Performance Reward Grant Scheme APPLICATION FORM

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| Area Board | TROWBRIDGE Area Board | |
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| Name of initiative | Seymour TARA Community Centre | |
| Brief Description of Initiative | Seymour estate to the North of Trowbridge has no permanent community building and has secured an option to take over an old shop premises from Selwood Housing, for conversion on the ground floor into meeting rooms/resource centre for the community. At the same time this will allow the Housing Society to provide a flat in the upper floor and bring back into use the whole building. | |
| Please put a cross against the ambition(s) that this initiative will support | Building resilient communities | X |
| | Improving affordable housing | Х |
| | Lives not services | Х |
| | Supporting economic growth | |
| | Safer communities | Х |
| | Protecting the environment | |
| | Action for Wiltshire – combating the recession | |
| Amount of funding sought | £10,000. | |
| What will this money be spent on? (please show split between capital and revenue) [Capital Expenditure guidance – please click <u>here</u> to view the guidance] | <u>Capital £10,000</u> refurbishment including works to internal structure to convert Shop unit into community building providing resource space and meeting rooms. | |

| Please describe how your initiative will support the ambition(s) indicated above, and summarise the action that will be taken | This will provide a real centre for the community at the heart of the community allowing the volunteers to build upon the work already achieved in this part of the town. One additional affordable unit for rent will be facilitated. The centre will provide a meeting place for people to get together for learning opportunities, including health and well being advice. The centre will be used by the Neighbourhood policing team as a community contact point. | |
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| What makes this initiative a local priority (eg evidence from research and local support) | This community has been working towards securing a permanent community building for some years. A temporary cabin has been provided by the Town Council, which is not permanent and will be used for other purposes when the community centre opens. | |
| How will you know you have been successful? | When the centre opens and events and activities are organised. | |
| How will you measure the impact? (may have more than one measure) | Number of visitors and feedback from them. | |
| What is your improvement target (s), and when do you expect to achieve this/these? | 500 visits in the first six months and five additional volunteers working with the TARA | |
| How will you ensure that the improvement continues after the end of the initiative? | By continuing to arrange events and activities and distributing information, but with a place people will know where to come. | |
| Who will benefit from this initiative? | All of the residents of Seymour and the surrounding area. | |
| Confirm no unfunded commitments from this initiative | This award will allow us to undertake the conversion work and our regular fundraising activities will allow us to fund ongoing revenue costs. | |
| What are the key risks to success and how will these be managed? | Lack of funding and over costs. We are securing sufficient funds So far we have received the following grants: Community Foundation (£4170), St James' Trust (£1000), Town Trust (£500).and are closely managing the works. | |
| Who will manage the initiative | Rob Quartley, Quantity Surveyor will manage the conversion project for us. The Community Centre will be managed by volunteers from the Residents Association. | |

Signed:

Dated:

Chairman of Area Board