

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Chippenham Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> March 2013</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area Board Funding</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 8 applications seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant Funding, 1 Area Board Project/Councillor-led Initiative and the application for the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of Community Partnership Core Funding:

1. Award Bournemouth Churches Housing Association (Unity House) £988 towards equipment for the residents' Personal Development Programme.
2. Award 10<sup>th</sup> Chippenham Scout Group £5,000 towards their scout hut refurbishment, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
3. Award Wiltshire Music Centre £2,000 towards a music education workshop, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
4. Award Elim Pentecostal Church £988 towards the purchase and installation of a cooker for community events.
5. Award Chippenham Drama Festival £1,000 towards one artist's fees and travel for the Chippenham Drama Festival.
6. Award Long Close Residents' Group £896 towards the purchase of a set of junior goal posts.
7. Award Kandu Arts £4,000 towards the 'Chippin In' project, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.
8. Award Startley and Seagry Recreational Ground Trust £5,000 towards the purchase of play equipment, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
9. Area Board Project – Award £1,800 to carry out an assessment for Chippenham's Purple Flag Status.
10. Chippenham & Villages Area Partnership (ChAP) – Award £6,889 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tranche of Core Funding

## 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 (4th 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. Chippenham Area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 budget of **£68,917** for Community Area Grants, Small Grants, Community Partnership core funding and Area Board/Councillor Led initiatives.
- 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 not normally 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 community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet has emphasised that it does not wish these applications 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. The 2012/2013 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) and paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.
- 1.13. A decision was 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.
- 1.14. 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. On 30th April, Chippenham Area Board took the decision to delegate responsibility to the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Area Board Chairman and/or Vice Chairman, to approve expenditure of up to £1,000 between Area Board meetings.
- 1.16. The delegated power is only intended to be used for matters of urgency which cannot wait until the next meeting of the Area Board and would not be used as a matter of routine. The majority of decisions will continue to be taken at a public meeting.
- 1.17. A budget of £6,900 ring-fenced for the needs of young people has again been made available in 2012/2013. This will be allocated using the "Participatory Budgeting" method.
- 1.18. Chippenham Area Board has a separate Community Area Transport Group (CATG) Highways Funding budget of £39,587 for 2012/13.
- 1.19. Funding awarded to date totals £40,305. This leaves a balance of **£28,612** for 2012/13.

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

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 2012/2013. The first took place on 30th April 2012, the second on 9th July, the third on 3rd September, the fourth on 5th November, the fifth on 7th January and the final round is contained in this report.
- 2.3. Chippenham Area Board was allocated a 2012/2013 budget of **£68,917** for Community Area Grants, Small Grants, Community Partnership core funding and Area Board/Councillor-led initiatives.

## **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 Chippenham Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Chippenham Area Board will have a balance of **£51**.

## **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	Bournemouth Churches Housing Association (Unity House)	Equipment for Residents' Personal Development Programme	£988

- 8.1.1. Unity House – Award £988 for a laptop, food processor and chest freezer for the residents' personal development programme.
- 8.1.2. This application meets funding criteria 2012/13.
- 8.1.3. This application demonstrates links to the Community Plan “life-long learning - access to basic skills and adult learning courses to increase the level of literacy and employment skill base in the Chippenham Area”.
- 8.1.4. This application demonstrates links to Wiltshire Council’s priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire: “enable people to improve their long term health and well being” and “support more people to have independent and fulfilling lives as part of their local community”.
- 8.1.5. Unity House has embarked on a new programme of learning and development to both residents and non-residents. This includes enabling service users to acquire the skills and confidence necessary to sustain independent living through the combination of life skills and IT training, working collaboratively with the Job Centre to provide a range of employability-related workshops to residents and other vulnerably housed job seekers.
- 8.1.6. Unity House will be able to offer a twice-weekly drop-in service to other marginalised people within the local area when accommodation cannot be provided. Support will be offered in a variety of ways, ranging from basic health, financial and substance-abuse advice, to enrolment within the Unity House Move on Training and Work Club.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	10 <sup>th</sup> Chippenham Scouts Group	Scout Hut Refurbishment	£5,000

- 8.2.1 10<sup>th</sup> Chippenham Scouts Group – Award £5,000 towards the scout hut refurbishment, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
- 8.2.2 This application meets funding criteria 2012/13.
- 8.2.3 This application demonstrates links to the Community Plan including “a lack of facilities for teenagers”, “insufficient community halls” and a “lack of funding for Community Halls and Village Halls”.

8.2.4 This project demonstrates links to Wiltshire Councils priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire: “helping young people to succeed and take part in positive activities” and “providing strong foundations for children and young people’s development”.

8.2.5 Officers are of the opinion that this refurbishment will provide an improved facility for the 6 scout groups currently using the hall and recommend that the facility also be offered to other community groups for their occasional use.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Wiltshire Music Centre	Music and Science Workshop	£2,000

8.3.1 Wiltshire Music Centre – Award £2,000 towards a music and science workshop, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.3.2 This application meets funding criteria 2012/13.

8.3.3 This application demonstrates links to the Community Plan to “increase support for community facilities and events and to encourage a range of cultural opportunities for both residents”, “dissuade young people from engaging in anti-social behaviours” and “concerns over the general health of children and young people, especially within the urban areas.”

8.3.4 This application demonstrates links to Wiltshire Councils priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire: “helping young people to succeed and take part in positive activities” and “providing strong foundations for children and young people’s development”.

8.3.5 The applicant states that this project responds to a Children’s Centre / Wiltshire Council report that highlighted key areas of child deprivation and poverty in the town. The project aims to engage children creatively in order to thrive academically and socially.

8.3.6 The project is a collaborative project between the Wiltshire Music Centre and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment to deliver the science / music project to 6 local primary schools.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Elim Pentecostal Church	Cooker for community events	£988

8.4.1 Elim Pentecostal Church – Award £988 for the purchase of a cooker for community events.

- 8.4.2 This application meets funding criteria 2012/13.
- 8.4.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan by “increasing support for community facilities and events”.
- 8.4.4 This application demonstrates links to Wiltshire Council’s priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire that aims to “help local communities develop their own priorities and improvements” and “create local communities where people can easily meet and share a wide range of activities”.
- 8.4.5 Officers understand that a wide range of secular community groups regularly use the hall, and it is also used for a variety of local events and activities. A full range of ages make use of the facilities including baby groups, youth clubs, adult classes and community groups.
- 8.4.6 This new project responds to the increase in the number of individuals and families facing poverty who are approaching the organisation for assistance.
- 8.4.7 The applicant has been supporting Unity Hostel and recognises that more support is required that can be met by community group-led breakfast clubs and practical training sessions to teach families how to create low-cost nutritional meals.
- 8.4.8 A consultation exercise has also been carried out with existing groups using the hall which has shown that people will be more likely to attend events and activities in the church if better facilities are available.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5	Chippenham Drama Festival	Performing Artist’s Fees	£1,000

- 8.5.1 Chippenham Drama Festival – Award £1,000 for the payment of one artist’s fees and travel costs for the festival.
- 8.5.2 This application meets funding criteria 2012/13.
- 8.5.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan: “concerns over the general health of children and young people, especially within the urban areas”, “supporting people to improve their own health, through increased exercise, reduced smoking and healthier diets etc.” and “increasing support for community facilities and events”.
- 8.5.4 This application demonstrates links to Wiltshire Council’s priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire that aims to “help young people to succeed at school and take part in positive activities” and “provide the strong foundations for children and young people’s development”.
- 8.5.5 This project aims to establish an annual drama festival that will involve schools and local communities to help encourage a culture of performance in the Chippenham

area.

- 8.5.6 This will be a collaborative project with Chippenham Town Council and the Chippenham Children's Parliament who will also be providing assistance to deliver the festival.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6	Long Close Residents' Group	Junior Football Posts	£896

- 8.6.1 Long Close Residents' Group – Award £896 for the purchase of a set of junior football posts.

- 8.6.2 This application meets funding criteria 2012/13.

- 8.6.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan by addressing “the lack of facilities for teenagers”, “the lack of place of places for young people to meet”, “insufficient outdoor sports facilities and playing fields” and the “concerns over the general health of children and young people, especially within the urban areas”.

- 8.6.4 This application demonstrates links to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire that aims to “provide the strong foundations for children and young people's development” and “enable people to improve their long term health and well being”.

- 8.6.5 Officers understand that an informal residents' group has been formed to deliver this project with advisory and practical support from both Wiltshire Council and Chippenham Town Council.

- 8.6.6 A consultation exercise has been carried out amongst local residents with and without children who approved this idea.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.7	Kandu Arts	'Chippin In' School Holiday Programme	£4,000

- 8.7.1 Kandu Arts – Award £4,000 towards the 'Chippin In' school holiday programme, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.

- 8.7.2 This application meets funding criteria 2012/13.

- 8.7.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan: “Anti-social behaviour arising from large groups of young people gathering in the streets in the evenings” and “a lack of facilities for teenagers”.



8.7.4 This application demonstrates links to Wiltshire Council’s priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire that aims to “help young people to succeed at school and take part in positive activities”, “provide the strong foundations for children and young people’s development” and “improve the street scene and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour”.

8.7.5 The applicant anticipates working with approximately 50 young people who are referrals from GreenSquare, social services, police, EOTAS (Education Other Than School) and the local secondary schools.

8.7.6 Officers understand that this project responds to a GreenSquare survey highlighting concerns about the congregation of youths outside homes particularly in Hill Rise.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.8	Startley & Seagry Recreational Trust	Play area equipment	£5,000

8.8.1 Startley & Seagry Recreational Trust – Award £5,000 for the purchase of play area equipment.

8.8.2 This application meets funding criteria 2012/13.

8.8.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan: “concerns over the general health of children and young people, especially within the urban areas”, “insufficient play and recreation areas, for children up to the age of 16” and “insufficient outdoor sports facilities and playing fields”.

8.8.4 This application demonstrates links to Wiltshire Council’s priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire that aims to “help local communities develop their own priorities and improvements”, “create local communities where people can easily meet and share a wide range of activities”, “enable people to improve their long term health and well being” and “build a strong and vibrant voluntary sector”.

8.8.5 Officers understand that the match-funding has been raised by community events and that the recreational ground is maintained by volunteers.

8.8.6 A consultation exercise to all households in Startley, Upper Seagrey and Lower Seagrey stated that 70% respondents wanted priority given to the improvement of the playground equipment. Several respondents also noted the lack of play equipment for younger children.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.9	Area Board Project	Purple Flag Status Assessment for Chippenham	£1,800

- 8.9.1 Funding is sought to carry out the assessment for the Purple Flag Status for Chippenham.
- 8.9.2 The project demonstrates a link to the Community Plan: “fear of crime” and “poor quality of environment in the town centre, limiting economic growth”.
- 8.9.3 Officers understand that the Community Safety Group has identified Purple Flag Status as a priority.
- 8.9.4 The Joint Strategic Assessment 2011 for Chippenham shows that the area suffers from a large net out-commuting flow.
- 8.9.5 It is hoped that the increased confidence in the night-time economy will lead to greater economic diversity and long-term viability in the town centre.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.10	Chippenham & Villages Area Partnership	Core Funding – see work plan	£6,890

8.10.1 Chippenham & Villages Area Partnership (ChAP) – Award £6,890 Core Funding.

8.10.2 To confirm that the second tranche will be released in accordance with the decision at 9th July 2012 Area Board meeting:

Community Area Partnership – Core Funding

**Approved** the whole year’s funding of £13,780 with an agreement to release the first tranche of £6,890 immediately, the second tranche £6,890 in January 2013.

Appendices:

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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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