

Report to	Salisbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	12 January, 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To request that Councillors consider three Community Grant applications and two Councillor led bids seeking 2011/12 Area Board 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. In addition to the Community Area Grant Scheme, Area Boards are able to use a proportion of their funding for projects which fall outside the criteria of the Community Area Grant Scheme. These projects would be initiated by Councillor Members for consideration and approval by the Area Board.
- 1.9. Any project initiated by a Councillor outside of the Community Grants system must have the approval of the Area Board and should clearly set out one or more of the following:
 - Evidence of community need
 - Clear links to the community plan

- Evidence that it addresses an on-going issue that has been logged via the Community Issues System
- 1.10. 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.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<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 fifth 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 Community Area Grant applications and two Councillor led bids put forward for grants are approved at this meeting, the Board will have **£21,804** left in its budget to spend in this financial year.

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. Community Area Grant Application: SAL 20/11

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Salisbury Schools Consortium	To involve children attending Salisbury Primary Schools in workshops making coloured pennants to wave welcoming the Olympic Torch to Salisbury	£5,000

1. The Officer recommends that a total amount of £5,000 requested is awarded for this project subject to the following conditions:

- the Board being satisfied that the applicant has provided a sufficient explanation of why the application has only one cost estimate and not three as required in the grant criteria and the reasoning behind this decision
- that if the Board approves the funding, that Wiltshire Council Arts Service are advised of this and that their provisional offer of £2,000 to this project is cancelled (see Appendix 1d)
- Confirmation from Salisbury City Council of its provisional award to the project of £1,600
- Confirmation from Arts Council South West of its provisional award to the project of £2,500

2. This application meets the grant criteria 2011/12 with the exception of paragraph 13 which says that where the total cost of a project exceeds £5,000 then a minimum of three quotes should be provided along with an indication of the preferred supplier. The estimate cost is well in excess of that figure and only one cost estimate has been provided. Wiltshire Council Legal Department advised that ‘...the applicant should be requested to provide the reasoning for there being only one cost estimate, i.e., if the applicant had approached the market and only one provider

responded the Board needs to know the details of the approach, who the suppliers were and when they were approached; or if they had approached only one supplier in the first place, then the applicant needs to provide details of that approach and why it was taken.

3. The applicant has been requested to supply the information above which will be provided to the Board as soon as it is received. The Board needs to assess from this information, whether it is justified in proceeding without paragraph 13 being satisfied.
4. This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan.
5. This application meets Wiltshire Council priorities, specifically as the project involves 100+ parent volunteers.
6. Summary details about the applicant: The Salisbury Schools Consortium consists of 26 Salisbury primary schools and is led by Mrs Alison Smith, Headteacher, Wyndham Park Infants School, Somerset Road, Salisbury. The consortium was formed specifically for the 'burning ambition' project as soon as it was announced that Salisbury would be on the Olympic Torch route. A summary of the Consortium's aims/aspirations for this project, plans including roles and responsibilities for school staff and volunteers, learning outcomes and proposed workshop sessions is attached as Appendix 1a.
7. Summary details about the project: The project will involve Salisbury's primary school children, parents and siblings in welcoming the Olympic Torch to Salisbury on July 11th, 2012. The school children will make coloured large (1mtr long) Silky pennants to wave, as the Olympic Flame arrives in Salisbury. The pennants will be made in workshops and a professional community artist, Alex Grant has been contracted by the Consortium to deliver the workshops and train the volunteers. A breakdown of artist's costs is attached as Appendix 1b.
8. Support/Endorsements to the project: Wiltshire Council's Olympic Torch organisers, Team Wiltshire are aware of this project, however, at the time of writing this report, are at the planning stage of what is a Wiltshire wide Olympic Torch initiative involving many community areas in the county. In response to this, it was agreed at the November, 2011 Area Board meeting that a working group would be established to oversee the arrangements for the Olympic Torch celebrations in Salisbury with the first meeting expected to take place in January. This application pre-empts these discussions. However, in view of the need for the Burning Ambition project to implement its plans, it has been agreed to bring the application to this meeting. The Council's Head of Arts, Peter Tyas has offered his support to the application. Funding of £1,600 has been provisionally agreed via Salisbury City Council. A breakdown of current funding applications is attached at Appendix 1c.
9. What will happen if the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project: funds have to be found elsewhere, i.e., although no school funds are planned to be used, if final project funds were insufficient, this could change.

9. Community Area Grant Application: SAL 25/11

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
3 rd Salisbury Scout Group	To seek funding for the purpose of refurbishing the Scout Hut	£5,000

1. The Officer recommends that an Award of £5,000 be 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 3rd Salisbury Scout Group's Charity Number is 305939. The charity operates a Group Council which has a wide open membership and a Group Executive Committee which may include *ex officio* members, nominated members, elected members and co-opted members. The purpose of the Group Council is to concern itself with the well-being and development of each Member of the Group, to ensure the progress of each Member through the Progressive Award Training Scheme, and to plan and co-ordinate all the Group's activities and to keep the Group Executive Committee advised of the financial and other resource requirements of the training programme. Members of the Group Executive Committee are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity.
6. Summary details about the project: The project aims to halt the deterioration of the exterior and inadequacies of the interior. Quotes covering kitchen, office, toilets, internal and external works have been received by PM Total Maintenance Services, Belmead Mews Ltd and AJD Building Services. Although there is a project shortfall indicated on the application of £10,900, the applicant assures that the project wishes to cover as much refurbishment as it can, dependent on funds secured from various sources. Although fundraising continues, the applicants are realistic that certain aspects of the project may not be attainable if funds are not forthcoming.
7. What will happen if the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project: Fundraising will continue in order to support the project.

10. Community Area Grant Application: SAL 27/11

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
St Mark's Gardening Club	To provide start up costs for the St Mark's Gardening Club to enable elderly residents of St Marks House to get out of their homes and into their gardens	£1000

1. The Officer recommends that an Award of £1000 is made to this project.
2. This application meets most of the grant criteria 2011/12. However, it does not meet (j) the council will not consider grant application for 'projects that....are already in receipt of, financial support from Wiltshire Council.' An application was made to Wiltshire Council's Housing Department for £250 to support this project prior to the realisation that an application could be submitted to the Area Board. In this instance, the Officer recommends that an exception be made as this application demonstrates a wide community benefit to a deprived area in Salisbury.
3. This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan.
4. This application meets Wiltshire Council priorities
5. Summary details about the applicant: St Mark's Gardening Club is an independent and non-political organisation. It aims to improve conditions, the environment, facilities and services for the residents of the Friary, Salisbury. Membership is open to all residents of the St Mark's area. The Club will be managed by Committee which is representative of the population covered by the Association.
6. Summary details about the project: Members of the sheltered housing scheme joined together to form this Gardening Club which will be held in their community lounge. As well as gaining physical exercise through gardening, the club plans to meet up socially with other gardening groups for information exchange, plant swaps and fundraise.
7. Other relevant information: A grant was approved by the Salisbury Area Board in September, 2011 for £1,000 to the Friary Gardening Club whose aims were similar to St Marks. However, the application did state that the Friary Gardening Club was primarily for members of the Tintern Court Sheltered Scheme in the Friary, therefore the St Mark's application should be seen independently from this application.
8. What will happen if the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project: The project may not be able to proceed.

11. Councillor Led Bid: Cllr Richard Clewer - Youth Advisory Group

Councillor	Project proposal	Funding requested
Cllr Richard Clewer	To provide venue costs for the pilot of a Youth Advisory Group in Salisbury	£500

1. The Officer recommends that an Award of £500 is made to this project.
2. This bid meets Councillor led project criteria in terms of:
 - Evidence of community need (11 to 19 Commissioning Strategy and Youth Work Offer)
 - Clear links to the community plan

12. Councillor Led Bids: Streetwatch Schemes

Ward Councillors	Project proposal	Funding requested
Cllr Ricky Rogers	Bemerton Heath Street Watch Scheme: To provide 2 nd year costs covering insurance & equipment	£620
Cllr John Brady	Cathedral Close Street Watch Scheme: To provide 1 st year set up costs covering insurance & equipment	£659

1. The Officer recommends that Awards of £620 & £659 respectively are made to these projects.
2. These bids meet Councillor led project criteria in terms of:
 - Evidence of community need (the projects receives ongoing support in relation to training, meetings and administration by the Neighbourhood Police Team, Wiltshire Council)
 - Clear links to the community plan

Appendices	Appendix 1 Grant application – Salisbury Schools Consortium ‘Burning Ambition’ Appendix 1a: Salisbury Schools Consortium Project Development Information Appendix 1b: Salisbury Schools Consortium Position
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	<p>Statement Appendix 1c: Artist's Project Costs Estimate Appendix 1d: Current funding applications Appendix 2 Grant application – 3rd Salisbury Scout Group Appendix 3 Grant application – St Mark's Gardening Club Appendix 4 Cllr Led Bid – Youth Advisory Group Appendix 5 Cllr Led Bid – Bemerton & Cathedral Close Street Watch Schemes</p>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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