

Report to	Warminster Area Board
Date of Meeting	20 May 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 5 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Chapmanslade Youth Group, Renovate cricket pavilion into youth centre, £2,870
Officer recommendation: Approve, on condition that the group itemise the project costs and investigate other funding sources (e.g. Charities Information Bureaux).
2. Warminster Running Club, Purchase lap top computer, £329
Officer recommendation: Approve
3. Boyton Parish Council, Installation of sports and play facilities, £600
Officer recommendation: Approve
4. Chapel of St. Lawrence, Tower restoration, £4,900
Officer recommendation: Approve, on the basis that the building is classed as a community resource and used for purposes other than religious activities.
5. Warminster Town Council, Revitalising the war memorial, £5,000
Officer recommendation: Approve

Total, if all applications are allocated in line with officer recommendations, £13,699

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. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £490 (this amount is due to a delayed invoice and is therefore already allocated).
- 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 will be 6 rounds of funding during 2010/11. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
 - 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.

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 £34,053

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 WAR01 8/10	Chapmanslade Youth Group	Renovate cricket pavilion into youth centre	£2,870

- 8.1.1. Officer recommendation – Approve, on condition that the group itemise the project costs and investigate other funding sources (e.g. Charities Information Bureaux).
- 8.1.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (see page 4)
- 8.1.4. Chapmanslade Youth Group is a non profit making organisation that aims to support and involve young people aged 11 upwards.
- 8.1.5. To renovate the existing pavilion to provide a youth centre accommodating up to 50 young people. The group aim to reduce anti-social behaviour by engaging with young people and giving them something constructive to do. The group is voluntary and is CRB checked. The leaders are investigating first aid training. Much of the match funding comes in the form of 'in-kind' support. There is a team of six volunteers, a professional builder and electrician offering their time for free.
- 8.1.6. Young people in rural areas suffer a lack of facilities and this project aims to tackle this element of rural deprivation in Chapmanslade. The group is a member of Youth Action Wiltshire, but they do not have sufficient transport to take part in organised activities.
- 8.1.7. If the Area Board decides not to fund the project, the project will not be able to go ahead. The group has struggled to gain financial or practical support from the Youth Service and Parish Council, although both organisations have been very positive about the project.

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8.2. WAR01 9/10	Warminster Running Club	Purchase lap top	£329

- 8.2.1. Officer recommendation - Approve
- 8.2.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2010/11

- 8.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (see Pages 12 and 18).
- 8.2.4. Warminster Running Club is a non profit making organisation that promotes physical activity.
- 8.2.5. The group require a lap top computer to improve the efficiency of their administration. Their existing computer is at the end of its working life and a new one will help the group maintain the website, which promotes sport in the community. This is a capital expenditure.
- 8.2.6. If the Area Board does not to fund the project it will be delayed.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3. WAR02 0/10	Boyton Parish Council	Installation of sports and play facilities	£600

- 8.3.1. Officer recommendation - Approve
- 8.3.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.3.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (see pages 12 and 18).
- 8.3.4. The project will support the following local priorities:
- Increase the number of people involved in regular volunteering
 - Encourage people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of themselves and their family
 - Improve adult participation in sport
 - Improve young people's participation in positive activities
 - Reduce perceptions of anti-social behaviour
- 8.3.5. The project will be run by the Parish Council.
- 8.3.6. The project will provide sport and recreational facilities for young people from Corton and the surrounding villages.
- 8.3.7. The project will bring facilities for young people in a rural community.
- 8.3.8. If the Area Board does not to fund the project it will be delayed.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4. WAR02 1/10	Chapel of St. Lawrence	Tower restoration	£4,900

- 8.4.1. Officer recommendation – Approve on the basis that the building is classed as a community resource and used for purposes other than religious activities.
- 8.4.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2010/11, although it does not make a link to the community plan.
- 8.4.3. The application does not demonstrate a link to the Community Plan.
- 8.4.4. The project will support the following local priorities:
- Engage with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions
 - Increase the number of people involved in regular volunteering
 - Encourage people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of themselves and their family
 - Improve young people’s participation in positive activities
 - Improve local area through intergenerational activities
- 8.4.5. The Friends of the Chapel of St. Lawrence is a non profit organisation, which looks after the chapel on behalf of the people of Warminster. The building is a ‘peculiar’ and as such does not belong to, or be the responsibility of any religious organisation. It is owned by the people of the town. The Chapel is used for a wide variety of non-religious activities.
- 8.4.6. The Friends of the Chapel have provided written evidence regarding community ownership of the building, which is available on request.
- 8.4.7. The project will make the top of the tower safe and prevent further deterioration.
- 8.4.8. If the Area Board does not to fund the project it will be delayed, causing the stone work to become more dangerous.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5. WAR02 2/10	Warminster Town Council	Revitalising the War Memorial	£5,000

- 8.5.1. Officer recommendation – Approve.
- 8.5.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.5.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (see pages 3 and 10).
- 8.5.4. The project will support the following local priorities:
- Building strong and resilient communities
 - Partnership working with Warminster Garrison

- 8.5.5. The project will be run by the Town Council.
- 8.5.6. The project will revitalise the war memorial and make currently unused space accessible as a place for quiet reflection.
- 8.5.7. Remembrance includes all faiths, organisations, military personnel and visitors to the town. The proposed work is to enable people with disabilities to access the site.
- 8.5.8. If the Area Board does not to fund the project, it will not be completed.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Chapmanslade Youth Group Appendix 2 Grant application – Warminster Running Club Appendix 3 Grant application – Boyton Parish Council Appendix 4 Grant application – Chapel of St. Lawrence Appendix 5 Grant application – Warminster Town Council
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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