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| Report to | Tidworth Area Board |
| Date of Meeting | 17th March 2010 |
| Title of Report | Community Area Grants |

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 2 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Collingbourne Cricket Club - seeking a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of Replacement of Cricket Nets and Matting. Officer recommendation – Approval.
2. Zouch School, Tidworth – seeking a grant of £3,500 towards the cost of piloting a project to help integration of the army families with the local community. Officer recommendation – Approval.

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. During 2010/2011 all applicants are being encouraged to contact the Charities Information Bureau which 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 other national funding sources.
- 1.5. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 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.

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

- 2.1. Tidworth Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £50,237 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £213. This sum plus a further £487 from the 2010/2011 allocation was approved at the Area Board meeting on 15 March 2010 for Grant No. TID: 016/09 "Eco Bikes". This leaves a total budget of £49,750 for 2010/2011.
- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on:-
 - Monday, 19th July 2010
 - Monday 20th September 2010
 - Monday 15th November 2010
 - Monday 17th January 2011
 - Monday 21st 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 Tidworth Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Tidworth Area Board will have a balance of £45,950.

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

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| 8.1 TID: 001/10 | Collingbourne Cricket Club | Replacement of cricket nets and matting | £1,000 |

8.1.1. Officers recommend that Collingbourne Cricket Club is awarded £1,000 towards the replacement of cricket nets and matting.

8.1.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003-2013 under the Culture and Leisure section in that it enables a successful sports club to continue to provide good facilities for people of all ages from Tidworth, Ludgershall, Everleigh and the Collingbournes to play cricket.

8.1.4. The application encourages young people and adults to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive effect on the health of them and their families by encouraging more people to play a sport. It also provides an opportunity for young people to participate in positive activities.

8.1.5. Collingbourne Cricket Club is a non profit organisation which aims to provide sports facilities for a wide range of people in Collingbourne and district including Tidworth, Ludgershall and Everleigh. They host a county primary Kwik tournament and club members support coaching at local schools. They currently have four representative teams with their first Eleven recently promoted to the Wilshire League. They have over 40 members playing regularly for the club. They are planning that the refurbished facility will see increased use by local schools.

8.1.6. The project aims to replace the nets and matting at the cricket club to improve the current facilities and enable more use by local communities including schools. This also includes some ancillary work on retaining walls and edging timber around the nets and matting.

8.1.7. The club seeks to be inclusive both to different age groups and to the adjoining communities.

8.1.8. The club has obtained the majority of the funding (£5,280) from an application to Sport England (£4,230) and from Wiltshire Cricket League (£500) and club funds (£550). They are seeking £1,000 from the Area Board Grant fund to enable them to undertake all the work needed to refurbish the facility.

8.1.9. If the grant was not awarded, this would mean the club using some of the reserve funding that it keeps for replacement/repair of essential grass cutting/treating machinery and they could not operate at the level of cricket of the leagues that they are currently in.

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| 8.2. TID: 002/10 | Zouch School | Integration of Army families with the local community | £3,500 |

8.2.1. Officers recommend that Zouch School are awarded £3,500 towards their project to integrate military families with the local community, conditional on the remaining external funding being confirmed.

8.2.2. Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria.

8.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the several of the themes in the Tidworth Community Area Plan 2003-2013 including Communication, Health & Social Care, Community Protection, Education & Life Long Learning and Culture and Leisure.

8.2.4. The project addresses the important work being carried out in the county on Military Civilian Integration. The military are the largest employer in the county and troops and their dependants have difficulties linking into the local community because of the very different lifestyles they live due to the frequent absence on duty of the military parent or carer in the family. One of the main aims of the Tidworth Community Area Strategy is to create a stronger community by bringing the civilian and military communities closer together and providing services and facilities within the Community Area to which all have access.

8.2.5. The applicant is one of the primary schools in Tidworth which takes over 95% of its children from Army families. 30% of the children have special needs, strongly influenced by the transient Army lifestyle. The school has carried out research amongst the families of children who attend the school and have co-researched this with the Army Welfare Services and Community Development agencies. The vast majority of families are headed by mothers who are effectively single parents for considerable periods of time. The situation is also affected by the return of the fathers, which can cause tensions in the family through relationship issues and lack of family involvement/understanding/participation

8.2.6. The project aims to initiate the participation of Army parents and the surrounding Army Garrison towards the existing town and village communities to enable them to start taking an active and progressive part in village and school life by creating a series of community involvement projects over six months. It will serve as a pilot for future work with the military and civilian parts of the community.

8.2.7. This is a multi-generational, multi-age, multi-local group, community engagement project with no cost to the end users to eliminate any financial disadvantage. Army families living in garrison areas are perceived to be a disadvantaged group because of the situation they are in.

8.2.8. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, the number of participating army families, local groups and individuals will be reduced, events would be drastically reduced and the project would become much smaller and lose its social involvement impact.

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| Appendices: | Appendix 1 Grant application – Collingbourne Cricket Club Appendix 2 Grant application – Zouch School |
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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