

Report to	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	23 June 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider an application seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding:

Application	Officer Recommendation
1. Alderbury Guide Hall – Repairs to Guide Hut - £904	Approve
2. Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service – Salamander training course - £800	Approve
3. Nomansland Sports Association – Play area and BBQ area improvements - £5000	Approve

Key figures so far:

Available funds for 2011/12 – **£42,979** (including £2,000 refund)

Amount of funding sought for June 2011 - **£6,704**

Amount left if all awarded - **£36,275**

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 accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.3. We can signpost groups to the Charities Information Bureau (CIB) for support to seek funding from elsewhere. CIB work on behalf of Wiltshire Council to 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.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Southern Wiltshire Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £41,036 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2010/2011 budget is £-7 and in addition to this committed £50 to Coombe Bissett Parish Plan Steering Group for printing from the 2011/12 budget. Further to this the Board has been refunded £2000 as the Laverstock Youth Club project did not go ahead. This leaves a total budget of **£42,979** for the 2011/2012 financial year.
- 1.6. A decision was made that from 2010/2011 and thereafter paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.7. The 2011/2012 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 20011/12• Southern Wiltshire Community Plan 2010 - 2015
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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 at least 4 more rounds of funding during 2011/12, including this meeting. The deadline for submitting applications to the Community Area Manager is about 4 weeks prior to the meeting. For the actual date see:
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard

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 Southern Wiltshire Area Board. Grant applications totalling **£6,704** have been received for this meeting.

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 schemes.

8. Grants

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW02/11	Alderbury Guide Hall Management Committee	Repair interior, plumbing and glazing	£904

Officer recommendation: Approve

- 8.1.1. Application meets grant criteria 2011/12
- 8.1.2. Application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15
- 8.1.3. This project is to fund repairs to the guide hut so that it will be able to cater for a diverse range of age groups and clubs. This work will enhance the safety and appearance of the hall.
- 8.1.4. The Committee do not hold any reserves other than to cover insurance costs. Furthermore their income and expenditure is nominal therefore have limited ability to accrue funds for this project.
- 8.1.5. The Area Board recognises the need to support and enhance local facilities and the extension of the use of the Guide Hut for the Alderbury Youth Club demonstrates the benefits of this project.
- 8.1.6. If the Board does not fund this project then the Club would continue to fundraise until they have sufficient funds.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW03/11	Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service	Salamander training courses for young people who are offenders, at risk of offending, risk of exclusion, low in confidence or in need of team building skills.	£800

Officer recommendation: Approve

- 8.2.2 It is recommended that the Fire and Rescue Service be awarded £800 to jointly fund a Salamander course at Salisbury Fire Station whereby young people from Amesbury, Southern Wiltshire and South West Wiltshire will take part in the course.
- 8.2.3 This application meets the grant criteria for 2011/12, as the Salamander course is not part of the core service provided by the Wiltshire Fire and Rescue service but an extra community focused activity. Additionally, it will provide community wide benefit, as the young people will develop skills, which will decrease the chances of

them getting involved in anti-social behaviour.

- 8.2.4 The funding will enable young people who are known offenders, at risk of offending and exclusion take part in a meaningful activity. It will also demonstrate partnership working with the Fire and Rescue service and neighbouring Area Boards in tackling social issues. This is based on referrals from schools, youth offending teams and other avenues so the exact numbers of young people from Southern Wiltshire Community Area is not yet known but is likely to be in the region of about 5.
- 8.2.5 This project was approved by Amesbury Area Board on 2 June and will be considered at South West Wiltshire Area Board on 22 June where it is also recommended for approval. Salisbury Area Board has already part funded a Salamander course.
- 8.2.6 If the Board does not fund this project then there would be a shortfall in the overall funding of this Salamander course and funding will have to be sought from other funders.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SW02/11	Nomansland Sports Association	Play area and BBQ area improvements	£5,000

Officer recommendation: Approve

- 8.3.1. Application meets grant criteria 2011/12
- 8.3.2. Application demonstrates a direct link to the Community Plan 2010 – 15
- 8.3.3. This aim of this project is to improve the facilities available at the Nomansland Recreation Ground. This part of the project looks to deliver improved drainage for the pitches, improved facilities in the play park and an improved barbeque area.
- 8.3.4. Although this is a large amount of funding requested, the Association have raised £4,946 of their own funding, received a grant from the Parish Council of £1,000 and estimate that around £3,315 of voluntary labour will be used. Further to this the applicant has shown evidence of community need through local consultations.
- 8.3.5. If the Board does not fund this project then the applicant will continue to fundraise.

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