

ITEM 17(i)

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting	5 May 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 3 applications seeking Community Area Grant Funding

1. Trowbridge Wanderers Youth Football Club – to refurbish shower facilities - £5,000 requested
2. Alzheimers Support – To fund the creation of Dementia Hub in Trowbridge - £4,500 requested
3. Trowbridge & District Youth Band – to work with children attending Studley Green Primary School to get involved in music making - £990 requested

Total Amount requested = £10,490

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 decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons as to why this should justify an exception to the criteria. 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.
- 1.3. Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £77,781 for community area grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. Plus £2,846 has been carried forward from 2010/11 giving a total of £80,627
- 1.4. A decision was 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.
- 1.5. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms, which have been used for this tranche of funding, 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 2010/11• Trowbridge Community Area Plan• Local Agreement for Wiltshire
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2011/12 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

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. It should be noted that there are grant requests totalling more than the funding available.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations the Area Board will have £70,137 to allocate for the rest of the financial year.

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 – “Officer Recommendations” where appropriate.

8. Officer Recommendations

The full applications are available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Applicant 8.1	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge Wanderers Youth Football Club	To refurbish shower facilities	£5,000

- 8.1.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.1.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 3 Culture including leisure, recreation, heritage & the arts
- 8.1.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition “Building Resilient Communities.”
- 8.1.4 The applicant has provided over 50% funds towards the project from the Town Council but none of their own funds
- 8.1.5 It should be noted that the showers are owned by Trowbridge Town Council and leased to the Club on a tenants contract which expires in 2013
- 8.1.6 The applicant states that if the funding is not awarded the project will not proceed
- 8.1.7 The Sports Development section of the Council rates this application as a high priority
- 8.1.8 **It is recommended that a grant of £5,000 is approved.**

Applicant 8.2	Project summary	Funding requested
Alzheimers Support	To fund the creation of Dementia Hub in Trowbridge	£4,500

- 8.2.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.2.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 7 Health and Social Care
- 8.2.3 The application demonstrates direct links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire Ambition “Lives not Services.”
- 8.2.4 The applicant will provide 50% funding towards the project from external funding
- 8.2.5 The applicant states that if the funding is not awarded the project will not happen
- 8.2.6 **It is recommended that a grant of £4,500 is approved on condition that the match funding from the Landfill Trust is confirmed.**

Applicant 8.3	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge & District Youth Band	To work with children attending Studley Green Primary School to get involved in music making	£990

- 8.3.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.3.2 The applicant demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 3 Culture including leisure, recreation, heritage & the arts
- 8.3.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition “Building Resilient Communities.”
- 8.3.4 The applicant will provide over 50% funding towards the project from their own resources
- 8.2.5 The applicant states that if the funding is not awarded the project will only involve 10 children instead of 20
- 8.2.6 **It is recommended that a grant of £990 is approved on condition that the group does not apply for a similar project elsewhere as this would become core funding.**

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant applications
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