

Grant Applications for Chippenham on 27/04/2015

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Current Status: Application Appraisal

To be considered at this meeting:

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1. Which type of grant are you applying for?

Community Area Grant

2. Amount of funding required?

£501 - £5000

3. Are you applying on behalf of a Parish Council?

No

4. If yes, please state why this project cannot be funded from the Parish Precept

5. Project title?

Chippenham Cricket Club Outdoor Practice Facility

6. Project summary:

Chippenham Cricket Club wishes to update and refurbish its current practice facilities which have become unsafe and dangerous. This will involve the resurface and refurbishment of the existing three lane non-turf cricket practice area. The initial facility was built installed in 2004 but the normal lifespan of an outdoor net facility is 10 years and so over the last decade the net facility has deteriorated rapidly and has become unfit for purpose

7. Which Area Board are you applying to?

Chippenham

Electoral Division

8. What is the Post Code of where the project is taking place?

SN15 1NH

9. Please tell us which theme(s) your project supports:

Children & Young People

2012 Olympic Legacy

Health, lifestyle and wellbeing

Sport, play and recreation

If Other (please specify)

10. Finance:

10a. Your Organisation's Finance:

Your latest accounts:

12/2014

Total Income:

£16251.46

Total Expenditure:

£17415.28

Surplus/Deficit for the year:

£1163.82

Free reserves currently held:

(money not committed to other projects/operating costs)

£3053.94

Why can't you fund this project from your reserves:

The figures above indicate that the club incurs about Â£17k worth of expenditure each year. These costs include things such as league entries (at both junior and senior level), payment to umpires as required by the leagues, purchase of balls for matches, insurance and ground and machinery maintenance. There are many other costs associated with running a cricket club and for a club the size of Chippenham CC these costs only escalate with the more teams that we run, i.e. the more teams, the more fees are due to leagues etc. Much of the running costs of the club are met by the membership fees paid by players but in addition to these fees the club relies heavily on sponsorship and fundraising efforts to help sustain the club. For example, the club runs a very successful Beer festival, a pub cricket league and other social events throughout the year. In the year 2014, despite these fundraising efforts, the club ran to a deficit. The club currently feels that it requires the reserves it holds in order to be able to finance and continue the general running of the club in the event that existing sponsorship and fundraising activities fall through or were to be unsuccessful in 2015. For this reason, it is felt that outside funding needs to be sourced to provide invaluable improvements to the club's existing facilities; facilities that are important in terms of being able to attract new

members and retain existing ones across all ages.

We are a small community group and do not have annual accounts or it is our first year:

10b. Project Finance:

Total Project cost		£8211.60		
Total required from Area Board		£4000.00		
Expenditure (Itemised expenditure)	£		Income (Itemised income)	Tick if income confirmed
Resurface and refurbishment of 3 lane net facility (one quote includes all material and labour costs)	8211.60		Other grant applications (£3,000) + club contribution	£
				4211.60
Total	£8211.6			£4211.6

11. Have you or do you intend to apply for a grant from another area board within this financial year?

No

12. If so, which Area Boards?

Chippenham

13. Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project benefit your local community?

The club currently caters for players of all ages and abilities, including juniors from under 9s through to senior players and women and girls players of all ages. Through use of the existing nets in recent years, the club and its players have identified several health and safety issues including: - Dangerous bounce of the Cricket ball, otherwise known as "Tennis Ball"™ bounce - Risk of slips, trips and falls because of the uneven surface - Balls being hit and escaping the nets, thus placing danger to spectators and players participating in other areas of the Cricket ground Having quality practice facilities is an essential for a club wishing to offer a quality coaching programme for its players. Also, without net facilities, it means that coaching sessions have to take place on the Cricket outfield which takes up space and means less players can be catered for on one given evening. With all of this in mind, the availability of high quality and safe practice facilities at the club will prevent the club and its players from potentially having to travel to facilities away from the club. The improvement of the facilities will also make them safe to use once again and will enable more space to be created on coaching evenings for both juniors and seniors. This will free up the club to cater for more players. In terms of who these players are, the club currently caters for: - 30 under 9s - 26 under 11s - 27 under 13s - 16 under 15s In addition the club has a senior membership of

about 60 players, running four Saturday and a mid week team. Of the existing junior section there are boys and girls but during the winter the club has for the first time run a girls only winter coaching programme. The club's aim would be to continue this programme as it is recognised that allowing girls to train and play with their peers is key to engaging and sustaining them in the game. However, to be able to facilitate an extra group of players for coaching in the summer this again places an increased burden on practice facilities. Another important point to mention is that during 2014, the England and Wales Cricket Board conducted a National Players survey to try and identify reasons why players may be leaving the game and to also attempt to understand the needs and wants of current and lapsed players. This survey flagged up a 7% decline in participation across the country but also highlighted improved coaching opportunities as a thing would entice players back in to the game or encourage them to continue playing. Therefore, in terms of community benefits, the Cricket club not only believes that improved practice facilities may help to improve the experience for (and therefore retain) current members but it also believes that it will free up capacity and make the club a more attractive proposition for people looking to engage in Sport with Cricket as their Sport of choice. In terms of the range of participants that would benefit from the facility, it would include boys and girls and adults of all ages and abilities. As mentioned previously, one thing that the club is keen to do is not just focus on elite cricket but also engage more players in social cricket opportunities (through our pub league). The club has the capacity to expand its social cricket offer and through improved practice facilities would be able to offer training opportunities for these players that are new to the game and simply want to play an informal game of cricket.

14. How will you monitor this?

In terms of monitoring success of this project, the club will use the following indicators: - Membership numbers at start of project and at regular points after completion of project - Numbers of coaching sessions delivered at start of project and at regular point thereafter - A player satisfaction survey will be conducted after a season of using the practice facilities

15. If your project will continue after the Wiltshire Council funding runs out, how will you continue to fund it?

In terms of this project, there is really just a one off cost of upgrading the practice facilities. However, in terms of the long term sustainability of the facility there are several things that the club recognises that it needs to consider. The club has a dedicated grounds committee who are a sub group of the main club committee. They have a team of qualified groundstaff who manage the club facilities and ensure that pitches etc are prepared for matches. They will undertake the ongoing maintenance of the outdoor net facility including regular rolling of the surfaces and clearing/cleaning of any debris that may land on the surface. In terms of ensuring the facility is used effectively, the club's junior committee take responsibility for the planning and delivery of all coaching sessions and so they will ensure that sessions are planned effectively to ensure maximum use of the facility. In terms of these coaching sessions and ensuring effective use of the practice facility, it is worth noting that all coaching sessions delivered using the net facility will be delivered by qualified ECB cricket coaches of minimum Level 2 standard. This will ensure that the coaches facilitating the sessions will be trained in net management and will know the means by which they can most effectively use nets to coach cricketers. Through the club's Clubmark accreditation, the club keeps a record of all coaches and their qualifications. This information is fed in to the junior committee to ensure that all coaches are appropriately trained to use and facilitate sessions in the nets. With regards to increased membership as a result of the net facility, the club already has plans to introduce an outdoor girls section, more social cricket opportunities and would

also like to develop a disability cricket section in the future. Finally, in terms of achieving the required standard of facility, the Cricket club has only approached ECB approved contractors to quote for the work. The club's approved supplier, Notts Sport, are an ECB approved non turf pitch supplier, meaning that they have evidenced compliance with all ECB technical specifications for the installation of non turf pitches and net systems.

16. Is there anything else you think we should know about the project?

17. DECLARATION

Supporting information - Please confirm that the following documents will be available to inspect upon request:

Quotes:

yes I will make available on request 1 quote for individual project costs over £500 & 2 quotes for project costs over £1000 (Individual project costs are listed in the expenditure section above)

Accounts:

yes I will make available on request the organisation's **latest accounts**

Constitution:

yes I will make available on request the organisation's Constitution/Terms of Reference etc.

Policies and procedures:

yes I will make available on request the necessary and relevant policies and procedures such as Child Protection, Safeguarding Adults, Public Liability Insurance, Access audit, Health & Safety and Environmental assessments.

Other supporting information (Tick where appropriate, for some project these will not be applicable):

yes I will make available on request evidence of ownership of buildings/land

yes I will make available on request the relevant planning permission for the project.

yes I will make available on request any other form of licence or approval for this project has been received prior to submission of this grant application.

And finally...

yes The information on this form is correct, that any award received will be spent on the activities specified.