

Report to	Salisbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	12 September, 2013
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider officer recommendations in respect to:

Community Area Grant

- St Michael's Community Centre. Award recommended of £5,000 to improve the Centre's facilities
- Wyndham Park Infants School. Award recommended of £3,700 for an Inclusion Garden
- The Rifles Wardrobe and Museum Trust. Award recommended of £1,290 to provide a replacement CCTV system
- Salisbury Arts Centre. Award recommended of £701 to provide equipment to enhance marketing and audience engagement
- Trussell Trust. Award Recommended of £5,000 to support the refit and expand the Bemerton Heath Community Shop/Café
- Sarum St Martin Toddler Group. Award recommended of £429 to purchase soft play 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 Adult Care, Communities and Housing (5 April 2013). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2013/2014.
- 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 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.
- 1.4. The area board may want to link funding to local priorities, including those identified in their Community Plan, Local Area Joint Strategic Assessment and any other community based consultative work.
- 1.5. Salisbury Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of £109,336 for community area grants, digital literacy grants, community partnership core funding, area board operational funding and area board/councillor led initiatives. In 2013/14 only capital funding is available for community area and digital literacy grants.
- 1.6. In addition to CAGs and digital literacy 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.
- 1.7. In support of the Olympic and Paralympic legacy, in 2013/14 the Salisbury Area Board invites applications that encourage young people and people with disabilities to become more actively involved in sports, outdoor activities, recreation, arts and volunteering.
- 1.8. Applications of up to and including £500 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £501 £5,000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000. Grants of up to £500 are available for Digital Literacy projects.
- 1.9. New for 2013/14 is a single on-line application process for Community Area Grants (CAG) and Digital Literacy grants, introduced to provide an easy step by step application process. The application process and

funding criteria can be found here.

- 1.10. Area boards will not consider 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.
- 1.11. 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.
- 1.12. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.13. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete an evaluation form as soon as the project has been completed and provide receipts if requested. Groups are encouraged to up-load information and photographs about their project on to their area board blogsite Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.

Background documents
used in the preparation of
this report

Area Board Grant Criteria and Guidance 2013/14 as approved by delegated decision

http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/salisbury-community-area-plan.pdf

http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards aljsa2011.pdf

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Salisbury Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of £109,336 that may be allocated through Community Area Grants, Digital Literacy Grants, Area Board/Councillor Led Initiatives and core funding for the CAP.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation outlined in Section 1 of this

report.

- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2013/2014 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.4. There are now 3 funding rounds remaining during 2013/14. Deadlines for receipt of funding applications are as follows:
 - 3 October, 2013 for consideration on 14 November, 2013
 - 21 November, 2013 for consideration on 09 January, 2014
 - 30 January, 2014 for consideration on 13 March, 2014

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 accordance with officer recommendations Salisbury area board will have a balance of £78,559.50.

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 will be outlined in section 8, "Officer Recommendations" of the funding report

8. Officer Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	St Michael's Community Centre	To improve the Community Centre's facilities	£5,000

- Officers recommend that the St Michael's Community Centre is awarded £5,000.00 towards improvements such as double glazing, flooring and fire doors
- This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project

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8.2	Wyndham Park Infants School	To provide an Inclusion Garden	£3,700

- Officers recommend that the Wyndham Park Infants School is awarded £3,700.00 towards the provision of an Inclusion Garden
- This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project

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8.3	The Rifles Wardrobe and Museum Trust	To provide a replacement CCTV system	£1,290.00

- Officers recommend that the Rifles Wardrobe and Museum Trust is awarded £1,290 to provide a replacement CCTV system
- This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project

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8.4	Two Destination Language, Salisbury Arts Centre	To purchase equipment to enhance marketing and improve audience engagement for the Flint festival of contemporary performance	£701.00

- Officers recommend that the Salisbury Arts Centre is awarded £701.00 towards the purchase of equipment including tablet computers and memory cards.
- This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project

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8.5	Trussell Trust	To support the refit and expand the Bemerton Heath Community Shop/Cafe	£5,000

- Officers recommend that the Trussell Trust is awarded £5,000 to support the refit and expansion of the Bemerton Heath Community Shop/Café.
- This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project

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8.6	Sarum St Martin Toddler Group	To purchase soft play equipment	£429.00

- Officers recommend that the Sarum St Martin Toddler Group is awarded £429.00 towards 6 play mats and 14 brightly coloured soft play shapes.
- This application meets grant criteria 2013/14 and has been classified as a capital project

Appendices	Appendix 1: Grant Application St Michael's Community Centre
	Appendix 2: Grant Application Wyndham Park Infants School
	Appendix 3: Grant Application The Rifles Wardrobe and Museum Trust
	Appendix 4: Grant Application Two Destination Language, Salisbury Arts Centre
	Appendix 5: Grant Application Trussell Trust
	Appendix 6: Grant Application Sarum St Martin Toddler Group

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report other than those requested in the funding criteria e.g. estimates.

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