

## Item 15

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Salisbury Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>15 September, 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

### **Purpose of Report**

To request that Councillors consider two 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 third 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.

## **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 15/11

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Wildlife Rescue & Care Centre	The Centre wishes to run a community wildlife awareness project giving 20 free talks in the Salisbury Area over a period of 6 months to the elderly or disabled people in care homes, young people in schools and hospitals	£643.00

1. The Officer recommends that a total amount of £643 requested is awarded for 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 Wildlife & Rescue Care Centre was started 23 years ago by Phil Groombridge and provides a 24 hour emergency service for sick or injured wildlife, a telephone helpline for emergencies and general advice on wildlife care in the Salisbury and surrounding area. The rescue service, helpline and Care Centre are run by Phil Groombridge aided by a few volunteers. The Centre aims to help the wildlife in the area, alleviate suffering and ideally release them back to the wild. Those not able to be released remain at the care centre or go to a suitable sanctuary.
6. Summary details about the project: In addition to their daily work, the Centre wishes to run a community wildlife awareness project to educate the young and build awareness of wildlife and how we should care for it as well as the environment; talk and provide therapy for the elderly or disabled in the community.
7. What will happen if the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project: the project may not happen as the Centre relies on donations to continue its work.

9. Grant Application: SAL 13/11

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
The Friary Residents Gardening Club	Start up costs to set up The Friary gardening club	£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: This application is from a new residents' association called Friends of the Friary which meets on the first Thursday of each month in the Tintern Court lounge. Anyone is welcome to their meetings to discuss issues which affect the residents.
6. Summary details about the project: The Friends of the Friary are keen to get some new social activities going and this application aims to enable them to meet that need via setting up a gardening club primarily for members, many of whom are disabled or elderly of the Tintern Court Sheltered Scheme in the Friary. It aims to have a cross section of age groups getting involved with the club and the bid for garden equipment will mean they can have raised beds and grow plants from seed in their community greenhouse.
7. What will happen if the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project: the project will not proceed

<b>Appendices</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant application – Wildlife Rescue &amp; Care Centre</b> <b>Appendix 2 Grant application - The Friary Residents Gardening Club</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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