

Report to	Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	Item No. 10a
Date of Meeting	26th May 2010	
Title of Report	Community Area Grants	

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 5 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding:

1. Cricklade Town Festival - £1,240 match funding sought towards the cost of street entertainers for annual community event.
If Councillors were of a mind to agree, it is recommended that the grant of £1,240 be awarded.
2. Wilts and Berks Canal Trust - £1,680 match funding sought to provide scalping for volunteers to spread on canal side.
If Councillors were of a mind to agree, it is recommended that the grant of £1,680 be awarded.
3. Thames Pre School, Cricklade - £555 sought for metal tool shed to securely house garden tools to maintain newly created garden area.
If Councillors were of a mind to agree, it is recommended that the grant of £555 be awarded.
4. Lyneham Youth Club - £2,752 match funding sought towards summer activity programme for young people.
If Councillors were of a mind to agree, it is recommended that the grant of £2,752 be awarded.
5. Broad Town Village Show - £2,241 match funding sought to provide all weather blow up stage cover for the bands at the local annual community event.
If councillors were of a mind to agree, it is recommended that the grant of £2,241 be awarded, subject to the conditions set out below

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. One application did not meet the funding criteria and was referred to Charities Information Bureau (CIB) for support to seek funding from elsewhere. CIB work 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.
- 1.5. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.6. Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £51,680 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £10,336. This leaves a total budget of £62,298 for the 2010/2011 budget.
- 1.7. 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.
- 1.8. 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• Wootton Bassett and Cricklade 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;
 - 14th July 2010
 - 6th October 2010
 - 1st December 2010
 - 2nd February 2011
 - 23rd 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 Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board will have a balance of £53,830

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	Cricklade Town Festival	Free annual community street fair – applying for money towards street entertainers for the free annual community street fair	£1,240 match funding

- 8.1.1. The Officer recommends the full Award is granted, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place.
- 8.1.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan with regard to promoting tourism, enhancing the local economy and encouraging arts and cultural activities in the towns and parishes.
- 8.1.4. The application meets area board priorities; encouraging lifestyle changes, improving the local area through community events and increasing the number of people who feel safe in their community.
- 8.1.5. The group is a not for profit voluntary group who plan and run an annual event.
- 8.1.6. The project is a community summer event in the town. The aim is to bring people together on a themed fun day. The grant will provide matched funding for the street entertainers Mr Whippy & Old Time Swimmers. Both acts relate to the theme Cricklade by the Sea with participative, visual street performances and they perform throughout the day.
- 8.1.7. All members of the community will be able to enjoy the event, with local schools taking an active part in the development of resources for the day and themed projects during school term.
- 8.1.8. The project will not be able to include street entertainers should the Area Board decide not to fund the project

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8.2.	Wilts and Berks Canal Trust	Scalplings to improve canal towpaths	£1,680 Match funded

- 8.2.1. The Officer recommends the full grant is awarded, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place

- 8.2.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.2.3. Developing the Canal through the area is one of the main priorities for the area as identified in the Community Plan.
- 8.2.4. The application meets locally agreed priorities and aims to increase the number of people involved in volunteering, improve young people and adults' participation in positive activities, encourage a healthy lifestyle and improve the local area and local biodiversity.
- 8.2.5. The group is a not for profit organisation whose aim is to restore and repair the canal towpaths
- 8.2.6. The project will purchase scalplings (limestone chippings and clay) and will allow volunteers to repair and maintain public accessibility to rights of way along Canal towpaths in the Board's area. The work will be undertaken by volunteers, there will be no other cost to Wiltshire Council and it will reduce pressure on its rights of way budget.
- 8.2.7. The Canal Trust works with volunteers from all sections of the community. There are opportunities to contribute in many aspects of the work. The aim of the project is to improve general access to and use of the canal towpath. This will help improve access to those less mobile or with prams and , where practicable, wheelchairs.
- 8.2.8. A decision not to fund this application is likely to result in a delay in the project proceeding whilst the applicant seeks other possible sources of funding.

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8.3.	Thames Pre School, Cricklade	Metal tool shed to secure house garden tools to maintain newly created garden area.	£555

- 8.3.1. It is recommended that the award of £555 is granted to provide a metal tool shed and base to secure and house tools.
- 8.3.2. Application meets grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.3.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, engaging with local people and working with them to deliver solutions, and, as part an ongoing project that cleared overgrown and disused areas, built and planted a new planting and wildlife area and helped to teach young people about their environment, this grant will enable the previous project to continue.
- 8.3.4. The application meets locally agreed priorities, increasing the number of people in regular volunteering, improving young people's participation in positive activities,

increasing the number of people who feel safe in the community, improving intergenerational activities and community events and increasing recycling and re-use of household waste and also fits with Ofsted recommendations, to provide outdoor learning spaces.

- 8.3.5. The applicant represents Cricklade Bloomers, a not for profit group who work together to clear grounds for multifunctional use.
- 8.3.6. The project builds on the work already undertaken by the group, gaining the lease for disused grounds, clearing it and planting a multi functional outdoor space for the community. The area has been cleared and tools bought and now a secure vandal proof metal shed and base to securely and safely house the equipment is requested
- 8.3.7. All ages and abilities are catered for within the project.
- 8.3.8. Should the Area Board make a decision not to fund the project, the project will not be able to go ahead and the tools bought will not remain accessible and yet safe to the group maintaining the area.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4.	Lyneham Youth Club	Summer activity programme for young people.	£2,752 match funding

- 8.4.1. It is recommended that the full award is given. Councillors may wish to add a condition that funds are used for the Young People' activities and not the volunteers and the award will be conditional on the balance of the funding being in place.
- 8.4.2. The grant application meets the grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.4.3. The application links to the Community Plan and lack of youth facilities in the area. Youth work activity is a high priority in the community area and has been expressed as an important issue by the Area Board & Parish Council, not only to assist with personal and social development of young people, but to also offer an alternative to antisocial behaviour generated through boredom.
- 8.4.4. The application meets area board priorities improving young people's involvement in positive activities
- 8.4.5. The Youth Club is a not for profit organisation run by volunteers.
- 8.4.6. Summer activity programme for young people 8- 16. The project, staffed entirely by volunteers, will involve the provision of a range of activities twice a week during the summer. In addition, two overnight residentials with outdoor activities are planned which will offer the young people exciting new challenges they would

otherwise not have the opportunity to participate in, within a different environment. All of the planned activities aim to offer the young people the chance to develop new skills, provide opportunities for teambuilding, increase confidence and self esteem, and will provide numerous opportunities for their personal and social development.

- 8.4.7. Due to the military presence in Lyneham, there is a disproportionately high number of young people in the village, and due to their geographical isolation they are unable to access youth work provision in other areas unless permitted to travel on buses alone or if a parent is available to drive them. In addition, traditionally there is a large influx of new military families over the summer period - offering these young people the chance to engage in enjoyable group activities with their peers will allow them to integrate and generate positive new friendships before they start a new school helping to alleviate the stress and anxiety this transition brings.
- 8.4.8. If the full amount was not granted, it would result in a reduction of the number of activities offered to the young people of Lyneham, thereby reducing the opportunities for personal & social development and planned recreational opportunities for this age group. In particular, it would be likely that the most beneficial activities - the residential & outdoor activity experiences - would have to be cancelled altogether due to the Youth Club being unable to meet the cost without financial support.

8.5.	Broad Town Village Show	All weather inflatable stage cover for music festival and use of bands	£2,241 match funded
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- 8.5.1. It is not recommended that the full grant is awarded; however, should the Area Board decide to award the full grant, a condition could be added to the offer that ensures other community groups have access to the cover, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place.
- 8.5.2. Some of the fundraising activities are to raise funds for the local community and charities. Therefore, the application does not meet condition (j) 'The council will not consider applications for fundraising activities where the core activity is to raise funds for a third party.' In all other aspects the grants criteria is met and can demonstrate a wide community benefit.
- 8.5.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Arts and Culture aspect of the Community Plan
- 8.5.4. The application meets locally agreed priorities by increasing the number of people involved in regular volunteering , improving young people's involvement in positive activities and improving the local area through community events.
- 8.5.5. The group is a community group who aim to run a successful show and bring villagers together, raising funds to give back into the local community.

- 8.5.5. The Broad Town Gig is a community music event held in a field in Broad Town. The purpose the stage cover is to make the event more weather proof and therefore make the event more sustainable.
- 8.5.6. The event attracts a wide range of 400-500 people from different income groups and ages with 75% adults and 25% children attending in the past.
- 8.5.7. Should the Area Board make a decision not to fund the project the ticket sales will be less reliable and the event will be dependent upon fair weather. In addition, other community groups will not benefit from the ability to use the cover for other community events.

Appendices:	Appendix 1: Grant application – Cricklade Town Festival Appendix 2: Grant application – Wilts and Berks Canal Trust Appendix 3: Grant application – Thames Pre School Appendix 4: Grant application – Lyneham Youth Club Appendix 5: Grant application – Broad Town Village Show
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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