

Agenda Item No.12

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting	5th November 2009
Title of Report	Community Area Grants Scheme

Purpose of Report

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

1. BA14 Culture Group - £4,900 requested. **Recommendation £4,900**
2. VINE for PAT - £4,729 requested. **Recommendation refusal**
3. Trowbridge Town Council – Christmas Market - £1,000 requested. **Recommendation £1,000**

1. Background

1.1 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.

1.2 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.

1.3 In 2009/10 the Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a budget of £58,194. After the deduction of 20% of this budget to core fund the Community Area Partnership a total of £42,676 remained to distribute through Community Area Grants. After the allocation of funding at the 24th September 2009 Area Board meeting there is £25,376 remaining for community 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 2004-14
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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 2 further rounds of funding during 2009/10 that will take place on:

14th January 2010
4th March 2010

Deadline for applications is six weeks prior to each Area Board meeting.

3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

3.1 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 £19,476 to take forward to the next funding rounds.

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 Diversity 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

Ref	Applicant	Project summary	Funding requested
8.1	BA14 Culture Group	To promote and develop local arts and heritage. This is start up activity to include subsidising attendance at cultural events for disadvantaged people; profile raising activity at events aimed at hard to reach groups; development of a website; getting more volunteers involved in cultural activity	£4,900

8.1.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2009/10.

8.1.2 The application directly links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan 2004 – 14 Theme 3 Culture (including leisure, recreation, heritage and the arts).

8.1.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition 'Building Resilient Communities'.

8.1.4 The applicant is a theme group of the Trowbridge Community Area Partnership.

8.1.5 The project will address equality and inclusion through targeting hard to reach groups and supporting cultural activity by those who are financially disadvantaged.

Ref	Applicant	Project summary	Funding requested
8.2	VINE for PAT	Supportive accommodation for deprived and socially excluded potentially homeless, pregnant or abused teenagers. To purchase bed, carpets, refurbishment materials, soft furnishings, furniture	£4,729

8.2.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2009/10.

8.2.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan 2004 – 14.

8.2.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition 'Lives not services'.

8.2.4 The application has been given low priority by the Council's Housing Service as it duplicates other provision in the area; no communication has been made with the housing options team to discuss referral procedures and policies; they have no knowledge of any referrals to the project; there are concerns that the support and life skills are being delivered 'in-house' and not regulated by another body ie Supporting People.

8.2.5 The applicant is a not for profit charitable organisation.

8.2.6 The project will address equality and inclusion through targeting disadvantaged young people.

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8.3	Trowbridge Town Council	Christmas market. A week of market activity and associated entertainment for the first week of December in Trowbridge, including Continental Markets, Snow scenes, Christmas stalls and street entertainers.	£1,000

8.3.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2009/10.

8.3.2 The application demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan 2004 – 14 Theme 1 Economy, including Tourism and Employment.

8.3.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition 'Supporting Economic Growth'.

8.3.4 The applicant is a Town Council.

8.3.5 The project will address equality and inclusion by providing free activity in the town centre.

9. Recommendations

It is recommended that a grant of £4,900 to application 8.1 BA14 Culture Group is approved.

It is recommended that a grant of £4,729 to application 8.2 VINE for PAT is refused.

It is recommended that a grant of £1,000 to application 8.3 Trowbridge Town Council is approved.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – BA14 Culture Group Appendix 2 Grant application – VINE for PAT Appendix 3 Grant application – Trowbridge Town Council
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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