied activities that focus upon keeping young people safe and healthy and which aim to promote inclusion and development.

8.4.7 This scheme is open to all young people aged between 9 and 16 but is particularly targeted at vulnerable young people who are:

- Socially deprived
- In rural isolation with little opportunity for community engagement
- Finding themselves in trouble
- Finding it difficult to stay in school or getting into trouble at school

8.4.8 A decision not to fund this project might result in it being undertaken at a reduced level.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5	Chippenham Trails Group	Construct Dirt Jumps	£5,000

8.5.1 Chippenham Trails Group – Award £5,000 to construct Dirt Jumps, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.5.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10.

8.5.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan Update 2009 – “Improve outdoor sports facilities for young people”.

8.5.4 This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through encouraging positive lifestyle changes, young people's participation in positive activities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities.

8.5.5 The project also demonstrates a link to North Wiltshire District Council's Play Strategy 2007 – 2012 – "Everything to Play for".

8.5.6 Chippenham Trails Group was formed by a group of enthusiastic young riders with the support of Youth Development workers and some parents based at The Bridge Centre. Working in partnership with Chippenham Area Board, Chippenham Town Council, and a track designer the group has produced a high quality design, and secured funding. The design will accommodate a full range of riders including beginners, intermediates and experts.

8.5.7 A decision not to fund this project will result in a significantly reduced and less inclusive facility being installed.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6	Kington St Michael Village Shop	Purchase replacement refrigeration unit	£752

8.6.1 Kington St Michael Village Shop Limited – Award £752 to purchase replacement refrigeration units, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place

8.6.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10.

8.6.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan – "Rural & Suburban Post Offices and shops are threatened".

8.6.4 The village shop was highlighted in the Kington St Michael Parish Plan as being highly valued by local people.

8.6.5 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities.

8.6.6 The village shop is the hub of the village and is owned by the local community.

8.6.7 The new refrigeration unit is required to replace 2 old units, and will be more efficient, enabling the shop to reduce operating costs, and will also create more space.

8.6.8 A decision not to fund this project will result in the delay of the purchase and in turn impact upon the energy efficiency of the shop.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.7	Bath Lacrosse Club	Develop a Junior Lacrosse Club for Chippenham	£3,325

8.7.1 Bath Lacrosse Club – Award £3,325 to develop a Junior Lacrosse Club for Chippenham, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.7.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10.

8.7.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan Update 2009 – “Improve outdoor sports facilities for young people”.

8.7.4 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through encouraging positive lifestyle changes, young people’s participation in positive activities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities.

8.7.5 The Wiltshire Council Sports Development Manager has confirmed that this club is actively establishing links with local schools and is attracting increasing numbers of boys and girls to the club and to the benefits of engaging in sporting activities.

8.7.6 Officers are of the opinion that this is an excellent opportunity for the Chippenham Community Area to establish a new sport with the expert support of Bath Lacrosse and English Lacrosse.

8.7.7 A decision not to fund this project will result in a missed opportunity for Chippenham to establish a new sport in the area as the project will not go ahead.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.8	Kington Langley Parish Council	Construct a footpath	£2,500

8.8.1 Kington Langley Parish Council – Award £2,500 to construct a footpath, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place

8.8.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10.

8.8.3 This application demonstrates a partial link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan– “Poor condition of public footpaths”.

- 8.8.4 This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities.
- 8.8.5 The construction of a footpath will assist in safety of pedestrians.
- 8.8.6 A decision not to find this project will delay the construction of the footpath, which will inevitably have a negative impact of the safety of pedestrians.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Community Area Grant Criteria Appendix 2 Grant application – Grittleton, Sevington, Leigh Delamere Village Hall Committee Appendix 3 Grant application – Biddestone Cricket Club Appendix 4 Grant application – Chippenham Sports Club Appendix 5 Grant application – Splash Appendix 6 Grant application – Chippenham Trails Group Appendix 7 Grant application – Kington St Michael Village Shop Appendix 8 Grant application – Bath Lacrosse Club Appendix 9 Grant application – Kington Langley Parish Council
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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