

## Item 15

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Salisbury Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>14 July, 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

### **Purpose of Report**

To request that Councillors consider six applications seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant funding.

## 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. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 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. With this in mind Community Area Grants should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.4. Area boards will not consider 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.
- 1.5. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, although the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.6. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.7. All applicants are encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who is working 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.
- 1.8. 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.
- 1.9. The 2011/2012 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20011/12</li> <li>• Salisbury City Community Area Plan 2004 – 2009</li> </ul>
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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 20011/12. The second round of funding is contained in this report.

## **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 Salisbury Area Board.
- 4.2. Salisbury Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £78,075 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2010/2011 budget is £31,429. This leaves a total budget of £109,504 for 2011/2012.
- 4.3. If the 6 Community Area Grants submitted to the 14 July, 2011 meeting are awarded in line with officer recommendations, the Salisbury Area Board will have a balance of £78,282.

## **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.

7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

**8. Grant Application: SAL 6/11**

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
St Thomas and St Edmund Salisbury	To improve H & S accessibility & facilities for the groups using the Canterbury Meeting Room	£5,000

1. The Officer recommends that a total amount of £5,000 requested is awarded for this project subject to the approval of £500 provisional funding from Salisbury City Council.
2. This application meets the grant criteria 2011/12.
3. This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan.
4. This application meets Wiltshire Council priorities.
5. Summary details about the applicant: St Thomas’s, Salisbury is a registered charity (Charity number 1133882). The trustees of this charity are the members of the St Thomas’s Parochial Church Council (PCC). The PCC is responsible for the financial affairs of the church and the care and maintenance of the church fabric and its contents.
6. Summary details about the project: The Canterbury meeting room is on the ground floor of St Thomas’s House which is a property owned by the PCC, title registered no WT235139. The room is used by a variety of community groups, hired by local business for meetings as well as families for various events. Volunteers support social activities and events taking place in the Canterbury room. Circa 1,500 people used the room. The project is asking the Board for roughly a third of the total costs of refurbishment of St Thomas’s which is a medieval church attracting many visitors to the City. Although the PCC have reserves of £344,708, this falls short of the amount needed to maintain the building; a quinquennial assessment identified a work programme over the next 5 years of £100k required per year to cover maintenance/refurbishment costs.
7. What will happen if the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project: the room will continue to be used but will be improved with funding assistance for this major safety upgrade.

**9. Grant Application: SAL 7/11**

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Nepalese Society, Salisbury	To establish a forum for the Nepalese community in Salisbury	£500

1. The Officer recommends that an Award of £500 is made to this project.
2. This application meets the grant criteria 2011/12.
3. This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan.
4. This application meets Wiltshire Council priorities
5. Summary details about the applicant: The idea to develop a community group was raised by individuals in the Nepalese community whose aim was to pull people together to meet each other, discuss issues or problems arising and find ways to overcome them. There are approximately 30 families living in Salisbury and its suburbs. The forum will meet 4 times a year.
6. Summary details about the project: The major issue for families is the lack of language skills making access to services and jobs very difficult. Efforts have been made to find language courses for the Nepalese community without success. However, it isn't just about language skills as the forum will provide a platform for the Nepalese community to have a voice whilst providing much needed support to each other.
7. What will happen if the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project: As they have no other source of funding, the group would not meet and progress would not be made.

**10. Grant Application: SAL 9/11**

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
D'velop Ltd	Friary Photography Summer Course 2011	£1000

1. The Officer recommends that an Award of £1000 is made to this project.
2. This application meets the grant criteria 2011/12.
3. This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan.
4. This application meets Wiltshire Council priorities
5. Summary details about the applicant: D'velop Ltd is a social enterprise not for profit organisation whose core values are to inspire and educate young people in the creative art of photography. It aims to provide photography courses at nil costs to

young people living in The Friary Estate in Salisbury.

6. Summary details about the project: The project will focus in the Friary in St Martins ward and will be run by an experienced teacher of photography who has expertise in working with vulnerable students. The project will provide courses in photography culminating in an exhibition at Salisbury Library of photographs produced by the students.
7. What will happen if the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project: The project will not go ahead.

**11. Grant Application: SAL 10/11**

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Headway Salisbury and South Wiltshire	To establish a support group in Salisbury for people with an acquired brain injury	£2,265

1. The Officer recommends an Award of £2,265 is made to this project subject to the confirmation of £214 from their fundraising being approved.
2. This application meets the grant criteria 2011/12.
3. This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan.
4. This application meets Wiltshire Council priorities
5. Summary details about the applicant: Headway Salisbury and South Wiltshire Limited is a charity No 1137281 whose objects include providing people who have suffered a brain injury with information, service and facilities.
6. Summary details about the project: Support groups run and managed by individuals who have an acquired brain injury and volunteers who are offering their services as 'in kind' professional support estimated at £2,112. Each session of 2 hour duration offering advice, support, information about benefits, socialising/normalising, recreational and community activity, respite and support for carers.
7. What will happen if the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project: the project would have to re-evaluate their situation as they do need support with set up costs.

**12. Grant Application: SAL 11/11**

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Friend's of the Friary Tenant Participation Group	To hold a Friary Summer Fun event	£1,000

1. The Officer recommends an Award of £1000 to this project.
2. This application meets the grant criteria 2011/12.
3. This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan.
4. This application meets Wiltshire Council priorities
5. Summary details about the applicant: The Friary Residents Association has recently been re-established and they are keen to pull the whole community together seeing this as a regeneration project.
6. Summary details about the project: The Fun day will take place on Friday 26 August, 2011 from 12noon – 5pm in the Friary open spaces and Community Hall.
7. What will happen if the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project: The Fun day will not happen.

**13. Grant Application: SAL 12/11**

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Salisbury Stingrays	To train 2 existing poolside level 1 teachers/coaches to level 2 status.	£1,000

1. The Officer recommends an Award of £1,000 is made to this project.
2. This application meets the grant criteria 2011/12.
3. This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan.
4. This application meets Wiltshire Council priorities.
5. Summary details about the applicant: Salisbury Stingrays is a not for profit, self-financing organisation with no external income. The revenue to run Coaching and Teaching schemes is generated by 1) swimming fees and membership subscriptions from club members 2) the promotion of Open Meet competitions 3) fund raising by members and families. The club has over 500 members.
6. Summary details about the project: All poolside teachers/coaches are volunteers. Without level 2 teachers, sessions cannot be run as only a qualification at this level carries the necessary insurance to child swimming development.
7. What will happen if the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project: other sources of funding will have to be found.

<b>Appendices</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant application – St Thomas and St Edmund, Salisbury</b> <b>Appendix 2 Grant application - Nepalese Society, Salisbury</b> <b>Appendix 3 Grant application - D'velop Ltd</b> <b>Appendix 4 Grant application- Headway Salisbury and South Wiltshire</b> <b>Appendix 5 Grant application - Friend's of the Friary Tenant Participation Group</b> <b>Appendix 6 Grant application - Salisbury Stingrays</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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