

Area Board Projects and Councillor Led Initiatives Application Form 2017/2018

To be completed by the Wiltshire Councillor leading on the project

Please ensure that you have read the Funding Criteria before completing this form

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS TO ENSURE THAT YOUR APPLICATION CAN BE CONSIDERED

1. Contact Details

Area Board Name	Melksham		
Your Name	Jon Hubbard		
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2. The project

Project Title/Name	Melksham Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) Project
Please tell us about the project /activity you want to organise/deliver and why?	<p>For the Melksham Area Board to fund 12 places on the Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) training. This would facilitate a new ELSA trained member of staff at each school within the community area. An ELSA is a specialist Teaching Assistant who has training and experience in supporting children and young people's emotional and social development.</p> <p><i>Important: This section is limited to 900 characters only (inclusive of spaces).</i></p> <p>ELSAs work with teachers to identify pupils who could benefit from support and to set individual objectives for them. ELSAs then work with the pupil, either individually or in a small group using activities targeted to the pupil's needs.</p> <p>Following the successful Melksham Healthy Schools partnership project, there has been enthusiasm from the Area Board and local Head Teachers to continue working together. The best way to do this is to look at how the Area Board can help the local schools tackle the Melksham Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) 2017 priorities for young people. These were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Poverty • Mental and Emotional Health • Childhood Obesity <p>Following consultation with school Head Teachers, it was felt that investment in ELSAs would make a significant impact on many children's mental and emotional health. The ELSA training is an additional qualification for teaching assistants, not something that they would typically be trained in. Due to the cost of the training, there are insufficient ELSAs across the Melksham schools and many children who would benefit from their support are unable to access them in a timely manner.</p>
Where is this project taking place?	Location of the training TBC
When will the project take place?	As soon as possible
What evidence is there that this project/activity needs to take place/be funded by the area board?	Information from the schools indicates that pupils are unable to access the skills that an ELSA offers. In some schools there is no ELSA and in others there is a long waiting list for appointments.

How will the local community benefit?	Children from any of the 12 schools will benefit from upskilled staff.		
Does this project link to a current Community Issue? (if so, please give reference number as well as a brief description)	No		
Does this project link to the Community Plan or local priorities? (if so, please provide details)	Yes – it helps target all three initiatives for young people.		
Is this project supported by the Local Youth Network or Community Area Transport Group? (if it relates to young people or highways and transport)	This has not been discussed by either group as the children who would be impacted by the project do not fit into either groups remit.		
What is the desired outcome/s of this project? Improved mental and emotional support for the young people across the Melksham community area.			
Who will be responsible for managing this project? Rhys Schell, Melksham Community Engagement Manager.			
3. Funding			
What will be the total cost of the project?	£8,604.00		
How much funding are you applying for? Please note that only capital funding is available	£4,500.00		
If you are expecting to receive any other funding for your project, please give details	Source of Funding	Amount Applied For	Amount Received
	Teacher time (cover) from schools	£4,104.00	
Please give the name of the organisation and bank account name (but not the number) your grant will be paid in to. (N.B. We cannot pay money into an individual's bank account)	N/A		
4. Declaration – I confirm that...			
The information on this form is correct and that any grant received will be spent on the activities specified.			
Any form of licence, insurance or other approval for this project will be in place before the start of the project outlined in this application			
Name: Jon Hubbard		Date: 11.01.2018	
Position in organisation: Area Board Chairman			
Please return your completed application to the appropriate Area Board Locality Team (see section 3)			