

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Chippenham Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>8 September 2014</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area Board Funding</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask councillors to consider the following applications for funding:

### Capital

1. Sheldon Road Methodist Church Chippenham award £800 towards a portable community defibrillator, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and that the applicant agrees to register defibrillator with an ambulance station if required and also ensures it is regularly maintained.

### Area Board Project

2. Street Pastors award £1,600 towards a portable community defibrillator, conditional upon the applicant agreeing to register the defibrillator with an ambulance station if required and also ensures it is regularly maintained.

## 1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance.
- 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 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.
- 1.4. The area board may wish to link funding to local priorities, including those identified in their Community Plan, Community Area Joint Strategic Assessment and any other community based consultative work.
- 1.5. For the 2014/15 financial year Chippenham Area Board has been allocated a budget of **£92,383** for Community Area Grants, Digital Literacy Grants, Community Partnership Core Funding, Chippenham Area Board operational funding and Chippenham Area Board/Councillor Led Initiatives. **£1,500** was allocated to Digital Literacy funding, **£77,025** was allocated to capital funding and **£13,857** was allocated to revenue funding.
- 1.6. Following awards made by Chippenham Area Board Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014, the Chippenham Area Board balance of funding was of **£69,870** capital and **£2,374** revenue.
- 1.7. Unspent funding from previous awards has been returned as follows:
  - 1.7.1 The No Cold Calling Zone project returned £10 capital funding.
  - 1.7.2 The One Stop Shop for Your Heart Defibrillator Workshop returned £594 revenue funding.
- 1.8. At the Chippenham Area Board meeting on 3 March 2014, the following decision was made:

### *Decision*

*The Area Board awarded the sum of £13,000 towards the purchase of the CCTV vehicle conditional upon contributions being requested from Corsham Area Board, Calne Area Board and Wiltshire Police. Should no further contributions from the aforementioned be made to the satisfaction of the Chairman the sum awarded by the Board would be increased to £20,000.*

Under this delegated authority, the Area Board Chairman and Community Area Manager allocated an additional £2,246 to address a funding shortfall. The total

amount of capital funding awarded by Chippenham Area Board to the Mobile CCTV Vehicle project was therefore £15,246.

- 1.9. In accordance with the decision made at Chippenham Area Board on 3 March 2014, unspent funding of £4,754 from the Mobile CCTV project has been vired across to the Chippenham Community Area Transport Group (CATG) for the Dropped Kerbs project.
- 1.10. Under the delegated powers for expenditure between Area Board Meetings, the Community Area Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Area Board spent £24 revenue funding to hire Goss Croft Village Hall to hold the Parish Forum meeting.
- 1.11. Taking into account all of the above adjustments, Chippenham Area Board has a current balance of £69,881 capital funding and £2,944 revenue funding.
- 1.12. In addition to Community Area Grants and digital literacy 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.
- 1.13. Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which do not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,001 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.14. A ring-fenced budget of £1,500 has been provided specifically for Digital Literacy Grants, although the area board may spend more. Up to £500 per project is available for capital projects.
- 1.15. There is a single on-line application process for Community Area Grants and Digital Literacy grants, introduced to provide an easy step by step application process. The application process and funding criteria can be found under <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areboards/areboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>
- 1.16. Area boards will not consider Community Area Grant 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.
- 1.17. The decision to support applications is made by Chippenham Area Board councillors.
- 1.18. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.

- 1.19. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete an evaluation form as soon as the project has been completed and provide receipts if requested. Groups are encouraged to up-load information and photographs about their project on to the Chippenham 'Our Community Matters' website Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.

<p><b>Background documents used in the preparation of this report</b></p>	<p><u>Area Board Grant Criteria and Guidance 2014/15 as approved by delegated decision</u></p> <p>Minutes of Chippenham Area Board meeting 3-March-14</p>
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## **2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation outlined in Section 1 of this report.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2014/2015 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.3. This is the third funding round of the 2014/15 financial year.

Future funding rounds and deadline for applications will take place as follows:

- 29 September 2014 for consideration on 10 November 2014
- 8 December 2014 for consideration on 19 January 2015
- 19 January 2015 for consideration on 2 March 2015

## **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 to all of the applications considered by Chippenham Area Board on 8 September 2014, the board will have a capital balance of **£67,480** and a revenue balance of **£2,944**

## **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 will be outlined in section 8, "Applications for Consideration" of the funding report.

## 8. Applications for Consideration

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Sheldon Road Methodist Church Beacon Centre	Portable Community Defibrillator	£800

8.1.1. Chippenham Area Board is asked to consider granting Sheldon Road Methodist Church Beacon Centre, a community area grant of £800 towards a Portable Community Defibrillator, conditional on the balance of funding being in place.

8.1.2. This application meets grant criteria 2014/15 and has been classified as a **capital** project.

8.1.3. Officers recommend that two further conditions be placed on the applicant to ensure that the device is registered with an ambulance station if required and that it is regularly maintained.

8.1.4. A defibrillator is a machine designed to deliver an electric shock to a person whose heart has stopped. Termed a cardiac arrest, this is different from, but may be caused by, a heart attack, where blood flow to the heart is impaired.

8.1.5. Advice from the Director of Public Health states that defibrillators are best used when installed in public places where crowds congregate. The Beacon Centre meets this criterion with respect to people using its facilities.

8.1.6. The defibrillator will be available to borrow for voluntary events around Chippenham e.g. River festival, folk festival, Christmas light switch on as well as smaller community events in schools etc.

8.1.7. This project is part of Chippenham's Purple Flag initiative.

8.1.8. Chippenham Area Board may also wish to note that the project has received funding from Chippenham Borough Lands Charity plus their own contribution towards this project and their grant request represents 50% of the total project cost.

8.1.9. Chippenham Area Board may also wish to note that several other area boards have also made contributions towards similar projects around the county.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Cllr Peter Hutton	Portable Community Defibrillator	£1600

8.2.1. Chippenham Area Board is asked to consider granting the Street Pastors a community area grant of £1,600 towards a portable community defibrillator.

8.2.2. Officers recommend that two conditions be placed on the applicant to ensure that the device is registered with an ambulance station if required and that it is regularly maintained.

8.2.3. This application meets grant criteria 2014/15 and has been classified as a **capital** project.

8.2.4. Chippenham Street Pastors wish to hold a portable defibrillator as one of the resources available to them when carrying out their patrols. This initiative is linked to the Community Heartbeat Project and Chippenham's bid for Purple Flag Status. When not in use by the pastors, the defibrillator would also be available for community use by other groups.

8.2.5. The Street Pastors will take responsibility for storing and maintaining the defibrillator.

8.2.6. A recent event "One Stop Shop for your Heart" was attended by representatives across the Chippenham Community Area. It was agreed that community defibrillators were an important resource for the area.

8.2.7. The defibrillator will benefit the community because when someone goes into cardiac arrest, every minute without CPR and defibrillations reduces their chances of survival by 10%.

8.2.8. Chippenham Area Board may also wish to note that several other area boards have also made contributions towards similar projects around the county.

<b>Appendices</b>	<p>Appendix 1 –Sheldon Road Methodist Church Beacon Centre Portable Community Defibrillator</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Area Board Project – Street Pastors Portable Community Defibrillator</p>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report other than those requested in the funding criteria e.g. estimates.

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