

Report to	Salisbury
Date of Meeting	08 November, 2012
Title of Report	Area Board Grants and Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 1 community area grant application and 1 Area Board project bid seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant Funding.

Community Area Grants

- South Wilts Mencap are seeking £2,700 for a series of themed Fun Days throughout 2013

Area Board Project Bid

- £210 is sought towards funding 30mph wheelie bin stickers

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 5 rounds of funding during 2012/2013. No grants were submitted for

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

- 10 January, 2013 (deadline for applications is 22 November, 2012)

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 **£27,573.00**.

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	South Wilts Mencap	To provide a series of 5 themed Fun Days throughout 2013 for young people with learning disabilities	£2,700

- 1) The Officer recommends an Award of £2,700
- 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: South Wilts Mencap is a charity no 1112202 and Company Limited by Guarantee no 05585404 which aims to provide help and support for people with a learning disability and their families. The financial statements show reserves of £28k, however, the applicant explains that as SW Mencap wishes to purchase a replacement minibus in 2013, the reserves are held for that reason.
- 6) Summary details about the project: The applicant has explained why Mencap wishes to hold a series of fun days, that it is important for people with learning disabilities to experience continuity of experiences and learning as well as providing support and respite to carers at these events run in the school holidays.
- 7) If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund these events, funding will have to be found elsewhere.

9. Area Board Projects

Lead Ward Councillor	Project proposal	Funding requested
1) Cllr Richard Clewer	30mph Wheelie Bin Stickers	£210

The idea of providing 30mph stickers to residents in designated speeding hot spots in the city was raised at the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) as a way forward to help bring down speeding in the city.

This bid meets Councillor led project criteria in terms of:

- Evidence of community need (high number of speeding issues in the city)
- Clear links to 'Our Salisbury' community plan: Transport & Accessibility – towards safer transport.

Appendices:	<p>Appendix 1 Grant application – SW Mencap Appendix 2 Area Board Project: 30mph Wheelie Bin Stickers</p> <p>Appendices available on line 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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