

Report to	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	5 April 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider an application seeking 20012/13 Community Area Grant Funding:

Application	
Storage shed refurbishment Applicant: Nomansland Cricket Club - £990	Approve £990
Heavy duty gazebos use at Jubilee event and beyond Applicant: Laverstock and Ford Queen's Diamond Jubilee Committee- £1,479	Approve £1,479
Leisure credits scheme for young people Applicant: Youth Advisory Group/ Youth Service - £5,000	Approve £5,000

2. Key figures so far:

Available funds for 2012/13 – **£41,036**

Amount of funding sought for 5 April 2012 - **£7,469**

Amount left if all approved - **£33,567**

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 3.2. There will be at least 5 more rounds of funding during 2012/13, including this meeting. The deadline for submitting applications to the Community Area Manager is about 4 weeks prior to the meeting. For the actual date see: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard

4. 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.

5. Financial Implications

Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Southern Wiltshire Area Board. Grant applications totalling **£7,469** have been received for this meeting.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

7. HR Implications

- 7.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

8. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 8.1. 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.

Storage shed refurbishment Applicant: Nomansland Cricket Club	£990
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Officer recommendation: Approve £990

This application meets grant criteria 2012/13.

Application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15. Issue number 59 & 61- Support and awareness of facilities and resources and identify need for new facilities.

This project is to fund the costs of refurbishing the cricket club's storage shed.

The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities.

The Parish Council supports the project but is not contributing towards the costs.

If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise.

Heavy duty gazebos use at Jubilee event and beyond Applicant: Laverstock and Ford Queen's Diamond Jubilee Committee	£1,479
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Recommendation: Approve – £1,479

This application meets grant criteria 2012/13.

Application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15 and the local parish plan in that it provides facilities for a locale vent to bring the community together.

This project is provides funding to purchase heavy duty gazebos for community events. The first use of these gazebos will be at the Laverstock & Ford Queen's Diamond Jubilee Event in June.

The project has local support. An organising committee is running the event and has support and a funding contribution from the parish council.

The Area Board supports community events that are inclusive. It is also beneficial that this project means that the community has a lasting facility for the village.

If the Board does not fund this project then the community would continue to fundraise.

Leisure credits scheme for young people Applicant: Youth Advisory Group/ Youth Service	£5,000
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Recommendation: Approve - £5000

This application meets grant criteria 2012/13.

Application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15. As it provides meaningful activities for young people and rewards volunteering in the community.

This project is to fund the costs of running the leisure credits scheme which provides young people with credits for their work in the community that can then be redeemed to go on organised trips.

The Area Board recognises the need to support positive activities for young people. It also recognises that the scheme has worked well in the community area since it was last funded in 2009/10.

The application has been put together in conjunction with the newly established Youth Advisory Group and will be managed by the Youth Service.

If the Board does not fund this project then it might not go ahead as soon as planned as funding would need to be sourced from elsewhere.

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