

Report to	Salisbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	17 November, 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To request that Councillors consider three 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) 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 • Salisbury City Community Area Plan 2004 – 2009
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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 fourth 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 three applications put forward for community area grants are approved at this meeting, the Board will have £44,583 left in its budget.

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 19/11

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Salisbury Trust for the Homeless	Restoration of an important Grade II listed Victorian building in the centre of Salisbury and the refurbishment of its 12 single flats.	£5,000

1. The Officer recommends that a total amount of £5,000 requested is awarded for this project subject to:
 - that sufficient funds from other sources have been allocated and confirmed to enable the project to proceed
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 Trust for the Homeless is a company limited by guarantee, registered company number 05812515 and registered charity number 1118746. The objects of the company include ‘the relief of poverty by the provision of accommodation primarily for young single people who are homeless.
6. Summary details about the project: The application is one of many bids for funding toward The St Paul’s Almshouses Refurbishment Fund with the purpose of bringing the Almshouses back into use as housing for homeless people in Salisbury. For the purpose of the council’s audit trail, the applicant suggested that the bid for £5,000 could specifically cover the timber treatment for roofs and floors (please see Appendix 1a: Financial Costings).
7. Support/Endorsements to the project: A Wiltshire Council officer provided the following supporting information. The St Paul’s Almshouse project will provide 12 new homes for applicants who have been through the homelessness route and are ready to leave supported accommodation. The total number of applicants on Wiltshire Council’s housing register who are identified as being in priority need of 1 bed accommodation of this type currently stands at 699 for Salisbury City area alone, although a high proportion of those will be in the general needs group rather than homeless. However, there is sufficient need to support new move-on accommodation which will free up other supported housing units for those which higher levels of need, and ease the pressure off of the demand for general needs

units for others on the waiting list. Salisbury City Council representative offered support as they saw this type of housing as badly needed in Salisbury.

8. What will happen if the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project: if the project cannot secure sufficient funds, including the £5k from the Area Board, the project may not go ahead.

9. Grant Application: SAL 21/11

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
South Wiltshire Agenda 21	To update the Salisbury and Wilton Walking Map that promotes local walking routes.	£1,500

1. The Officer recommends that an Award of £1,500 is made to this project subject to confirmation of Salisbury City Council's £500 and Local Business Sponsorship of £500.
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: South Wiltshire Agenda 21 (SWA21) is a local group of individuals and organisations who are working together to promote change in our local community. The Agenda 21 slogan **“Think Global, Act Local”** helps people to think about how their own actions can have a global impact and what can be done locally to reduce that impact.
6. Summary details about the project: This map will update the existing map first published in 2004 which is now out of date. The funding of an updated map was discussed at the sub-group of the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) on 19 September, 2011 which is looking at ways to assist the public to access and move around the city. The sub-group were informed that the cycling group COGS had investigated costs of updating the Salisbury Cycle Map and producing an online interactive cycle map for the area, submitting a proposal to Wiltshire Council for inclusion in the LSTF bid but this had been unsuccessful. The CATG sub-group were in favour of a bid to the Community Area Grant fund and tasked SW Agenda 21 to follow this through.
7. Support/Endorsements to the project: Salisbury City Council representatives lend support to this project ‘...as it will help to improve fitness in Salisbury.’ SCC also suggested that the maps could be sold for a small amount to help recoup the costs and to have money available towards the next reprint.
8. What will happen if the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project: an updated map will not be produced at this time.

10. Grant Application: SAL 22/11

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Sarum Counselling	To provide reduced fee and subsidised counselling for people on limited means.	£1,000

1. The Officer recommends that 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: Sarum Counselling Service is a Company Limited by Guarantee, registration number 4049481. Its objects state: The relief of persons suffering from mental stress or disorders by the provision of therapeutic psychotherapy services within Wiltshire, Hampshire, Dorset and Somerset regardless of the beneficiaries race, creed or sexual orientation.
6. Summary details about the project: The aim of seeking funding is to provide a bursary for those on limited means who live in Salisbury who want to help themselves and toward enabling equal access to this local resource.
7. Support/Endorsements to the project: Salisbury City Council representatives lend support to the project '.... Sarum Counselling is an excellent service provided for local people....they work very hard not to turn anyone away and raise money in order to be able to subsidise those people that are in need of counselling but cannot afford it.' '....there is a need for provision of counselling for people on lower incomes.'
8. What will happen if the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project: Sarum Counselling Service may not be able to give out bursaries to those in need of this type of support.

Appendices	Appendix 1 Grant application – Salisbury Trust for the Homeless Appendix 1a Financial Costings Appendix 2 Grant application – South Wilts Agenda 21 Appendix 3 Grant application – Sarum Counselling Service
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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