

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Warminster Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> September 2009</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants (Agenda Item 8a)</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

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

1. Warminster Athenaeum Trust, Installation of skylight and disabled toilet, £4,873.  
Officer recommendation – to support the application.
2. Friends of WCR, Media and Communications Training, £3,500.  
Officer recommendation – to support the application on the condition that at least 6 people attend the 10 week course.
3. Warminster Library, Poets in Residence, £1,000,  
Officer recommendation – that elected members seek the opinion of the public at the Area Board meeting regarding the use of funding to support a project lead by a Wiltshire Council service, before making its decision.
4. Warminster Library, Professional Story Teller (to work with adults with a learning disability), £300.  
Officer recommendation – as above.
5. Economy and Tourism Group (WVCP), 'Buy Local' Christmas Leaflet, £400.  
Officer recommendation – to support the application.

Total if all grants supported in full = £10,073

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 A single and simple application process for Area Grants was accepted by the Implementation Executive on 13<sup>th</sup> 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<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>• Warminster and Villages Community Plan 2005-2015</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.
- 2.2. There will be four rounds of funding during 2009/10. The first is contained in this report and the deadline for future grant applications will be:

22 October 2009 to be determined at 26 November meeting

3 December 2009 to be determined at 14 January meeting

21 January 2010 to be determined at 4 March 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 Warminster Area Board. The budget for 2009/10 is £25,300 (after CAP core costs).
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Warminster Area Board will have a balance of £15,227.

## **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. Officer recommendations**

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Warminster Athenaeum Trust	Installation of sky-light and disabled toilet	£4,873

8.1.1 It is recommended that the Area Board supports this application.

8.1.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10. The project will be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

8.1.3 The Application demonstrates a link to the Warminster and Villages Community Plan (see page 12).

8.1.4 The application meets the following Wiltshire Council priorities:

- Increasing the number of people involved in regular volunteering
- Improving young people’s participation in positive activities
- Improving the local area through intergenerational activities

8.1.5 Warminster Athenaeum Trust is a non profit organisation. The Athenaeum offers a venue for various groups and is primarily a performing arts facility.

8.1.6 Renovation of the Athenaeum is taking part in a number of phases. This application is for the purchase and installation of a skylight and the fitting out of a disabled toilet. A breakdown of costs is given in the application.

8.1.7 The application has particular relevance to people with physical disabilities as access to toilet facilities will be improved.

8.1.8 This application forms part of a wider, ongoing project to renovate and improve the Athenaeum. If the Area Board chooses not to support the application, the project will be delayed until alternative funding can be secured.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Friends of WCR	Media and Communication Training	£3,500

8.2.1 It is recommended that the application is supported on the condition that at least 6 people attend the 10 week course.

8.1.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10. The project will be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

8.2.3 The application demonstrated links to the Community Plan (see pages 8 Economy and Tourism and 17 Education and Lifelong Learning).

8.2.4 The application meets the following Wiltshire Council priorities:

- Engaging with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions
- Increasing the number of people involved in regular volunteering
- Encouraging people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of both themselves and their families
- Improving young people's participation in positive activities
- Improving the local area through intergenerational activities
- Reducing perceptions of anti-social behaviour

8.2.5 WCR is a non profit organisation, which is well established and has run successful training in the past.

8.2.6 The project aims to provide training to people Not in Education, employment or Training (NEET) and others, including adults, who need support to secure long-term employment. The minimum number of participants is six and the maximum is nine.

The training will consist of ten, two hour sessions held in the WCR studio, or at the purpose built studio at Kingdown School, as appropriate. At the end of the course all participants will be able to deliver a live internet broadcast.

8.2.7 The project is aimed at people who are 'NEET' or need support to access employment. The project develops key skills and builds self esteem. People in this client group often have mental, emotional or behavioural difficulties.

8.2.8 Without the grant WCR will have to offer the course at pro rata cost. Those who will benefit most from the course are least likely to afford it.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Warminster Library	Poets in Residence	£ 1,000

8.3.1 It is recommended that the Area Board seeks the opinion of the public at the Area Board meeting regarding the use of funding to support a project lead by a Wiltshire Council Service, before making its decision.

8.3.2 Although the application is being submitted by a Wiltshire Council Service, the project will add to the core services provided by the library and will not happen without the support of the Area Board (see 8.3.8). The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10. The project will be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

8.3.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (see pages 12 and 18).

8.3.4 The application meets the following Wiltshire Council priority:

- Improving young people's participation in positive activities

8.3.5 Warminster Library is part of Wiltshire Council.

8.3.6 The aim of the project is to use poetry to help children engage with their emotions. The project will also raise confidence and communication skills. A further part of the project is to encourage adults with learning disabilities to explore words and to work with people with mental health problems. The project will link into the Wiltshire Literature Festival 2010 and there will be an event to mark World Book Day in March. The project aims to reach 1000 participants throughout the year.

8.3.7 The project is aimed at all age groups and will target people with disabilities.

8.3.8 The project cannot go ahead without funding.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Warminster Library	Story Teller in Residence	£ 300

8.4.1 It is recommended that the Area Board seeks the opinion of the public at the Area Board meeting regarding the use of funding to support a project lead by a Wiltshire Council Service, before making its decision.

8.4.2 As per 8.3.2

8.4.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (see pages 12 and 17).

8.4.4 The application meets the following Wiltshire Council priority:

- Improving access to primary care services for people with dementia

8.4.5 Warminster Library is part of Wiltshire Council.

8.4.6 Building on the success of a similar event held during No Barriers Week 2008, the aim of this project is to reach forty people with learning disabilities by invitation (although the sessions will be open to the public).

8.4.7 The project will target people with learning disabilities.

8.4.8 The project cannot go ahead without funding.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5	Economy and Tourism Group (WVCP)	'Buy Local' Christmas Leaflet	£ 400

8.5.1 It is recommended that the Area Board support this application.

8.5.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10. The project will be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

8.5.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (see page 8, theme 1).

8.5.4 The application meets the following Wiltshire Council priorities:

- Encouraging people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact upon the health of both them and their family.
- Reducing carbon emissions from transport through development, sustainable transport, traffic management and new technology.

8.5.5 The Economy and Tourism Group is a sub-group of the Warminster and Villages Community Partnership (WVCP) and is a non profit organisation.

8.5.6 The aim of the project is to produce a leaflet promoting opportunities to 'buy local' at Christmas. The leaflet will encourage people to shop in the town, support local business and employment and reduce the need to travel (reducing the carbon footprint).

8.5.7 The project is not aimed at any particular group.

8.5.8 Without Area Board funding the project is at risk. There would be a delay while alternative funding is secured, which could mean the leaflet not being printed and circulated in time.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Community Area Grant Criteria</b> <b>Appendix 2 Grant application – Warminster Athenaeum Trust</b> <b>Appendix 3 Grant application – WCR</b> <b>Appendix 4 Grant application – Warminster Library</b> <b>Appendix 5 Grant application – Warminster Library</b> <b>Appendix 6 Grant application – Economy and Tourism Group</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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