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| Report to | Warminster Area Board |
| Date of Meeting | 19 October 2012 |
| Title of Report | Community Area Grants |

Purpose of Report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant funding.

1. Deverill Players. A request for £600

Officer recommendation: Approve

2. Warminster Neighbourhood Policing Team / Youth Development Centre:

A request for £1,000

Officer recommendation: Approve

Total request if all applications are allocated in line with officer recommendations:
£1,600

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 (15 April 2011). 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 for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement. With this in mind Community Area Grants should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. Area boards will not consider applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects

that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.

- 1.5. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, although the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.6. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.7. All applicants are encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who is working 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.
- 1.8. 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.
- 1.9. The 2011/2012 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.

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| Background documents used in the preparation of this Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12 • 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 2011/12 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be six rounds of grants in 2011/12. The remaining grants rounds are as follows:

| Board Meeting | Deadline for receipt of grant applications |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 March 2012 | 27 January 2012 |

The deadline for applications is six weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

- 2.3 The Board had £38,209 for Community Area Grants for the year 2011/12. There was also £3,614 rolled over from 2010/11. This made a total of £41,823 for 2011/12.

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.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Warminster Area Board will have a balance of £20,178.98

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 | Deverill Players | Alice in Wyllyeland Pantomime | £600 |

8.1.1. Officer Recommendation – approve

8.1.2. The application meets the 2011 / 12 grants criteria.

8.1.3. The Deverill players are a newly formed theatrical group. They are planning to stage a pantomime at the end of January 2012; Alice in Wyllyeland. This a new venture and the group is the only theatrical group in the Deverill Valley (including Crockerton). The group is converting a large bar at Manor Farm into a theatre for rehearsals and performances.

8.1.4. The project has significant support from villages and visitors. It also has the full support of the owner of Manor Farm barn where the performance will be staged.

8.1.5. A significant amount of match funding (£2,323) has been raised which includes support from the Parishes, ticket sales and refreshments. The cost of the project is £2,923 and the group is requesting £600 from the Area Board.

8.1.6. The project is linked to the Community Area Plan (2005-2015) under the Culture and Leisure theme which calls for more cultural activities.

8.1.7. The project will be in jeopardy if funding is not received by the Area Board.

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| 8.2 | Warminster Neighbourhood Policing Team / Warminster Youth Development Centre | Community Bustard | £1,000 |

8.2.1 Officer Recommendation: Approve

8.2.2 The application meets the grant criteria 2011/12

8.2.3 Larger than life sculptures of the Great Bustard are being cast in glass fibre resin to be placed on the Great Bustard Trail around Warminster, finishing in an event in Autumn 2012 to coincide with the Olympics and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) and the Youth Development Team hope to be able to purchase a Bustard for young people in the community to name and decorate. This will be done with the voluntary help of a local artist. A day of art and fun on 6 October in the Town Park will see the Bustards auctioned off. Proceeds will then go to local charities. The aim of taking part in this project is to raise the profile of the Youth Development Centre and see the young people and the NPT working together.

8.2.4 Match funding is not required for projects of £1000 or under but there will be voluntary support involved in the project.

8.2.5 The project is linked to the Warminster and Villages Community Plan as it supports and involves young people in local projects and hopes to decrease anti-social behaviour. It will also utilise the town park for more events. Pages 12 and 19 of plan.

8.2.6 If funding is not awarded, the young people will not be able to take part in the Bustard event.