

Report to	Salisbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	15 March, 2012
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To request that Councillors consider four 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 2011/12 • 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 2011/12. The sixth and final 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 gives a total budget of £109,504 for 2011/2012, of which £22,144 remains unallocated as of 6 March 2012. Remaining funding cannot be carried forward to the 2012/13 financial year.
- 4.3. If the four Community Area Grant applications and two Councillor led bids put forward for grants are approved at this meeting, the Board will have spent its total allocation 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 31/11

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Spurgeons	To provide funding for The Freedom Programme, a 12 week awareness raising course for women who have been affected by domestic violence.	£1,578

1. The Officer recommends that a total amount of £1,578 requested is awarded for this project, particularly in view of Salisbury’s high incidence of domestic violence evidenced in the Joint Strategic Assessment (see 4. Below) and action needed to address this.
2. This application meets the grant criteria 2011/12.
3. This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan.
4. This application supports evidence of high levels of domestic violence indicated in the Joint Strategic Assessment for Salisbury Community Area, page 45 as follows: ‘There were 1,221 domestic violence crimes committed in Wiltshire between April 2010 and March 2011. Of the total 1,221 crimes, 136 crimes occurred in the Salisbury Community Area. When converted to crimes per 1,000 population, Salisbury recorded 3.3 crimes for every 1,000 residents. This means Salisbury ranks 16th out of the 20 community areas for domestic violence’.
5. Summary details about the applicant: Spurgeons is a Company No: 3990460 and Charity No 1081182. In Partnership with local authorities, local communities and other organisations, Spurgeons support vulnerable children and their families. It runs six children’s centres in South Wiltshire and receives funding from Wiltshire Council to do this.
6. Summary details about the project: Although it works in close partnership with the

Children’s Centres in Salisbury, receiving support in kind, i.e., room hire, administrative support, the Freedom Programme is a separate project funded by voluntary donations.

7. Support/Endorsements to the project: Representative City Councillors support this project.
8. Supplementary Information: Amesbury Area Board refused the application on the basis that additional funding had been made available to the overarching body (Spurgeons) and that the project should apply to this funding. The Board felt that as alternative streams of funding were available to the project, this should be used rather than the Board’s small community funding pot.
9. What will happen if the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project: Funds would have to be found elsewhere.

9. Community Area Grant Application: SAL 33/11

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Hoodwink	Jamboree: a Royal Challenge to create cake/pudding for the Queen of Hearts Diamond Jubilee celebration..	£2,000

1. The Officer recommends that an Award of £2,000 be made to this project as this creative idea is in line with the Board’s aims to support Jubilee events in the City.
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: Hoodwink Theatre Company is Salisbury Arts Centre’s Theatre Company in Residence. Hoodwink was started in 1997 to create new visual theatre and cross-art form performance events that are innovative and accessible. It is a Company No 3960736 and Charity No 1100695.
6. Summary details about the project: Jamboree is in response to a request from Salisbury International Arts Festival for Hoodwink to create a theatrical outdoor event in line with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations taking place during the festival fortnight.
7. Support/Endorsements to the project: Representative City Councillors support this project.

10. Community Area Grant Application: SAL 34/11

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Salisbury City Band of the Royal British Legion	Music in the Open: To fund equipment for its military style concert band outdoor use.	£999

1. The Officer recommends that an Award of £999 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: The band is associated with the Salisbury branch of the Royal British Legion, charity number 219279. It has 25 adult members and is a mixed band comprising Concert Band (Brass, Woodwind, Percussion) and marching band. The band is run by volunteers, no players are paid and no funding is received from RBL, however, under the rules of the RBL, bands travel expenses may be paid.
6. Summary details about the project: The Band have been invited to play in Salisbury's Music in the Parks programme and are seeking to play in the Olympiad Bandstand Marathon. It seeks to be involved in the Diamond Jubilee parades.
7. Support/Endorsements to the project: Representative City Councillors support this project.

11. Community Area Grant Application: SAL /11

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Circular Arts	Multi elderly art workshop provision towards a widespread series of intergenerational elderly/youth volunteer arts workshops (The Sunshine Project) ranging across Salisbury & South Wiltshire villages, all leading to an installation of all Batik Flag creations in the Cloister gardens of Salisbury Cathedral, autumn 2012	£2000

1. The Officer recommends this application for refusal on the basis that it does not meet our criteria, namely, that any application whose total project costs exceed £5,000 should submit 3 quotes. See page 4, Item 13 of the funding criteria, link below. <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-area-grants-funding-criteria-section-one.pdf>

12. Councillor Led Bids: Harnham Cycle Route

Ward Councillors	Project proposal	Funding requested
Cllr Brian Dalton	To provide a safe, wide pathway for cyclists and pedestrians to link in either direction with the new Puffin crossing in Harnham Road to the west.	£9,000

1. The Officer recommends an Award of £9,000 subject to the following conditions:

- Confirmation that the bid for £16,300 to Taking Action on School Journeys Challenge has been successful
- Confirmation that the bid for £3,000 to Salisbury City Council's Community Grant Award Scheme has been successful

2. These bids meet Councillor led project criteria in terms of:

- Evidence of community need
- Clear links to the community plan
- Links to Issue No 1687 raised last year.

13. Councillor Led Bid: Cllr Richard Clewer/Cllr Chris Cochrane – Jubilee Bid

Councillor/s	Project proposal	Funding requested
Cllr Richard Clewer/Cllr Chris Cochrane	To support Salisbury Area Board's offering to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, showcasing the local community through fun and informative interactive events	£6,000 +

1. The Officer recommends that an Award of £6,000 + is made to this project.
2. This bid meets Councillor led project criteria in terms of meeting the requirements of Wiltshire Council's aim to showcase our local community and support the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Appendices	Appendix 1 Grant application – Spurgeons Appendix 2 Grant application – Hoodwink Appendix 3 Grant application – Salisbury City Band Appendix 4 Grant application – Circular Arts Appendix 5 Cllr Led Bid – Harnham Cycle Route Appendix 5a Map of Harnham shared path Appendix 6 Cllr Led Bid – Jubilee Event
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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