

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ITEM NO. 4

Report to	Westbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	1 December 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. **WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL** to pay for the erection of removable bollards in the town's market place. This project will prevent car parking on the pedestrian area of the newly renovated market place outside the town hall. Currently vehicles park on the pavement, cluttering the open design of the market place and making access for pedestrians and wheelchairs difficult. This project has secured match funding.

It is recommended that Westbury Town Council is awarded a grant of up to £2,100 towards the cost of providing removable bollards in Westbury market place and that the grant is approved subject to Westbury Town Council working in partnership with Wiltshire Council and relevant property owners to agree exact location of bollards.

2. **WESTBURY HERITAGE SOCIETY** to fund the advertising and prize money for a Westbury photographic competition. This competition, which is run with Matravers School, encourage entrants, particularly young people, to view their local community in a new light, taking into account its setting, heritage and current uses. The exhibition of entry photographs is expected to prove popular.

It is recommended that the Westbury Heritage Society is awarded £300 for advertising and prizes for the Westbury photographic competition. This grant must be considered as one off funding and may not be applied for again in future years should the competition be an annual event.

3. **BRATTON PARISH COUNCIL** to fund new allotments for use by village residents. The parish council has contacted local residents to assess the need and already has a waiting list of 15 people. Funding is needed to cover the costs of water supply, fencing, stand pipe and planning fees for around ten allotments. Match funding is secured.

It is recommended that Bratton Parish Council is awarded £1,000 to fund new village allotments. .

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 Westbury Area Board has been allocated a budget of £30,335. After the deduction of 20% of this budget to core fund the Community Area Partnership a total of £22,246 remains to distribute through Community Area Grants. After the allocation of funding at the September 2009 Area Board meeting there is £21,246 remaining for community grants.

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 one further round of funding during 2009/10 that will take place on:

- 11th February 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 Westbury Area Board.

4.2 If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations Westbury Area Board will have a balance of **£17,846** to take forward to the next funding round.

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 as appendices.

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Westbury Town Council	Erection of removable bollards at the edge of the pavement in the Market Place, Westbury	£2,100

8.1.1 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10

8.1.2 The applications directly link to the Westbury Area Community Plan

8.1.3 The applications meet Wiltshire Council priorities

8.1.4 It is recommended that the grant is approved subject to Westbury Town Council working in partnership with Wiltshire Council and relevant property owners to agree exact location of bollards.

Westbury Heritage Society	Advertising and prizes for Westbury photographic competition	£300
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8.2.1 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10

8.2.2 The applications directly link to the Westbury Area Community Plan

8.2.3 The applications meet Wiltshire Council priorities

8.2.4 It is recommended that the grant is approved but must be considered as one off funding and may not be applied for again in future years should the competition be an annual event.

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Bratton Parish Council	Village allotments	£1,000

8.3.1 The application meets the grant criteria 2009/10

8.3.2 The applications directly link to the Westbury Area Community Plan

8.3.3 The applications meet Wiltshire Council priorities

8.3.4 It is recommended that the grant is approved

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Community Area Grant Criteria Appendix 2 Westbury Town Council Grant Application Appendix 3 Westbury Heritage Society Grant Application Appendix 4 Bratton Parish Council Grant Application
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Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10 • Westbury Community Area Plan 2004-14
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