

Report to	Bradford on Avon Area Board	Agenda Item No.10
Date of Meeting	19th January 2011	
Title of Report	Community Area Grants	

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider one application seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Holt Netball Club, Equipment , £980

The officer recommendation is that funding is awarded to Holt Netball Club as the bid is in line with the Community Area Grants Criteria, however it should be noted that the Grants Advisory Group have raised serious concerns about the bid (please see separate report).

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. EXAMPLE Two applicants withdrew their applications and hope to reapply at a future date. One application did not meet the funding criteria and was referred to Charities Information Bureau (CIB) for support to seek funding from elsewhere. CIB work on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.5. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.6. Bradford on Avon Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £47,110 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £5,122. This leaves a total budget of £52,232 for the 2010/2011 budget.
- 1.7. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.8. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11• Bradford on Avon Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 5 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The fourth is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
 - Wednesday 16th March 2011

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 Bradford on Avon Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Bradford on Avon Area Board will have a balance of £29,678.

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 – “Officer Recommendations”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
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8.1	Holt Netball Club	Equipment for netball players	£980
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- 8.1.1. The officer recommendation is that funding is awarded to Holt Netball Club as the bid is in line with the Community Area Grants Criteria, however it should be noted that the Grants Advisory Group have raised serious concerns about the bid (please see separate report).**
- 8.1.2. This application meets the community area grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.1.3. The Bradford on Avon Community Plan identifies the need for an improvement in leisure facilities and youth sports coaching. This project responds to this need by facilitating leisure and sports coaching in Holt.
- 8.1.4. Members of the grants advisory group have commented on this application. These comments are available in a separate report.
- 8.1.5. Holt Netball Club aims to offer coaching, training, umpiring and competitive opportunities in netball and to promote the netball within the local community. The Club is affiliated to the Wiltshire County of the All England Netball Association Limited and is governed by a group of Club Officers, all of whom are elected on an annual basis. Holt Netball Club is funded by member subscriptions of £18 a month. The club have reserves of £1098.16. The club has 35 members and 3 teams playing in the local Moonraker league.
- 8.1.6. Holt Netball Club is applying for a grant to subsidise playing kit for club members. The club have already sought sponsorship from local businesses but have been unsuccessful in attracting funding through these means. The club also fundraise on an annual basis; however this year the monies raised through fundraising were given to a local charity. In the future Holt Netball Club would purchase new kit through fundraising activities.

Appendices:	Appendix 1: Grant application from Holt Netball Club Appendix 2: Report from the Grants Advisory Group
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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