

Report to	Devizes Area Board
Date of Meeting	Monday 23rd November 2009
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 9 applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust – Greener Living Roadshow - £1,000 requested, **Recommended for refusal.**
2. Devizes Hospital & Community Radio – Purchase & fit out portakabin studio - £5,000 requested, **Recommended for consideration**
3. Devizes Opendoor – purchase of equipment - £1,000 requested, **Recommended for consideration**
4. Devizes Development Partnership – Purchase of x3 Storenet Radios – £1,200 requested, **Recommended for consideration for partial approval**
5. Bromham-Rowde Monday Club – Purchase of Nintendo Wii package and widescreen tv - £783 requested, **Recommended for consideration**
6. Devizes Canoe Club – Equipment purchase and training of coaches - £2,000 requested, **recommended for consideration**
7. Market Lavington Parish Council – refurbishment of Broadwell play area - £2,760 requested, **recommended for consideration**
8. Bromham Parish Council – provision of public access defibrillators - £5,000 requested, **recommended for consideration**
9. Potterne Cricket Club – construction of female changing room - £4,900 requested, **recommended for consideration**

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.
- 1.4 In 2009/10 the Devizes Area Board has been allocated a budget of £43,588. After the deduction of core funding for the Community Area Partnership a total of £31,965 remains to distribute through Community Area Grants.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10• Devizes 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 Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting until 31st March 2010. There will be 4 rounds of funding during 2009/10. This is the second round with four applications having been approved at the previous meeting. The remaining rounds will be at Board meetings held on:
 - 25th January 2010
 - 22nd March 2010

Deadline for applications will be six weeks prior to each Area Board meeting

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 Devizes Area Board.
- 4.2. Should all of the applications be approved the Devizes Area Board would have a balance of £3,282 in its budget for 2009/10

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. Project Proposals

The full applications are attached (Appendix 2)

Applicant 1	Project proposal	Funding requested
Wiltshire Wildlife Trust	Hire of Marquee to allow Greener Living Roadshow to be fully integrated into the Christmas Market on 27 th November 2009	£1,000

- 8.1.1 Officer recommendation is that this application be refused because the applicant has a contract with Wiltshire Council to undertake activity including the Greener Living Roadshow. It is understood that the Roadshow will take place regardless of the provision, or otherwise of the marquee.
- 8.1.2 The Greener Living project can be linked to the Devizes Community Area Plan, but this specific element (hire of marquee) does not.

- 8.1.3 The wider project meets Wiltshire Council priorities which is why the applicant is already receiving funding for its work. This application for a marquee does not.
- 8.1.4 The applicant is the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust which is a not for profit Charity. The Trust's mission is to rebuild biodiversity across Wiltshire by changing the way we design, manage and behave in the landscape, to achieve a fundamental shift in people's behaviour, values and actions so our lifestyles become more sustainable. Its goals are: To create and enhance havens for wildlife; To stand up for wildlife and the environment; To reduce the ecological footprint of Wiltshire and Swindon.
- 8.1.5 This application is for the hire of a marquee so that the Greener Living event can be integrated into the festive event rather than separate.
- 8.1.6 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the applicant has stated that they will try for other funding sources, or borrow something less suitable and run a reduced quality activity.
- 8.1.7 Wiltshire Wildlife Trust contributes £1,115 capital costs towards the Greener Living Roadshow and receives £5,832 from Wiltshire Council for this project. The Trust is not contributing towards the marquee hire.

Applicant 2	Project proposal	Funding requested
Devizes Hospital & Community Radio	Following the termination of the lease for the present studio, to purchase, and equip a portakabin on Devizes School campus	£5,000 £12,942 match funding secured in part

- 8.2.1 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10 and is recommended for consideration.
- 8.2.2 The application directly links to the Devizes Community Area Plan (improving youth participation)
- 8.2.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities
- 8.2.4 This application came to the Board at the previous meeting and was deferred while additional information was sought. Since then the portakabin has been secured and delivered to the school site. The applicant has confirmed that the delivery of the portakabin does not affect the total they wish to apply for.

Applicant 3	Project proposal	Funding requested
Devizes Opendoor	Capital purchase of office equipment and learning aids for drop-in centre for homeless and socially isolated adults.	£1,000

8.3.1 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10 and is recommended for consideration.

8.3.2 The application directly links to the Devizes Community Area Plan (supporting vulnerable people, tackling anti-social behaviour)

8.3.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities

Applicant 4	Project proposal	Funding requested
Devizes Development Partnership	Capital purchase of x3 Storenet Radios for use by Parking attendants and Street Cleansing staff to add value to Storenet and CCTV system.	£1,200

8.4.1 The application does not meet the grant criteria 2009/10 as it is for more than £1,000 with no match funding, and as such is recommended only for partial approval.

8.4.2 The application directly links to the Devizes Community Area Plan (tackling crime and anti-social behaviour)

8.4.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities

8.4.4 The applicants were encouraged to make this bid to replace the shortfall in radios experienced since the ones previously rented by Kennet District Council came to the end of their contracts.

Applicant 5	Project proposal	Funding requested
Bromham-Rowde Monday Club	Purchase of a Wii-Sport set to encourage members to actively participate in exercise	£783

8.5.1 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10 and is recommended for consideration.

8.5.2 The application directly links to the Devizes Community Area Plan (innovative use of community centres, better services for the elderly)

8.5.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities

Applicant 6	Project proposal	Funding requested
Devizes Canoe Club	Purchase of additional equipment and training of coaches	£2,000 £800 match funding secured

8.5.1 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10 and is recommended for consideration.

8.5.2 The application directly links to the Devizes Community Area Plan (encouraging use of the canal, increasing participation in sport)

8.5.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities

Applicant 7	Project proposal	Funding requested
Market Lavington Parish Council	Replacement of safety surface and aging play equipment at the Broadwell play area.	£2,760 £2,760 match funding guaranteed by the Parish Council.

8.5.1 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10 and is recommended for consideration.

8.5.2 The application directly links to the Devizes Community Area Plan (improving sport and play facilities)

8.5.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities

Applicant 8	Project proposal	Funding requested
Bromham Parish Council	Provision of 6 public access defibrillators	£5,000 £5,580 match funding confirmed

8.5.1 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10 and is recommended for consideration.

8.5.2 The application directly does not link directly to the existing Community Area Plan, but seeks to maximize the benefit of new technology to add value to the healthcare facilities available to the parish.

8.5.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities

Applicant 9	Project proposal	Funding requested
Potterne Cricket Club	Provision of a female changing area	£4,900 Match funding of £4,900 from cricket club reserves

8.5.1 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10 and is recommended for consideration.

8.5.2 The application directly links to the Devizes Community Area Plan (promotion of improved sporting facilities)

8.5.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities

Appendices:	Appendix a Wiltshire Wildlife Trust application Appendix b Devizes Hospital and Community radio application Appendix c Devizes Opendoor Application Appendix d Devizes Development Partnership Application Appendix e Bromham-Rowde Monday Club Application Appendix f Devizes Canoe Club Application Appendix g Market Lavington Parish Council Application Appendix h Bromham Parish Council Application Appendix i Potterne Cricket Club application
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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