

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Chippenham Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> January 2010</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report -**

To ask Councillors to consider 5 applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding

Officer recommendations:

1. Sheldon Road Methodist Church – Award £5000 towards The Beacon project to build a new Community Centre, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
2. Hullavington Parish Council – Award £495 for the installation of Bus Stop Hard standing, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
3. Westinghouse Cricket Club – Award £500 for Cricket Coaching for under 21s.
4. Doorway – Award £990 for structured Music and IT activity sessions for homeless and marginalised adults attending Doorway.
5. Wiltshire & Berkshire Canal Trust – Award £4,292 to restore a spillweir, repair canal bed and stream diversion, 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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009 for use during 2009/10.
- 1.2 Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to the Area Boards by the Leader of the Council (13<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10</li><li>• Chippenham &amp; Villages Community Area Plan</li><li>• Local Agreement for Wiltshire</li><li>• Local Area Agreement</li></ul>
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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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

There will be 4 rounds of funding during 2009/10. The first took place on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009, the second on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, the third is contained in this report the final round will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Following the awards made on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009, Chippenham Area Board has a Community Area Grant Budget of £11,586.
- 4.3. If Community Area Grants are awarded in line with Officer recommendations contained in this report, Chippenham Area Board will have a balance of £309.

## **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. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Project Proposals”.

## **8. Officer recommendations**

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Sheldon Road Methodist Church	The Beacon Project - to build a new Community Centre	£5,000

### **8.1.1 Sheldon Road Methodist Church – Award £5,000 to The Beacon Project to build a new Community Centre, 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 “Support village and community halls projects.”

8.1.4 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through encouraging participation in positive activities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities.

8.1.5 The project will provide a venue for a wide range of community groups to participate in a variety of activities. It will offer opportunities for all sections of the community regardless of age, gender, race or religion to engage within their local community.

8.1.6 Since submitting the application the applicant has now secured all but approximately £3,000 in funding. An application to Borough Lands Charity for the outstanding sum is due to be considered shortly.

8.1.7 A decision not to fund this project will result in a delay in the commencement of the building work, and would therefore impact upon the activities of a large number of community groups.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Hullavington Parish Council	To install Bus Stop Hard standing	£495

**8.2.1 Hullavington Parish Council – Award £495 to install Bus Stop Hard Standing, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**

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

8.2.3 This application does not demonstrate a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan Update 2009 however, Officers are of the opinion that the project is of wide community benefit as it will encourage people to use public transport.

8.2.4 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities to reduce carbon emissions from transport by supporting public transport and more pedestrian and cycling facilities, and, make it easier for all people, particularly those in rural; areas to access key services, shops, education and employment.

8.2.5 A decision not to fund this project will result in a significant delay in this project being carried out, causing users of the bus service continued inconvenience waiting in an unsuitable area.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Westinghouse Cricket Club	Cricket Coaching for under 21s	£500

**8.3.1 Westinghouse Cricket Club– Award £500 for Cricket Coaching for under 21s.**

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 – “Improve outdoor sports facilities for young people”.

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

8.3.5 Wiltshire Council's Sports Development Officer has confirmed that this club has a thriving youth membership and the project represents a valuable opportunity to enhance the current coaching offer available.

8.3.6 A decision not to fund this project will result in the young players at the club missing the opportunity to work with professional coaches working at national level.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Doorway	Structured Music and IT activity sessions for homeless and marginalised adults	£990

**8.4.1 Doorway – Award £990 for structured Music and IT activity sessions for homeless and marginalised adults attending Doorway.**

8.4.2 This application does not demonstrate a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan Update 2009; however, Officers are of the opinion that the project is of community benefit as it will encourage homeless and marginalised adults to engage in practical and useful activities by offering a positive alternative to negative and anti social behaviour which some of them may at times engage in.

8.4.3 This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities encouraging positive lifestyle changes, create stronger and more inclusive communities, in positive activities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities.

8.4.4 A decision not of to fund this project will result in the project not going ahead and the guests at Doorway will miss the opportunity to participate in positive and practical activities.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5	Wiltshire & Berkshire Canal Trust	To restore a spillweir, repair canal bed and stream diversion	£4,292

**8.5.1 Wiltshire & Berkshire Canal Trust – Award £4,292 to restore a spillweir, repair canal bed and stream diversion, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.**

- 8.5.2 This application demonstrates a partial link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan update 2009 “Enhance the riverside and use it to its full potential to stimulate leisure, tourism and to improve the environment”.
- 8.5.3 This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities to work with communities to improve their natural environment. In November 2008 Wiltshire residents told us that one of the main reasons they like living here is because of nature and open space.
- 8.5.4 A decision not to fund this project will delay the reparation and restoration of a historic spillweir, and this will in turn delay work on the dredging of 1.2 km of canal between Double Bridge and Pewsham Locks.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant application - Sheldon Road Methodist Church</b> <b>Appendix 2 Grant application - Hullavington Parish Council</b> <b>Appendix 3 Grant application - Westinghouse Cricket Club</b> <b>Appendix 4 Grant application - Doorway</b> <b>Appendix 5 Grant application - Wiltshire &amp; Berkshire Canal Trust</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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