

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Devizes Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> November 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider an applications seeking 20011/12 Community Area Grant Funding

- 1. Salisbury International Arts Festival** – Funding towards the running of free lantern making workshops and for these to be processed up to the White horse to light it up. They are seeking £3,000.

**Recommended for consideration for approval as it meets the grants criteria. However there are a number of points included in this report that Councillors may wish to explore before making a decision.**

**A condition will also need to be put on any award made that it is dependent upon the application to Roundway Parish Council for funding being confirmed.**

## 1. Background

- Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (15 April 2011). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 and 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.
- Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting
- 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.
- 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 are available upon request
- The 2011/12 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
- Devizes Area Board has been allocated a 2011/12 budget of £58,192 (plus £114 carried forward from 2010/2011) making a total of £58,306 to use for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. Up to 20% of the budget can be applied for by Devizes Community Area Partnership for

running costs. 50% of this was agreed at the July meeting (£5,819)

- Should the Board approve the applications before it at this meeting, a balance of £27,773 will remain or £22,954 assuming DCAP are awarded their full running costs. This figure takes into account that £6,000 has also been ring fenced to support Silver Jubilee Celebrations

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12</li><li>• Devizes Community Area Plan</li></ul>
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## **2. Main Considerations**

- 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.
- Councillors will need to assure themselves that there is sufficient community benefit to support the award of a grant
- There are six rounds of funding during 2011/12. Two more will take place after this one.

## **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**

- Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Devizes Area Board.
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## **5. Legal Implications**

- There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

## **6. HR Implications**

- There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

## 7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

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

## 8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Salisbury International Arts Festival	Funding to run Lantern making workshops and to process up to Devizes White Horse to light it up	£3,000 towards a project costing £8,770

- 8..1. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval as it meets the grants criteria. However Councillors may wish to explore the following points before making a decision.
- Devizes Area Board made an award of £2,250 at its October meeting to support the Christmas festival with lantern making and a lantern parade as the core feature.
  - The key purpose of the Area Board grants is to support smaller local community organizations and groups with a particular emphasis upon tackling deprivation. The Salisbury International Arts Festival has a turnover of @£1million
  - Match funding for the project is mainly coming from Roundway parish Council to whom an application for a £3k grant has been made. However this has not been confirmed and any award would have to be conditional on this being agreed. The only other contribution to the project is the use of existing SIAF storage space and volunteer time (To be confirmed).
- 8..2. Salisbury International Arts Festival will be working with Pa-Boom (Skilled artists working with sculpture, fire, light and pyrotechnics) and Dave Buxton
- 8..3. Demand for the project has come through discussions with artists and local community members. They have identified the importance of the White Horses within Wiltshire and the plan is to light up as many as possible.
- 8..4. The project will be promoted widely and will contribute to tourism in the area as well as linking to the community plan by supporting local distinctiveness and pride
- 8..5. It is estimated that 700 to 1,000 people will be involved in the Devizes area.

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