

Report to	Chippenham Area Board	Item No. 07b
Date of Meeting	13th September 2010	
Title of Report	Community Area Grants	

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 6 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding. Officer recommendations:

1. Chippenham Hospital Radio – request £746 to convert a storage room into an office for programme preparation training and development of volunteers
2. North Wraxall Hall Management Committee - request £5,000 to build an extension to the village hall to provide improved facilities and increased capacity, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place
3. Hullavington Parish Council - request £150 towards cost of planting two trees on the village green
4. Doorway – request £4,700 towards 48 weekly arts and crafts sessions and 39 weekly gardening sessions for homeless and marginalised adults guest of Doorway aged 16 – 25, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place
5. Kington Langley Tennis Club – request £3,700 towards resurfacing of the tennis court, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place
6. Chippenham Ladies Hockey Club – request £380 towards the purchase of protective equipment and coaching equipment

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 (27th 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. Three applications to this round have been withdrawn in order to gather additional information and will consider reapplying for the next funding round. The applicants have also been 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 Area Board projects. 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 5th July 2010 the Chippenham Area Board has a balance of £45,512.
- 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) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report

- Community Area Grant Application Pack 2010/11
- Chippenham Community Area Plan
- Local Agreement for Wiltshire

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 10th May 2010, the second on 5th July, the third is contained in this report and the remaining will take place on:
 - 22nd November 2010
 - 17th January 2011
 - 7th 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 30,836.

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	Chippenham Hospital Radio	To convert a storage room into an office for programme preparation training and development of volunteers.	£746

8.1.1. Chippenham Hospital Radio – Award £746 to convert a storage room into an office for programme preparation training and development of volunteers.

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 "Services at Chippenham Hospital to be maintained and developed."

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 "Build a strong and vibrant voluntary sector "and "Promoting Health and Wellbeing."

8.1.5. Officers are of the opinion that this project will be of benefit not only to patients and other listeners, but also to the volunteers who give their time to the Hospital Radio.

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8.2.	North Wraxall Hall Management Committee	Extension of the village hall to provide improved facilities and increased capacity	£5,000

8.2.1. North Wraxall Hall Management Committee - Award £5,000 to build an extension to the village hall to provide improved facilities and increased capacity, 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 Update 2009 "Public response to surveys confirms the importance of a community hall to the strength and vibrancy of villages in particular."

8.2.4. This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement "We want to create local communities where people can easily meet

and share a wide range of activities.”

8.2.5. Officers are of the opinion that this project will be of benefit to both current hall users and potential future users as it will increase capacity and improve facilities.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	Hullavington Parish Council	Planting of two trees on village green	£150

8.3.1. Hullavington Parish Council - Award £150 towards cost of planting two trees on the village green

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 Update 2009 “Enhance the public realm” “plant more trees and shrubs.”

8.3.4. This project demonstrates a link to Wiltshire Council’s priorities in the Local Area Agreement “Protecting the environment” “work with local communities to improve their natural environment”

8.3.5. Officers are of the opinion that this project will enhance the village green environment.

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8.4	Doorway	48 weekly arts and crafts sessions and 39 weekly gardening sessions for homeless and marginalised adults guest of Doorway aged 16 – 25	£4,700

8.4.1. Doorway - Award £4,700 towards 48 weekly arts and crafts sessions and 39 weekly gardening sessions for homeless and marginalised adults guest of Doorway aged 16 – 25, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

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

8.4.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan “Anti-social behaviour arising from drug and alcohol problems” and “support for people to improve their own health, through increased exercise and healthier diets”.

- 8.4.4 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" "Reduce alcohol related crime and harm" "Support to have independent and fulfilling lives as part of their local community".
- 8.4.5 This project demonstrates a link to Chippenham Vision "To ensure we are focused on meeting the needs of the whole community".
- 8.4.6 Officers are of the opinion that in addition to being a positive activity the gardening project will provide the guests with the opportunity to acquire new skills. For some this may be the first time that they have experienced how simple and rewarding it can be to grow their own food. It will also promote healthy eating and enable Doorway to serve fresh vegetables in season.
- 8.4.7 Officers understand that Doorway will be collaborating with Wiltshire Wood Recycling regarding the erection and installation of the shed. Again this will provide another positive activity, a valuable opportunity for guests to learn new skills and take pride in their achievements.
- 8.4.8 Officers are of the opinion that this project will be of significant benefit to the homeless and marginalised young adults supported by Doorway.

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8.5	Kington Langley Tennis Club	Resurfacing of the tennis court	£3,700

- 8.5.1 Kington Langley - Award £3,700 towards resurfacing of the tennis court, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place
- 8.5.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant criteria for 2010/11
- 8.5.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Chippenham & Villages Community Plan "Insufficient outdoor sports facilities and playing fields" "Play areas need to be recognised and maintained".
- 8.5.4 This project demonstrates links to Wiltshire Council's priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire Building Resilient Communities "Encourage communities to take part in sporting and cultural activities and events that bring different age groups together" and "Increase children and young people's access to facilities and activities".
- 8.5.5 The Wiltshire Council Sports Development Manager has confirmed that the applicant is actively seeking to offer sporting activities to the wider community, and supports both Wiltshire Council's and Sport Englands objective of increasing participation of adults, young people and children.

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8.6	Chippenham Ladies Hockey Club	Purchase of protective equipment and coaching equipment	£380

8.6.1 Chippenham Ladies Hockey Club - Award £380 towards purchase of protective equipment and coaching equipment

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

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8.5.6 Officers are of the opinion that the applicant is actively seeking to offer sporting activities to the wider community, and supports both Wiltshire Council's and Sport Englands objective of increasing participation of adults, young people and children.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 grant application – Chippenham Hospital Radio Appendix 2 grant application – North Wraxall Village Hall Committee Appendix 3 grant application – Hullavington Parish Council Appendix 4 grant application – Doorway Appendix 5 grant application – Kington Langley Tennis Club Appendix 6 grant application – Chippenham Ladies Hockey Club
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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