

Report to Amesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting 21 February 2013
Title of Report Area Board Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider :

(A) 4 Grant Applications seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Salisbury Arts Centre – Amesbury Youth Event
Funding sought : £ 6,995 :
Recommended for **Approval**
£5,000 from the Community Area Grants Scheme & £1,995 from the Area Board Youth Budget]

2. Durrington Town Council – Friday Youth Club
Funding sought : £1,500
Recommended for **Approval**

3. Cholderton Parish Meeting – Notice Board
Funding sought: approx. £600 (to be confirmed)
Recommended for **Approval**

4. Winterbourne Cricket Club – Facilities Enhancement
Funding sought: 4,384
Recommended for **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 Adult Care, Communities and Housing (4 April 2012). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2012/2013.
- 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 and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups. Likewise, Small Grants (new this year) should be awarded to similar groups, as well as un-constituted groups of people wanting to improve things near to where they live.
- 1.4. Amesbury Area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 budget of £50,455 for community grants, small grants, community partnership core funding and area board/councillor led initiatives. An overspend of £6990 from 2011/12 has since been deducted from this figure – leaving £43,465 available. Subsequently, the Area Board has approved grants totalling £23,064, and earmarked £9,750 for community planning support costs and activities. This leaves the 2012/13 available budget at £10,651.
- 1.5. Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,000 - £5000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.6. Small Grants, new for this year will fund up to £350, where the total cost of the project does not exceed £350. This grant is aimed at enabling groups (including those not formally constituted) to implement projects, involving local people to make their community a better place to live.
- 1.7. Area boards will not consider Community Area Grant (CAG) 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.
- 1.8. In addition to CAGs and Small Grants, councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls. The application process and form has been updated to bring it in line with the other grants.

- 1.9. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.10. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.11. Applicants are encouraged to contact and seek funding help from Charities Information Bureau (CIB) who work on behalf of Wiltshire Council. CIB 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.
- 1.12. Paper copies of funding applications no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce paper. They are however available on the Wiltshire Council web site with the area board agenda papers and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.13. The 2012/2013 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) and paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.
- 1.14. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete and return an evaluation form as soon as the project or activity has been completed and this should be accompanied by receipts and invoices, as well as photographs if possible. Failure to return the evaluation requested will preclude them from being considered for any future funding from the area board. This applies to all grants made by the area board.
- 1.15. A budget ring-fenced for the needs of young people will again be made available in 2012/2013. How this will be allocated will be the decision of the area board. £3,000 of this £5,053 budget was earmarked at the 19 July 2012 board meeting for the Bourne Valley Youth Transport Project.
- 1.16. The Amesbury Area Board has a separate Community Area Transport Group (CATG) budget of £17,500 for 2012/13.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Board Grant Guidance 2012/13 as presented for delegated decision • Amesbury Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2012/13 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 2012/2013. This are listed as below:

- 24th May
- 19th July
- 20th September
- 22 November 2013
- 31 January 2013
- 21 February 2013

3. Environmental & Community Implications

- 3.1. Area Board Grants 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 Amesbury Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, the Amesbury Area Board will have an overspend of £833.

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 and Small Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, town and parish council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.
- 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	Salisbury Arts Centre: Amesbury Youth Event	An all day youth event for Amesbury and surrounding villages, and outreach street-based work leading up to the event	£6,995

- 8.1.1. Officer recommendation – **approve**

- 8.1.2. This application demonstrates links to the Amesbury Community Area Plan, the Amesbury Town Strategic Plan and Wiltshire Council's Youth Service's intention to develop a Youth Advisory Group for the Amesbury Area. Providing interesting and engaging activities for young people, and improving the publicity and communication of facilities, events and activities has long been recognised in this area, and this event should serve to accelerate the board's efforts in these matters.
- 8.1.3. The Arts Centre was set up in 1975 and has become a very popular venue and facility for Salisbury City and for many who visit Salisbury. All day events, such as is proposed in this application, have successfully taken place in Salisbury before.
- 8.1.4. This event is planned to take place at The Bowman Centre, and will feature professional musical, dance, and theatre performances, film, visual arts, information and refreshments for 350 + young people. In addition, professional artists will facilitate participatory workshops on the day, providing constructive opportunities for young people to express themselves through music, art and film.
- 8.1.5. The Project Manager will work with the Youth Officer for this Area to ensure that the event reaches as many young people in the area, and to ensure that the event has a long term positive impact on youth engagement and commitment to organise activities for themselves. Street-based youth work will take place prior to the event to secure young people's engagement and commitment to the event, and to identify key people to join the new Youth Advisory Group.
- 8.1.6. The board is asked to approve the total amount of funding requested: £5,000 to come from the Community Area Grants Budget, and £1,995 to come from the Area Board's Youth Budget 2012/13.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Durrington Town Council	Friday Youth Club	£1,500

- 8.2.1 This application meets the community area grant scheme's criteria and the officer's recommendation is therefore to **approve**.
- 8.2.2 Durrington Town Council has identified a need for a new Youth Club for 8-11 year olds at the newly extended Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. This need has been identified from local school surveys, but also backs up previous surveys in the Area, identifying a need for more activities for young people.
- 8.2.3 The Youth Club will open in June 2013 in partnership with Bulford Children's Centre and Youth Action Wiltshire. Additionally, the Club will be supported by Avon Valley College.
- 8.2.4 The grant will assist the town council in purchasing equipment, and to fund the first year's worth of the club's insurance costs, staff training and hire of the hall.

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8.3	Cholderton Parish Meeting	New Notice board	£600 (TBC)

8.3.1 This application has yet to be received in full, but the estimation is that the board will cost £600, based on a previous similar application from Berwick St James Parish Meeting.

8.3.2 Currently, the Parish Meeting does not have its own notice board, as the previous one had to be disposed of.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Winterbourne Cricket Club	Facilities Enhancement	£4,384

8.4.1 This application is to further assist the Cricket Club with its re-development project, as commenced in 2011/12. The Club has itself already invested £15,000 into the project, and it would now like to commence phase two, which will help the facilities comply with league standards and further develop the junior section of the club.

8.4.2 The application meets the grants scheme criteria, on the basis that the club has already committed £15,000 this year to the re-development project.

8.4.3 The total cost of this phase of the project is £5,884. The club will be contributing a further £1,500, and the Area Board is asked to contribute £4,384.

8.4.4 This second phase of improvements to the club will secure Wiltshire Seniors use of the ground and in time, hopefully also the Wiltshire junior cricket in coming years.

Appendix (online):	Appendix 1 Grant Application – Salisbury Arts Centre Appendix 2 Grant Application – Durrington Town Council Appendix 3 Grant Application – Cholderton Parish Meeting Appendix 4 Grant Application – Winterbourne Cricket Club
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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