

Item 16

Report to	Salisbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	15 September, 2011
Title of Report	Councillor Initiative Bids: Covering Report

Purpose of Report

To request that Councillors consider three Cllr Initiative Bids seeking 2011/12 grant funding.

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 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In addition to the Community Area Grant Scheme, Area Boards are able to use a proportion of their funding for projects which fall outside the criteria of the Community Area Grant Scheme. These projects would be initiated by Councillor Members for consideration and approval by the Area Board.
- 1.3. Any project initiated by a Councillor outside of the Community Grants system must have the approval of the Area Board and should clearly set out one or more of the following:
 - Evidence of community need
 - Clear links to the community plan
 - Evidence that it addresses an on-going issue that has been logged via the Community Issues System
- 1.4. The Area Board may wish to agree to limit the amount of money used for Area Board projects in order to retain a viable grants pot. This might be a set sum or a percentage of the whole budget.
- 1.5. In considering requests the Area Board will need to bear in mind the impact this will have on the amount of funding available to support applications from local community groups and organizations
- 1.6. 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11 (specifically in relation to Area Board Project Guidance Notes)
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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.

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 Salisbury Area Board.
- 4.2. Salisbury Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £78,075 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2010/2011 budget is £31,429. This leaves a total budget of £109,504 for 2011/2012.
- 4.3. If the two Community Area Grant applications and Salisbury Community Area Partnership final tranche bid are approved at the 15 September, 2011 meeting, the Area Board will have £68,833 left in its budget. If the three councillor led projects are also approved this would leave £52,083 in the budget for the remaining 3 Area Board meetings which is considered feasible bearing in mind that a mean spend on community projects per board so far is approximately £11,000.

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 scheme

8. Councillor Initiative Bids

Ref	Councillor	Bid proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Cllr John Brady	One-off development support for The Unit youth project to avoid closure of the project at end December 2011.	£10,000

8.1.1. This application does not meet the Community Area Grant criteria as its requirement to continue involves contracting a freelance Project Development Coordinator to enable the project to survive another six months from January 2012. This is deemed as running costs which we do not normally fund. However, the project has proven merit and is seen in the community as providing a valuable service to young people. In this respect, as can be seen from supporting papers, it meets the criteria necessary for a Councillor led project in the three areas:

- Evidence of community need
- Clear links to the community plan
- Evidence that it addresses an on-going issue that has been logged via the Community Issues System

8.1.2. The officer recommends that the bid is considered as an 'exception to normal community area grant criteria i.e., running costs, as it demonstrates a wide community benefit.

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8.2	Cllr Richard Clewer	Marketing campaign to promote Salisbury's Park & Ride service to people living outside of Wiltshire	£5,000

The Officer recommends that this bid is considered as it meets Councillor led project criteria in terms of:

- Evidence of community need
- Evidence that it addresses an on-going issue that has been logged via the Community Issues System

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8.3	Cllr Chris Cochrane	This project is to re-enforce the foot path through a gate in the fence and across the graveyard to Lower Rd near the Bemerton St John Primary School	£1,750

The Officer recommends that this bid is considered as it meets Councillor led project criteria in terms of:

- Evidence of community need
- Evidence that it addresses an on-going issue that has been repeatedly raised

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Cllr John Brady Initiative Bid – The Unit (Bid with 4 appendices) Appendix 2 Cllr Richard Clewer Initiative Bid – Marketing Campaign Appendix 3: Cllr Chris Cochrane Initiative Bid – Footpath (Bid with 1 Appendice)
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