

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Chippenham Area Board</b>	<b>Item No. 11a</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> July 2010</b>	
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>	

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 4 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding. Officer recommendations:

1. BJ Big Band – award £975 for music and music stands.
2. Kington Langley Playing Fields Association – award £4,511 to replace the surface and play equipment in the Toddlers Play Area, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
3. Splash – award £2,433 towards positive activities during the school holidays to divert young people away from ant-social behaviour, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
4. Sukosta– award £4,750 towards “Our Time” theatre residencies with the elderly (65+) community of Chippenham, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

## 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<sup>th</sup> 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 to this round did not meet the funding criteria and was referred to the Charities Information Bureau (CIB) for support to seek alternative sources of funding. 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. Chippenham Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £68,917 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £9. This gives a **total budget of £68,926** for the 2010/2011 budget.
- 1.7. Following the awards made on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 the Chippenham Area Board has a balance of **£58,563**.
- 1.8. 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.
- 1.9. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2010/11</li><li>• Chippenham Community Area Plan</li><li>• Local Agreement for Wiltshire</li></ul>
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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 took place on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010, the second is contained in this report and the remaining will take place on:
  - 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010
  - 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011
  - 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Chippenham Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Chippenham Area Board will have a balance of **£45,894**.

## **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
8.1 036	BJ Big Band	To purchase music and music stands	£975

8.1.1. BJ Big Band – Award £975 to purchase music and music stands.

8.1.2. This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2010/11.

8.1.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan "Aims to increase support for community facilities and events, and to encourage a range of cultural opportunities for both residents and visitors."

8.1.4. This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire To create stronger and more inclusive communities "Improve community relations " and "Encourage communities to take part in sporting and cultural activities and events that bring different age groups together."

8.1.5. The BJ Big Band was established in September 2009 and is based in Christian Malford with around 12-15 players, who already have a wealth of experience playing in other musical groups from saxophone ensemble to symphony orchestra. The aims of the BJ Big Band include the following :

- a) To enjoy making music with likeminded people
- b) To share our music with others
- c) To operate as a not for profit group
- d) Support others in their music making
- e) Promote music making
- f) Offer their services to charitable and community organisations
- g) Play at public events

8.1.6. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project it will restrict the BJ Big Bands repertoire, making it difficult to provide a variety of music for their audiences this year.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2. 038	Kington Langley Playing Fields Association	Replace the surface and play equipment in the Toddlers Play Area	£4,511

- 8.2.1. Kington Langley Playing Fields Association - Award £4,511 to replace the surface and play equipment in the Toddlers Play Area, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
- 8.2.2. This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.2.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan "Insufficient play and recreation areas for children up to the age of 16."
- 8.2.4. This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement "increase children and young people's access to facilities and activities."
- 8.2.5. A variety of local fundraising events have taken place in recent months including a Ceilidh, Charity Auction, Charity Race Night and proceeds from the Scarecrow Trail. This illustrates the high level of support in the village for this project.
- 8.2.6. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project this will result in a delay to the refurbishment of the play area whilst alternative funding is sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.028	Splash	Positive activities during the school holidays to divert young people away from anti-social behaviour	£2,433

- 8.3.1. Splash – Award £2,433 towards positive activities during school holidays to divert young people away from anti-social behaviour, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place
- 8.3.2. This application meets the Community Area Grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.3.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan "Providing activities for young people, addressing issues surrounding the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour and also the promotion of community cohesion and well being."
- 8.3.4. This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire "Encouraging positive lifestyle changes, young people's participation in positive activities and the promotion of ideas about safe, cohesive and resilient communities and a reduction in the perception of anti-social behaviour."
- 8.3.5. Splash is a registered charity based at Chippenham Police Station, staffing costs included within the costs relate to one off payments for this project and not to ongoing salaries.

8.3.6 Splash develops and delivers a free programme of varied activities that focus upon keeping young people safe and healthy and which aim to promote inclusion and development.

8.3.7 This project is targeted at vulnerable young people who are:

- Socially deprived
- In rural isolation with little opportunity for community engagement
- Finding themselves in trouble
- Finding it difficult to stay in school or getting into trouble at school

8.3.8 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project Splash will be obliged to reduce the number of places available.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4 044	Sukosta	'Our Time' theatre residencies with the elderly (65+) community of Chippenham	£4,750

8.4.5 Sukosta – award £4,750 towards “Our Time” theatre residencies with the elderly (65+) community of Chippenham, conditional upon the balance of funding and appropriate licences being in place.

8.4.6 This application meets the Community Area Grant criteria for 2010/11.

8.4.7 This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan “Aim to increase support for community facilities and events, and to encourage a range of cultural opportunities for residents and visitors to the area”.

8.4.8 This project demonstrates links to Wiltshire Council’s priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire, to enable people to improve their long term health and well being “Promoting health and wellbeing “ and “Ensuring quality of life is sustained ”.

8.4.9 Sukosta is an explorative arts organisation based in Bradford on Avon which seeks to create new performance work challenging perceived boundaries of art and life. Sukosta’s outreach activities seek to introduce new audiences to performance art.

8.4.10 The “Our Time” residencies would be delivered on site to older people in residential care and seek to involve elderly people in a creative process around their rich experience of life and memory, using atmosphere, elements, states and sounds.

8.4.11 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project “Our Time” will not take place in Chippenham Community Area.

**Appendices:**

Appendix 1 Grant application – BJ Big Band  
Appendix 2 Grant application – Kington Langley Playing Fields  
Association  
Appendix 3 Grant application – Splash  
Appendix 4 Grant Application – Sukosta

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

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