

Report to	Salisbury
Date of Meeting	06 September, 2012
Title of Report	Area Board Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 2 grant applications and 2 Area Board project bids seeking 20012/13 Community Area Grant Funding.

- Bemerton Heath Interagency Group (IAG) are seeking £1,000 to enable a doorstep consultation of local residents, circa 100 – 1200 homes
- Salisbury Lacrosse Club is seeking £1,500 for start up costs
- Area Board Project: £10,000 is sought to provide Brown Tourist Information Signs on main roads entering Salisbury
- Area Board Project: £1,200 is sought towards funding the administration of the Community First panel

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 Adult Care, Communities and Housing (4 April 2012). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2012/2013.
- 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 and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups. Likewise, Small Grants (new this year) should be awarded to similar groups, as well as un-constituted groups of people wanting to improve things near to where they live.
- 1.4. Salisbury Area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 budget of £78,075 for community grants, small grants, community partnership core funding and area board/councillor led initiatives.
- 1.5. Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,000 - £5000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.6. Small Grants, new for this year will fund up to £350, where the total cost of the project does not exceed £350. This grant is aimed at enabling groups (including those not formally constituted) to implement projects, involving local people to make their community a better place to live.
- 1.7. Area boards will not consider Community Area Grant (CAG) 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.
- 1.8. In addition to CAGs and Small Grants, councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls. The application process and form has been updated to bring it in line with the other grants.

- 1.9. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in the case of Area Board Projects), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.10. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.11. Applicants are encouraged to contact and seek funding help from Charities Information Bureau (CIB) who work on behalf of Wiltshire Council. CIB 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.
- 1.12. Paper copies of funding applications no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce paper. They are however available on the Wiltshire Council web site with the area board agenda papers and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.13. The 2012/2013 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) and paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.
- 1.14. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete and return an evaluation form as soon as the project or activity has been completed and this should be accompanied by receipts and invoices, as well as photographs if possible. Failure to return the evaluation requested will preclude them from being considered for any future funding from the area board. This applies to all grants made by the area board.
- 1.15. A budget ring-fenced for the needs of young people will again be made available in 2012/2013. How this will be allocated will be the decision of the area board.
- 1.16. Salisbury Area Board has a separate Community Area Transport Group (CATG) budget for 2012/13.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Board Grant Guidance 2012/13 as presented for delegated decision • 'Our Salisbury' Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 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 2012/2013. No grants were submitted for

consideration at the 5 July, 2012 meeting, therefore, this is the third round of funding. Future rounds will take place on;

- 08 November, 2012 (deadline for applications is 20 September, 2012)
- 10 January, 2013 (deadline for applications is 22 November, 2012)
- 14 March, 2013 (deadline for applications is 24 January, 2013)

3. Environmental & Community Implications

- 3.1. Area Board Grants 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. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Salisbury Area Board will have a balance of £30,493.

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 and Small Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, town and parish council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – "Officer Recommendations".

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SAL 12_14	Bemerton Heath (IAG)	To undertake doorstep consultation with Bemerton Heath residents of between 100-1200 homes.	£1,000

- 1) The Officer asks Members to consider whether this consultation might sit within the Neighbourhood Planning processes, specifically in terms of scoping requirements for a Neighbourhood Plan in this Ward. Please see link: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningpolicy/neighbourhoodplanning/nppwhatisneighbourhoodplanning.htm>. Members might like to delay this Award pending further investigation of the possibilities of producing a Neighbourhood Plan.
- 2) The application meets grant criteria 2012/13
- 3) This application demonstrates a link to the Bemerton Ward Plan - update (see Appendix 1a). This project supports the three main priorities of the ward plan - reputation, neighborhood disputes and neighbours.
- 4) The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities and the project is supported by Salisbury City Council with a £1,000 confirmed grant.
- 5) Summary details about applicant: The Bemerton Heath Interagency Group (IAG) is a multi-agency forum consisting of key stakeholders both statutory and voluntary and representatives of the local community for discussion of and joint action planning on issues relating to the community of Bemerton Ward. The IAG operates as not-for profit.
- 6) Summary details about the project: Consultation has been and is still being carried out with local residents (Spring and Summer 2012) and once completed and analysed, this information will inform the new updated version of the Ward Plan which will then be published (see Appendix 1a). This grant application concerns funding a doorstep consultation with Bemerton Heath residents to gain views on how they would like to see the estate develop over the next few years, specifically taking into account the 1250 new homes adjoining the estate and a £15.5 million new Academy building.
- 7) If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this consultation at the present time, it will mean the project will be put on hold until a decision is made about the way forward.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
SAL 13_14	Salisbury Lacrosse	To find funding for start up costs for this newly established Lacrosse Club	£1,500

- 1) The Officer recommends an Award of £1,500 subject to confirmation of provisional funding towards the total project costs being met:
 - £1,000 from English Lacrosse Association
 - £1,500 via Membership fees
- 2) The application meets grant criteria 2012/13
- 3) The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan
- 4) The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities
- 5) Summary details about applicant: Salisbury Lacrosse will be affiliated to the English Lacrosse Association and operates as a not for profit organisation. The Club's aims and objectives include offering coaching and competitive opportunities in Lacrosse that are open to all and committed to developing an U18's youth section within the club. Membership fees will be paid annually at £120.00. The Club will be managed by

- Committee and all club funds will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.
- 6) Summary details about the project: Salisbury Lacrosse Club is a newly established Lacrosse club in the Salisbury area, open to both men and women of all ages and keen to develop both a senior (16+) and junior (U16) section. Funding is requested for start up costs.
- 7) If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project, the Club would have to find other means to fund the shortfall, e.g., team kit and bibs.

9. Area Board Projects

Lead Ward Councillor	Project proposal	Funding requested
1) Cllr Richard Clewer	Brown Tourist Signs for Salisbury	£10,000

Brown Tourist Signs was an Agenda item at the 5 July, 2012 Area Board meeting with the following decision reported:

The Salisbury Area Board agreed to allocate up to £10k towards the provision of Brown Tourist Information Signs.....which would be reduced to £7,000 in the event of £3K being forthcoming from a central budget.

This bid meets Councillor led project criteria in terms of:

- Evidence of community need (see 'Our Salisbury' Community Plan)
- Clear links to 'Our Salisbury' community plan: Our Economy & Tourism pp 47 – 52. Action: Improve signage in and around the city.

Lead Ward Councillor	Project proposal	Funding requested
2) Cllr Paul Sample Cllr John Brady	To provide administrative support to a Community First Neighbourhood Matched Fund Initiative in St Edmund & Milford and St Martin's & Cathedral Wards	£1,200

Community First Neighbourhood Matched Fund is an initiative that provides local communities with the means to address their own priorities.

Communities will set up local panels in each eligible ward, and will decide upon projects for funding in their area.

This bid meets Councillor led project criteria in terms of:

- Evidence of community need (Government identification of St Edmund & Milford and St Martin's & Cathedral as neighbourhoods subject to significant deprivation)

Appendices:	<p>Appendix 1 Grant application – Bemerton Heath Interagency Group (IAG) Appendix 1a. Ward Plan Update Appendix 2 Grant application – Salisbury Lacrosse Club Appendix 3 Area Board Project: Brown Tourist Signs Appendix 4 Area Board Project: Salisbury Community First Panel</p> <p>Appendices available online or on request.</p>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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