

Area Board Project

1. What is the Initiative?

Salisbury Wards Community First Panel

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. (The initial work has already been done by Wessex Community Action at the request of Wiltshire Council for no remuneration to date).

It is a matched fund programme, which means that every £1 provided in funding must be matched by a similar amount of in-kind donations (this means donations of cash, services, free products or volunteer time).

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

St Edmund & Milford and St. Martin's & Cathedral wards

3. When will the initiative take place?

Until March 2015

4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?

These wards were identified by the Government as neighbourhoods which are subject to significant deprivation and low social capital and were invited to become part of the Community First initiative.

The Community First fund has allocated the following amounts to the Salisbury Wards:

Total Allocation (£)	Year 1*	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
£16,955	£2,812	£4,245	£4,244	£5,654

If the Area Board releases funding to administer and develop this panel it will enable the above sums to be used in the above areas.

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

Priorities of the panel will be:

To promote a sense of ownership amongst the whole community when addressing community wide issues.

To start more neighbourhood groups and revitalise existing groups with an emphasis on sustainability.

To help local residents to play a leading role in regenerating their area.

To improve confidence, capability and partnership working amongst local groups and residents.

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

Wessex Community Action

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)

£1200 is requested to enable administration of this initiative. This would allow on average one meeting per month with the associated administrative costs for the first year. A volunteer at Wessex Community Action would be able to top up that allocated time to develop the website and help with marketing and publicity. This time could also be used as matched funding in kind when requesting the funding for the projects.

8. Additional information

It is hoped that the acquisition of this funding will enable the panel to bring in further outside funding to help with the identified projects.