

Report to	Salisbury
Date of Meeting	17 May, 2012
Title of Report	Area Board Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 5 grant applications and 1 Councillor led initiative seeking 20012/13 Community Area Grant Funding.

In addition, in support of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, there are 15 small grant applications for street parties and an item of Delegated Authority expenditure to consider.

- Salisbury City Band seeks £999 for its Music in the Open project
- Circular Arts seeks £988 for its Sunshine Project
- Spurgeons seeks £789 for its Freedom Programme
- Salisbury & South West Museum seeks £5,000 toward its Save Salisbury Scout Car project.
- St Edmunds Community Association seeks £4,219 for its Milford Bridge Project Education Packs
 - Cllr Led Initiative. Cllr Chris Cochrane seeks £3,975 for an improvement of footpath
 - 15 Street Party applications @ £200 – total £3,000
 - Delegated Authority of £1,000.

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 Adult Care, Communities and Housing (4 April 2012). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2012/2013.
- 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 emphasis in the Coalition Government's 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. Likewise, Small Grants (new this year) should be awarded to similar groups, as well as un-constituted groups of people wanting to improve things near to where they live.
- 1.4. Salisbury Area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 budget of £78,075 for community grants, small grants, community partnership core funding and area board/councillor led initiatives.
- 1.5. Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,000 - £5000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.6. Small Grants, new for this year will fund up to £350, where the total cost of the project does not exceed £350. This grant is aimed at enabling groups (including those not formally constituted) to implement projects, involving local people to make their community a better place to live.
- 1.7. Area boards will not consider Community Area Grant (CAG) 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.
- 1.8. In addition to CAGs and Small 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. The application process and form has been updated to bring it in line with the other grants.
- 1.9. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in

the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.

- 1.10. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.11. Applicants are encouraged to contact and seek funding help from Charities Information Bureau (CIB) who work on behalf of Wiltshire Council. CIB 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.
- 1.12. Paper copies of funding applications no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce paper. They are however available on the Wiltshire Council web site with the area board agenda papers and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.13. The 2012/2013 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) and paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.
- 1.14. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete and return an evaluation form as soon as the project or activity has been completed and this should be accompanied by receipts and invoices, as well as photographs if possible. Failure to return the evaluation requested will preclude them from being considered for any future funding from the area board. This applies to all grants made by the area board.
- 1.15. At the Salisbury Area Board meeting of 17 March, 2011, it was agreed that the Salisbury Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Salisbury Area Board, be granted delegated authority to approve expenditure not exceeding £1,000 from the budget delegated to the Area Board:
- 1.16. A budget ring-fenced for the needs of young people will again be made available in 2012/2013. How this will be allocated will be the decision of the area board.
- 1.17. Salisbury Area Board has a separate Community Area Transport Group (CATG) budget for 2012/13.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Board Grant Guidance 2012/13 as presented for delegated decision • Draft Salisbury Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2011/12 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 2012/2013. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
 - 05 July, 2012
 - 06 September, 2012
 - 08 November, 2012
 - 10 January, 2013
 - 14 March, 2013

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 Salisbury Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Salisbury Area Board will have a balance of £43,105.

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 are outlined within section 8 – "Officer Recommendations".

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Salisbury City Band of the Royal British Legion	Music in the Open To fund equipment for its military style concert band outdoor use.	£999

- 1) The Officer recommends an Award of £999 to the Salisbury City Band
- 2) The application meets grant criteria 2012/13
- 3) The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan
- 4) The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities
- 5) Summary details about applicant: The band is associated with the Salisbury branch of the Royal British Legion, charity number 219279. It has 25 adult members and is a mixed band comprising Concert Band (Brass, Woodwind, Percussion) and marching band. The band is run by volunteers, no players are paid and no funding is received from RBL, however, under the rules of the RBL, bands travel expenses may be paid.
- 6) Summary details about the project: The Band have been invited to play in Salisbury's Music in the Parks programme and are seeking to play in the Olympiad Bandstand Marathon. It seeks to be involved in the Diamond Jubilee parades.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Circular Arts	The Sunshine Project	£988

- 1) The Officer recommends an Award of £988
- 2) The application was submitted to the 15 March, 2012 Area Board meeting and although recommended for refusal on the grounds that it did not meet grant criteria 2012/13, specifically in relation to the requirement of a minimum of 2 quotes when the Area Board is asked to fund any item over £1,000. However, at the 15 March Area Board, this requirement was overruled and Circular Arts were awarded £1,012.
- 3) The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan
- 4) The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities
- 5) Summary details about applicant: Circular Arts is a registered charity number 1113460.
- 6) Summary details about the project: The Sunshine Project includes the provision of art workshops aimed at the elderly leading to an installation of Batik Flag creations in the Cloister gardens of Salisbury Cathedral, autumn 2012.
- 7) If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the balance of the project, it will need to seek the shortfall elsewhere.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Spurgeons	To provide funding for The Freedom Programme, a 12 week awareness raising course for women who have been affected by domestic violence.	£789

1. The Office recommends the second and final payment of £789 be awarded to the project, the first payment being awarded at the 15 March, 2012 Area Board meeting. If this is agreed, the total amount paid to this project will be £1,578.
2. The application meets grant criteria 2012/13
3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan
4. This application supports evidence of high levels of domestic violence indicated in the Joint Strategic Assessment for Salisbury Community Area, page 45 as follows: 'There were 1,221 domestic violence crimes committed in Wiltshire between April 2010 and March 2011. Of the total 1,221 crimes, 136 crimes occurred in the Salisbury Community Area. When converted to crimes per 1,000 population, Salisbury recorded 3.3 crimes for every 1,000 residents. This means Salisbury ranks 16th out of the 20 community areas for domestic violence'.
5. Summary details about applicant: Spurgeons is a Company No: 3990460 and Charity No 1081182. In Partnership with local authorities, local communities and other organisations, Spurgeons support vulnerable children and their families. It runs six children's centres in South Wiltshire and receives funding from Wiltshire Council to do this.
6. Summary details about the project: Although it works in close partnership with the Children's Centres in Salisbury, receiving support in kind, i.e., room hire, administrative support, the Freedom Programme is a separate project funded by voluntary donations.
7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, funds would have to be found elsewhere

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Salisbury & South West Museum	Save the Salisbury Scout	£5,000

1. The Officer recommends an Award of £5,000.
2. The application meets grant criteria 2012/13
3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan
4. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities
5. Summary details about the applicant: Salisbury & South Wiltshire Museum Trust are a Company Limited by Guarantee and a registered charity number 309526. The object for the Museum include '.....provide exhibits of historical, scientific and artistic significance and interest.'
6. Summary details of the project: The museum would like to buy a Scout motor car made in Salisbury in 1912. It is only one of two in existence; a true example of the city's industrial heritage. Thanks to the support of Lord Pembroke the car will be displayed at Wilton House, but eventually it will become the centre piece of a new museum gallery dedicated to Salisbury's recent past. The museum would like to purchase the vehicle in time to celebrate its centenary in 2012.
7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project, the project will have to seek to make up the shortfall from other sources.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5	St Edmunds Community Association	To create Education Packs reference the Milford Street Project for primary and secondary schools in the Salisbury City area.	£4,219

1. The Officer recommends an Award of £4,219 to this project
2. The application meets grant criteria 2012/13
3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan
4. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities
5. Summary details about applicant: St Edmunds Community Association area of benefit is the St Edmunds District Council Ward, Salisbury. The objects of the Association include promoting the social, economic and environmental well-being of the inhabitants of St Edmunds.
6. Summary details about the project: The Education packs will ensure a lasting legacy for the Milford Street Bridge Project, which was partly funded by a previous grant from the Area Board.
7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project funding would have to be found elsewhere and the project delayed.

9. Councillor Bids

Ward Councillors	Project proposal	Funding requested
Cllr Chris Cochrane	Improvement of Footpath through Graveyard for Bemerton St John Primary School	£3,975

This bid meets Councillor led project criteria in terms of:

- Evidence of community need
- Clear links to the community plan

10. Street Parties

Applicant/s	Project proposal	Funding requested
Various	For Salisbury residents to hold street parties	15 x £200 £3,000

Members' views were sought informally on the principal of giving grant funding for street

parties, and as the majority responded favourably, applications were invited from the public to submit bids for up to £200 for street parties being held in Salisbury.

The Area Board has received 15 street party applications, each for £200 requested for the following streets in Salisbury:

Bishops Drive ; Balmoral Road; Hamilton Road; Harnwood Road; Juniper Drive; Milford Manor Gardens; Sidney Street ; St Andrews Road; St Annes Street; St Marks Road; Westbourne Close; Western Way; Wilman Way; Wiltshire Road; Windsor Street

Permissions have been sought for road closures where appropriate.

The Board's approval is now sought to release £3,000 from its Community Area Grant pot to fund these street parties.

11. Delegated Authority

At the Salisbury Area Board meeting of 17 March, 2011, it was agreed that, in respect of urgent needs that may arise from time to time between meetings of the Area Board, the Salisbury Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Salisbury Area Board, and subject to the conditions below, be granted delegated authority to approve expenditure not exceeding £1,000 from the budget delegated to the Area Board:

- a) Any decision under this delegation shall only be taken following one week's prior notification via email to all Area Board Councillors, giving an opportunity for objections; and
- b) A report explaining any such decision and the reasons why it was considered to be urgent shall be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Area Board to ensure that such decisions are subject to public examination.

Board members were duly consulted about the amount (£1,000) and provided with a breakdown of this additional expenditure and following discussions, no objections were received, therefore the matter is now reported to the Board in line with the original delegations.

Members were informed of the reasons the expenditure occurred which were due to additional costs arising between the 15 March and 17 May, 2012 Board meetings necessary to support celebratory interactive activities in Salisbury's Jousting tent on the 1 May, 2012 Queen's Diamond Jubilee event in Cathedral Close, Salisbury.

Appendices: <i>(Available online and on request)</i>	Appendix 1 Grant application – Salisbury City Band Appendix 2 Grant application – Circular Arts Sunshine Project Appendix 3 Grant application – Spurgeons Appendix 4 Grant application – Salisbury & South Wiltshire Museum Appendix 5 Grant application – St Edmunds Community Association
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	<p>Appendix 6 Cllr Bid application - Footpath Appendix 7 15 x Street party applications</p> <p><i>Appendices available on line or on request.</i></p>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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