

Report to	Warminster Area Board
Date of Meeting	10 March 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 4 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Warminster and District Amateur Swimming Club; Purchase of video underwater video equipment and equipment for poolside viewing; £991
Officer recommendation: Approve
2. Warminster and District Foodbank; "Gourmet on your Doorstep" event. Proceeds from charity event to fund the Foodbank; £984
Officer recommendation: Approve, on the basis that the proceeds are used for the Fodbank and meet the CAG criteria.
3. The Warminster Preservation Trust; £5,000 towards the purchase and refurbishment of Warminster Town Hall.
Officer recommendation: Refusal on the basis that the Trust does not own the building or have a lease for the building so funding for refurbishment is not possible. In addition, any grants made need to be certain of being used within one year and cannot be placed in a fund for the future. (See 2.1 below)
4. Warminster Garrison Saddle Club; £5,000 towards the total refurbishment of the outdoor arena.
Officer recommendation: Approve

Total, if all applications are allocated in line with officer recommendations, £6,975.

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. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Warminster Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £47,752 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives.
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. 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• Warminster and Villages 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 have been 6 rounds of funding during 20010/11.
 - 24 June 2010
 - 2 September 2010
 - 11 November 2010
 - 13 January 2011
 - 10 March 2011

The deadline for applications is six weeks prior to the date of the meeting.
The deadline for applications for the next Area Board on 19th May is Friday 8th April.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

- 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 Warminster Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Warminster Area Board will have a balance of £1, 386. This can be rolled over to the allocation of Community Area Grants for 2011/12. There is unlikely to be any roll over possible for 2012/13.

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
8.1	Warminster and District Swimming Club	Equipment for underwater filming and poolside viewing	£991

- 8.1.1. **Officer recommendation – Approve.** The application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.1.2. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan as it supports a large proportion of children and adults in competitive swimming which improves the health and wellbeing of all that participate.
- 8.1.3. Warminster and District Swimming club is a non profit making organisation that

aims to support and involve young people and children.

- 8.1.4. The equipment will be used to show the children how they are moving their bodies under water and also to show them the results on the poolside.
- 8.1.5. The project will particularly support children with disabilities including children who are deaf and with co-ordination issues. It will also support adults with disabilities. Competitive swimmers and future athletes will also find the project useful.
- 8.1.6. If the Area Board decides not to fund the project, the project will not be able to go ahead. The club's funding is used for a variety of costs including pool hire and training volunteers to the required standard.

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8.2.	Warminster and District Foodbank	Gourmet on Your Doorstep event	£984

- 8.2.1. Officer recommendation – Approve;** on the condition that any funds raised are used for the Foodbank and in line with CAG funding criteria.
- 8.2.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan as it supports the local economy and promotes healthy eating.
- 8.2.4. Warminster and District Foodbank is a non profit making organisation that helps to alleviate poverty by providing food parcels to vulnerable people.
- 8.2.5. The project aims to promote healthy eating through 5ADAY and encourage the audience and their families to make healthy eating choices. It also aims to support the local economy by engaging at least ten small businesses in the event. Proceeds raised from the event will support the Foodbank charity.
- 8.2.6. If the Area Board does not to fund the project it may not proceed.

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8.3.	The Warminster Preservation Trust	To repair and make good water damage and a full wash-down to the Old Town Hall. (Phase 1)	£5,000

8.3.1. Officer recommendation – unable to approve

- 8.3.2. The Trust are seeking the funding towards phase 1 of their repair programme to the Old Town Hall in Warminster. Phase 1 is to make good any water damage and a full wash-down of the exterior. The Trust believes this will give people confidence that they are making a start in the restoration of the building.
- 8.3.3. The Trust has raised £10,000 so far and has £29,000 held in Trust Accounts for the purchase and refurbishment of the building.

- 8.3.4. The Trust believes that after it purchases the building, many other funding sources will be available such as the Heritage Lottery Fund.
- 8.3.5. The application does not meet the grant criteria 2010/11. The building is not owned or leased by the Preservation Trust at this present time. There are ongoing negotiations with the receivers and no guarantees that the Trust will own the building in order for them to repair it in line with the grant request. In addition, projects in receipt of Community Area Grant awards must be undertaken within a year.
- 8.3.6. If the Trust eventually owns the building or has it on a long lease, a further application can be made to the Community Area Grant scheme.

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8.4.	Warminster Garrison Saddle Club	Refurbishment of outdoor arena at the Saddle Club	£5,000

8.4.1. **Officer recommendation – Approve.**

- 8.4.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.4.3. The project makes a link to the Community Plan through Culture and Leisure provision (WVCP, page 12).
- 8.4.4. The outdoor riding arena is used extensively for riding for soldiers, their families and local civilians. It is of vital importance to the Warminster Riding for the Disabled (RDA). It is an important facility for young people, including excluded young people and disabled children.
- 8.4.5. The project meets the requirements of Wiltshire Council and the MOD's civil military integration programme across Salisbury Plain. It contributes to Warminster Garrison's Community Engagement initiative and brings local civilians into a joint initiative with army families.
- 8.4.6. The outdoor arena has been in place for 20 years. It has now become unusable for much of the year. The project will benefit the local community by providing a facility where military and civilian communities can interact while learning equine skills. It is also a key facility for RDA and the Wilts RDA competition is held here.
- 8.4.7. There is match funding already in place from the Army Sports Control Board of £10,000 and £32,000 promised from the Nuffield Trust if a further £5,000 can be raised. This is the basis of the £5,000 application for a Community Area Grant.
- 8.4.8. If the Area Board does not to fund the £5,000 requested the whole project will be in jeopardy as the Nuffield Trust funding would not be available.

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