

Area Board Project

1. What is the Initiative?

WILTSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE(WFRS) - STREET SURVIVAL PACKS

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

Salisbury Community Area Board area - there are also other projects planned across other community areas, namely Chippenham and Trowbridge.

3. When will the initiative take place?

As soon as funding is granted and released WFRS can source the materials and items and make up the Street Survival Packs to be distributed by ALABARE CHRISTIAN CARE HOMES Drop In centre in Salisbury within 15 working days.(End of February)

4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?

Reduction in accidental fires caused by street homeless persons lighting candles or fires in void buildings;
Reduction in accidental fire deaths and or injuries caused to Street Homeless persons or other members of the community
Increased self confidence and capabilities of Street Homeless people, to enable them to survive the extremes of cold weather and street living, maintain personal dignity.

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

Reduce the instances of accidental fires and the associated risks of fire related deaths and injuries amongst Street Homeless

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

Group Manager Ian Rennie
Salisbury Fire Station

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)

20 x Street Survival packs @ £40 =£800. A break down of actual costs as paid by WFRS to suppliers in early 2010 is detailed in Appendix A. The cost per pack at that time was £40 however, prices will have fluctuated and increased and an updated quotation from suppliers will be requested and supplied to the CAM as soon as possible.

The packs comprise of the following items:

Rucksack; knife/fork/spoon set; plastic plate; sewing kit; bed roll; wind up lantern; poncho; sleeping bag; plastic mug; can opener; towel; emergency blanket; metal ashtray tin; toilet roll; wet wipes; toothbrush; socks; tooth paste; first aid kit; pack of razors; sanitary towels; vacuum flask

In kind funding:

WFRS staff will source and make up the packs ; approximately 10 hours @ £ 12.78 , total£127.80 and staff from ALABARE will store and distribute the packs

WFRS will supply 20 x smoke alarms @£6.10 = £122.00p

8. Additional information

Some two years ago the WFRS commenced a project to provide 'Street Survival Packs' to 'street homeless' people primarily in Trowbridge where we had experienced accidental and deliberate fires in void building where street homeless people were seeking shelter and trying to keep warm. There had also been a death of a homeless person who died of hypothermia.

The Street Survival packs were funded jointly by the then West Wiltshire District Council and our local commanders Community safety budget. The bags contained a sleeping bag, basic toiletries, knife/fork/spoon/plate/mug/can opener, wind up lantern, metal ashtray and a smoke alarm. The initial packs were distributed via ALABARE Christian Care Homes who ran services for street homeless in Trowbridge. Very quickly the packs were also being required in Chippenham (Distributed by DOORWAY) and in Salisbury (ALABARE). So far 90 packs have been issued across Salisbury, Trowbridge and Chippenham (30 in each area)and WFRS have no more and no budget to replace. Each pack cost approximately £40.

The packs have been requested by organisations who come into direct contact with Street Homeless such as the police and Probation Service.

ALABARE Christian Care Homes Drop In Centre Leader estimates that there is a need for an additional 20 x packs in the Salisbury community area. A request has been made to ALABARE to give approximate numbers of current rough sleepers in the area.

Any packs funded by the Salisbury CAB would only be distributed in the CAB area by ALABARE and WFRS

Additional data and endorses will be forwarded to the CAM.

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