

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting	Wednesday 24th 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

1. Trowbridge Town Council – Trowbridge Annual Festival of Fun - £5,000 requested, **Recommendation £5,000**
2. Trowbridge Town Council – Enhancement of Christmas lights - £5,000 requested, **Recommendation £5,000**
3. Trowbridge Town Council – Provision of dropped kerbs around Trowbridge town - £5,000 requested, **Recommendation £5,000**
4. Trowbridge Town Council – Trowbridge in Bloom – Improvement of war memorial - £4,000, **Recommendation for refusal**
5. Trowbridge Museum – Provision of holiday activity - £1,300 requested, **Recommendation £1,300**
6. TCAF – Trowbridge Neighbourhoods Partnership - £1,000 requested, **Recommendation £1,000**
7. TCAF – BA14 Culture Group - £4,900 requested, **Recommendation £1,000**
8. VINE for PAT - £4,729 requested, **Councillors views are sought on the application**

To notify councillors that a further 2 applications have been referred to alternative budgets within the council:

1. Trowbridge Town Council provision of bus shelters at Green Lane and Westfield Road
2. Trowbridge Town Council provision of bus shelter at Leap Gate

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 Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a budget of £58,194. After the deduction of up to 20% of this budget to core fund the Community Area Partnership a total of £42,676 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• Trowbridge 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. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on
 - 5th November 2009
 - 14^h January 2010
 - 4th 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 Trowbridge Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations Trowbridge Area Board will have a balance of £24,376 in its budget for 1009/10

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
Trowbridge Town Council	Trowbridge Annual Festival of Fun – to provide equipment and awnings to increase the activities in the new Youth Café ‘Silhouettes’. It will provide regular activities, be a meeting place for young people, have special events and provide opportunities for employment and training.	£5,000 £5,000 match funding secured

- 8.1.1 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10

8.1.2 The application directly links to the Trowbridge Area Community Plan

8.1.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities

8.1.4 It is recommended that the grant of £5,000 to Trowbridge Town Council is approved

Applicant 2	Project proposal	Funding requested
Trowbridge Town Council	Enhancement of and environmental improvements to Christmas lights – replace lights with LED technology	£5,000 £5,000 match funding secured

8.2.1 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10

8.2.2 The application directly links to the Trowbridge Area Community Plan

8.2.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities

8.2.4 It is recommended that the grant of £5,000 to Trowbridge Town Council is approved

Applicant 3	Project proposal	Funding requested
Trowbridge Town Council	Provision of dropped kerbs around Trowbridge Town	£5,000 £5,000 match funding secured

8.3.1 The application does not meet the grant criteria 2009/10

8.3.2 The application directly links to the Trowbridge Area Community Plan

8.3.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities

8.3.4 It is recommended that the grant of £5,000 to Trowbridge Town Council be approved

Applicant 4	Project proposal	Funding requested
Trowbridge Town Council – Trowbridge in Bloom	Improvement of War Memorial in Trowbridge Park, replacement of trees and hedging	£4,000 Match funding secured WC Transport Environment and Leisure £4,000 TTC £1,000

8.4.1 The application does not meet the grant criteria 2009/10 as funds are already coming from other Wiltshire Council funding

8.4.2 The application directly links to the Trowbridge Area Community Plan

8.4.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities

8.4.4 It is recommended that the grant of £4,000 to Trowbridge Town Council is refused as money is already coming from Transport, Environment and Leisure budget

Applicant 5	Project proposal	Funding requested
Trowbridge Museum	Provision of holiday activities at Trowbridge Museum (October, Christmas and February)	£1,300 £1,300 match funding secured

8.5.1 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10

8.5.2 The application directly links to the Trowbridge Area Community Plan

8.5.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities

8.5.4 It is recommended that the grant of £1,300 to Trowbridge Museum is approved

Applicant 6	Project proposal	Funding requested
TCAF – Trowbridge Neighbourhood Partnership	Promotion of partnership and the development of its role advising member groups (need to purchase presentation boards, insurance, publicity materials, stationery, postage etc)	£1,000 No match funding required

8.6.1 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10

8.6.2 The application directly links to the Trowbridge Area Community Plan

8.6.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities

8.6.4 It is recommended that the grant of £1,000 to TCAF is approved

Applicant 7	Project proposal	Funding requested
TCAF – BA14 Culture Group	Promoting and developing local arts and heritage (Development workers time and travel costs, activities participation subsidies, materials, pitch/ hall hire, bought in services, equipment)	£4,900 No match funding but match funding required

8.7.1 The application does not meet the grant criteria 2009/10 as there is no match funding which is required for over £1,000

8.7.2 The application directly links to the Trowbridge Area Community Plan

8.7.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities

8.7.4 It is recommended that the grant of £1,000 only to TCAF is approved so that the application does meet the criteria

Applicant 8	Project proposal	Funding requested
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VINE for PAT	Supportive accommodation for deprived and socially excluded potentially homeless, pregnant or abused teenagers (purchase bed, carpets, refurbishment materials, soft furnishings, bedding, furniture)	£4,729 Match funding from: Airsprung £320 Bath Civic Centre £1,804 CRASH £1,706 St James Trust £191 Guinness Trust £1,000
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8.8.1 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10

8.8.2 The application directly links to the Trowbridge Area Community Plan

8.8.3 The application meets Wiltshire Council priorities

8.8.4 Councillors views are sought on the application

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Community Area Grant Criteria Appendix 2 Trowbridge Town Council Grant Application Appendix 3 Trowbridge Town Council Grant Application Appendix 4 Trowbridge Town Council Grant Application Appendix 5 Trowbridge Town Council (Trowbridge in Bloom) Appendix 6 Trowbridge Museum Grant Application Appendix 7 TCAF – Trowbridge Neighbourhoods Partnership Grant Application Appendix 8 TCAF – BA14 Culture Club Grant Application Appendix 9 VINE for PAT Grant Application Grant
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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