

Report to	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
Title of Report	Community Area Grants – Area Board Meeting 15 April 2010

Purpose of Report

To request that Councillors consider 3 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding.

1. Application: Morning Star (Salisbury) – gardening equipment for projects engaging homeless/unemployed to benefit local people

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Morning Star (Salisbury)	Projects engaging homeless/unemployed to benefit local people	£4,741

- 1.1 The full application is attached
- 1.2 The application meets grant criteria 2010/11.
- 1.3 The application does not demonstrate direct links to the Community Plan.
- 1.4 The application does meet Wiltshire Council priorities through concentrating on lives not services and building more resilient communities.
- 1.5 Summary details about the applicant:

Morning Star (Salisbury) is a charity that works with homeless people and people with substance abuse problems. The charity runs the New Life Centre in Winterslow, which is a six bedroom house, with a caravan providing extra bed spaces and is set in approximately 1.2 acres of land.

They offer (amongst other things which can be found on their website - <http://www.morningstarsalisbury.org/>):

Residential Program:

There are 4 places available for the Residential program, which runs for a minimum of 6 months, with the option for people to stay on longer if circumstances necessitate. The residential project provides:

- a) Help, support & advice to set up relevant benefits.
- b) A home for those who are homeless
- c) 24 hour intensive support in a family orientated unit for the first stage of the program
- d) Support in setting and attending relevant appointments with other local

agencies.

e) Help and advice in the area of debt counselling & Support with all Life Skills

f) Help and advice in areas such as nutrition and healthy eating and cooking.

g) A therapeutic environment, promoting opportunities for clients to look at and deal with pivotal issues in their lives with the help, support and encouragement of staff.

h) Informal work situation (unpaid) enabling and promoting work disciplines and ethos, character development, relational development, social skills, positive attitude, trustworthiness, self esteem, concern for others and a sense of responsibility.

i) Resettlement support, to obtain accommodation in the community at the end of the program, with the option to continue at the project on a daily basis.

1.6 Summary details about the project:

The grant will fund a heavy duty shed, braked trailer, tow hitch and a 15” chainsaw (for which training costs will be covered by the charity and training will be undertaken at Sparsholt College).

This charity is based in Winterslow but its clients, people who are homeless or addressing substance misuse who have intensive support needs, can come from outside the community area.

The clients of the project provide a gardening service which benefits the people of Winterslow.

Winterslow Parish Council – The Parish Councillors have looked at the application and are aware of the project in the community and wish to support the grant application. The group is based in Winterslow and sell produce to raise funds as well as many other activities which help to support the local community. The Parish Council support the grant application as the group helps many local people and brings the community together.

With regard to the funding, the charity’s accounts show a large sum of £64,439 in reserve. Around £32K is restricted and the remaining £32K is for running costs which covers their entire work programme.

Matters to consider:

- *Wider community benefit*
- *Link with the Salisbury City Area and other areas in south Wiltshire for funds as client group will not always be from Southern Wiltshire Area.*

1.7 What will happen if the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project?

Bev Kidley of Morning Star states: “The project will not go ahead without funding from you. We see the grant as pump-priming the project, and we will be seeking additional funds to develop and sustain the project. We envisage that your local commitment to the project will assist us in securing funding from elsewhere, so maximising your investment. “

Recommendation:

This meets the grant criteria – decision pending members' discussion

2. Application: Alderbury Pre-School – Storage for equipment of disabled pupil

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Alderbury Pre-School	Storage for equipment of disabled pupil	£990.25

- 2.1 The full application is attached
- 2.2 The application meets grant criteria 20010/11.
- 2.3 The application does not demonstrate tangible links to the Community Plan.
- 2.4 The application does not meet Wiltshire Council priorities.
- 2.5 Summary details about the applicant:

Alderbury Pre-School.

- 2.6 Summary details about the project:

The project is to provide storage facilities for equipment used by a disabled pupil. The equipment will remain with the school and in this storage facility when the disabled pupil moves on in 2012. Currently the equipment uses up space inside the pre-school taking up space used by the 55 pre-school children and 50 primary school children.

The grants criteria states that boards should not fund projects which benefit individuals, however for this grant it can be justified that the storage facility will give the school better facilities to provide local schooling for all children and also improve the space available within the school for all pupils.

However, the extent of community benefit here is difficult to quantify. The pre-school is looking to improve its facilities for disabled children and the storage facility would greatly improve the pre-school's access to funding for actual equipment as the lack of storage currently acts as a barrier to this.

Alderbury Parish Council- comments will be received at the meeting.

See attached subsequent email from applicant

Matters to consider:

- *Wider community benefit*
- *Sustainability – numbers of children benefiting from the grant.*

- 2.7 What will happen if the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project?

The pre-school will continue to fundraise but envisage that it will take 3 years, by which time the pupil in question will have left the school.

Recommendation:

This meets the grant criteria – decision pending members' discussion

3. Application: Downton Diamonds Netball Club – Netball Equipment for start up

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Downton Diamonds Netball Club	Netball Equipment for start up	£843

- 3.1 The full application is attached
- 3.2 The application meets grant criteria 20010/11.
- 3.3 The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan through access to leisure activities for a wide range of age groups.
- 3.4 The application does not directly meet Wiltshire Council priorities.
- 3.5 Summary details about the applicant:
- Downton Diamonds is a newly established netball club in the Downton area offering a community based local club open to all the surrounding areas.*
- 3.6 Summary details about the project:

The grant will provide funds for the start up of the local club which has been informally operating for about 18 months using borrowed equipment from coaches. The start up will allow them to formalise the playing arrangements and enter competitive leagues offering a more structured experience for its members.

Lousie Cary, Sports and Physical Activity Development Manager at Wiltshire Council:

“The Netball club provides the opportunity for women in the Downton area and surrounding villages to participate in recreational and competitive netball on a weekly basis. This supports the LAA NI8 target for adult participation in sport. The group also offers the opportunity for the women to develop their leadership skills, with one participant taking their level 2 coaching qualification and 2 others taking their umpiring qualifications. The club was originally supported by Wiltshire Council’s Sports and Health Development team, but the women now want to develop the informal group into a formal netball club, which will be led by the women themselves, thereby making the group fully sustainable.”

She also confirms that the costs associated with the application are realistic. At the moment they are borrowing kit and equipment from a netball coach, but in order to develop the club in a positive way they need to be able to provide their own kit for training and matches. To enter the summer league this year they have to have their own team kit, which are the rules set out by Salisbury Netball Association.

Downton Parish Council is fully supportive of the application by Downton Diamonds Netball Team. The Parish Council’s response was very positive to the news that the Club was intending to set up a youth division in the

future and that it had already encouraged women from Downton and nearby villages to take up netball again. It wishes the club every success.

- 3.7 What will happen if the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project?
If they are not successful with this bid then they would have to source other funding streams.

Recommendation:

Grant in full from 10/11 budget

Budget Update:

Funding for 10/11: £41,087 plus £628 brought forward from 09/10 equals **£41,715**.
Funding already allocated from 2010/11 at March 15 extraordinary meeting: **£2,140**
Remaining budget (2010/11) is **£39,575**