

ITEM NO. 11a

Report to	Tidworth Area Board
Date of Meeting	18th January 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

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

1. Kennet Friends – a charity seeking a grant of £2,019 towards providing courses on craft activities, yoga and coping with stress in Ludgershall for people with physical and mental health difficulties. (Grant TID: 011/09)
2. Ludgershall Sports Football Club – seeking a grant of £2,500 towards the purchase of grass cutting machinery for the maintenance of the sports field. Grant (TID: 012/09)
3. Enford and Avon Valley Youth Club – seeking a grant of £955 towards the provision of storage facilities in Enford Village Hall for Youth Club equipment. (TID: 013/09)
4. Tidworth Area Schools – seeking a grant of £500 towards the provision of certificates, shields and plaques to be awarded at the Tidworth Community Area Awards ceremony on 18th March 2010. A joint schools Award Panel will be created to judge the nominations for awards. (TID: 014)
5. All Saints Church, Netheravon – seeking a grant of £750 towards the provision of secure storage for attractive items of the Music Group in the church to enable the church to be open permanently. (TID:015)

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. Tidworth Area Board was allocated for 2009/10 a budget of £37,678. After the deduction of 20% of this budget to core fund the Community Area Partnership, a total of £27,631 remains to distribute through the Community Area Grants Scheme. The four grants approved by the Area Board on 14 September and the 6 grants approved by the Area Board on 16 November totalled £22,513 leaving a balance of £5,118 to spend on grants up to 31 March 2010.
- 1.6. The total amount of grant funding requested by the 5 applications submitted for decision is £6,724. This is £1,606 more than the grants budget up to 31 March 2010. Councillors will need to consider how they can resolve this situation.

Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10• Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003-2013
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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 or will have all the match funding in place to ensure that the project will proceed early in 2010/11.
- 2.2. The Tidworth Area Board grant budget for 2009/10 is £27,631 up to 31 March 2010. The applications submitted for consideration at this meeting exceed the budget by £1,606. Consideration will need to be given by the councillors how this situation can be resolved.

3. Environmental Implications

3.1. There are none.

4. Financial Implications

4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Tidworth Area Board.

4.2. The Tidworth Area Board grant budget for 2009/10 is £27,631 up to 31 March 2010. The applications submitted for consideration at this meeting exceed the budget by £1,606. Consideration will need to be given by the councillors how this situation can be resolved.

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.	Kennet Friends	To run courses on craft activities, yoga and coping with stress in Ludgershall for people with physical and mental health difficulties	£ 2,019

8.1.1. It is recommended that Kennet Friends are awarded funding towards this project but that the amount of funding requested may need to be reduced to keep expenditure within the grant budget.

8.1.2. It cannot be confirmed whether this application meets 2009/10 grant criteria until the question of core costs at paragraph 8.1.4 below is answered.

8.1.3. This application has specific links to Tidworth Community Plan 2003-2013 under the Health and Social Care theme in that the project addresses:-

- activities to encourage people with disabilities to enjoy independence.
- support of people recovering from mental illness back into the community.

8.1.4. Kennet Friends are matching the grant funding 50/50. They receive some funding from Wiltshire Council towards the core costs of a three day service but also seek grants from charitable organisations, members fees, transport subsidy and some fundraising activities. They have not used the Wiltshire Council funding to match the grant funding. It will need to be explored whether some of the project costs should fall under the core funding already provided by the council. The Area board grant funding can only fund activities in addition to the activities funded by the Council.

8.1.5 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities in that it will:-

- engage with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions.
- encourage people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of both themselves and their families through the recreational and yoga activities carried out and showing them how to cope with stress.
- indirectly increase the number of people who feel safe in their community and reduce perceptions of anti-social behaviour through providing a safe venue and courses where vulnerable people can take part in useful activities.

8.1.6 A decision not to fund this application will mean that the applicants may need to seek additional funding from other sources.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Ludgershall Sports Football Club	To purchase grass cutting machinery	£2,500

8.2.1 It is recommended that Ludgershall Sports Football Club are awarded funding towards this project but that the amount of funding requested may need to be reduced to keep expenditure within the grant budget.

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

8.2.3 Ludgershall sports and Social Club are matching this project 50/50. There is no funding from any other external source such as Sport England.

8.2.4 This application has links to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003-2013 Health & Social Care and Culture & Leisure sections in that it:-

- encourages the promotion of healthy lifestyles.
- supports the work and continuation of a sports clubs for all ages.

8.2.5 The project relates indirectly to Wiltshire Council priorities in that it:-

- increases the number of local people involved in regular volunteering.
- encourages people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive effect on the health of both themselves and their families.
- improves adult participation in sport
- improves young people's participation in positive activities.
- increases the number of people who feel safe in their community.
- reduces perceptions of antisocial behaviour.

- 8.2.6 A decision not to fund this application would delay further expansion of the club to meet growing demands and development teams in other categories e.g. ladies football.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Enford and Avon Valley Youth Club	To purchase equipment to build storage facilities for the newly re-formed youth club in the new Enford Village Hall	£955

- 8.3.1 It is recommended that Enford and the Avon Valley Youth Club are awarded funding towards this project but that the amount of funding requested may need to be reduced to keep expenditure within the grant budget. They are asking for £955 which under the grant rules does not necessarily require match funding.
- 8.3.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.3.3 The old Enford Youth Club closed about 5 years ago and there has been no youth club for the whole of the Upper Avon valley, including 7 villages and the rural area with 450 to 500 young people recorded in the area in the 2001 census. The Youth Club was re-opened in September 2009 and has 30 members between the ages of 8 and 18 who attend regularly.
- 8.3.4 The opportunity to reopen the club came through the building of the new Enford Village Hall. With increased use of both the youth club and the village hall, the need has arisen for lockable storage for youth club equipment, some of which can be shared with other organisations.
- 8.3.5 This application has links to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003-13 under the Culture and Leisure theme, in that:-
- it helps to encourage and promote a new community group.
 - supports the work and continuation of a youth organisation run on a voluntary basis.
 - it will improve participation by young people in community life and decision making processes and create opportunities for young people to work together as one for the good of their community.
 - It will encourage community involvement and volunteering particularly for young people.
- 8.3.6 The project relates indirectly to Wiltshire Council's priorities in that:-
- the club engages with local people (particularly young people) to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions.
 - it increases the number of people (young people and adults) involved in regular volunteering.
 - It encourages young people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of both themselves and their family.
 - it improves young people's participation in positive activities
 - It increases the number of people who feel safe in their community and reduces perceptions of anti-social behaviour by providing activities for young people and enabling them to meet in a safe place.

- 8.3.7 The decision not to fund this application will result in a delay to building the storage capacity. This will increase youth activity time as they will have less time taken up in removing and replacing equipment from the existing limited storage space. It will free up more general storage space for other users of the building.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Tidworth Area Schools	To enable the Tidworth community Area Awards ceremony to be held this year. The funding is to purchase certificates, shields and plaques.	£500

- 8.4.1 It is recommended that that the Tidworth Area Schools are awarded a grant of £500 towards the cost of setting up the Tidworth Community Awards presentation evening and purchasing certificates, shields and plaques.
- 8.4.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria.
- 8.4.3 To enable the Tidworth Community Area Awards ceremony to be held this year. This was formerly carried out by Tidworth Development Trust. The joint schools in the Tidworth cluster are taking on the project to ensure that this high profile community project continues and people who have served their community have their efforts recognised. The Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire will be presenting the awards. The aim is to create a joint schools award panel, gather in nominations for awards and organise the awards ceremony.
- 8.4.4 This project is for the whole community area and includes civilian and military people who have been working for the good of the community. People working to organise the event are doing so in a voluntary capacity and include members of the churches, armed forces and local councils along with experienced volunteers who live or work in the community.
- 8.4.5 The cost of the certificates, shields and plaques is estimated as £500. Until all the nominations are received the exact number of nominees will not be known but there is no limit to the number of people and organisations that can be recognised for their efforts.
- 8.4.6 The application has specific links to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003-13 under the Culture and Leisure section in that it:-
- is an important community event with a high profile, run entirely voluntarily to reward people who volunteer in other aspects of community life.
 - it rewards the people who run clubs and organisations for all ages in the community, including the young and older people.
 - it encourages more people to become involved with their community and volunteers their services to help others.
- 8.4.7 The application relates to Wiltshire Council priorities in that it:-
- increases the number of people of all ages in volunteering through recognising the efforts of those who have already carried out work in their communities.
 - encourages people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of themselves and their family and to join with other people in the community.

- will improve young people's participation
- will improve the local area through intergenerational activities such as street clean-ups and community events.

8.4.8 A decision not to fund this project will result in the awards ceremony not being able to take place this year.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5	All Saints Parochial Church Council (PCC) Netheravon	To provide secure storage for attractive items of the Music Group in the church to enable the church to be permanently open	£750

8.5.1 It is recommended that All Saints PCC are awarded funding towards this project but that the amount of funding requested may need to be reduced to keep expenditure within the grant budget. They are asking for £750 which under the grant rules does not necessarily require match funding.

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

8.5.3 This application links to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003-13 under the Housing and Built Environment section in that, by providing safe storage for valuable equipment, it will:-

- enable access for a longer period of time to the public during daylight hours to use the Grade 2* listed church building to explore the heritage of the village.
- it will also encourage greater use of the building by the community for all types of concerts, exhibitions, fairs and meetings

8.5.4 The project relates indirectly to Wiltshire Council's priorities in that the project will improve the local area through intergenerational activities as local people, visitors and school parties can visit the chapel to learn about the history of the town.

8.5.5 There are no ongoing costs as this is a capital project. The PCC will continue to maintain the church in the usual way.

8.5.6 The decision not to fund this application will result in delay to providing greater access to the church during the daytime.

Appendices:	5 grant application forms
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