

## ITEM 13b

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Salisbury Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>22 July 2010</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>
<p><b>Purpose of Report:</b> To ask Councillors to consider 4 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Casa de Samba is seeking £3,800 to set up a Salisbury community Samba Band open to people of all ages and abilities. The Officer recommends that the full amount of £3,800 is awarded to Casa de Samba with the following condition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>That the grant is one-off funding and that the project will work toward making the group self financing in line with its aim that current ongoing costs of workshop leader's fees will be phased out and future sessions will be led by band members</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Salisbury Baroque Concert Society is seeking a grant of £1,000 to enable it to put on a Baroque Weekend in March, 2011. The Officer recommends that the Board consider whether there is a strong enough link between this project and local priorities in terms of providing a wider community benefit to the City.</li> <li>3. YNM – Creative Juice It is recommended that YNM – Creative Juice is awarded a grant of £874 to enable it to put on a full day of free performances, workshops and exhibitions on Friday, 30 July, 2010 with the following condition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>That the project can confirm the 'provisional' WYPOF funding of £5,000.00 stated in Project Income B</i></li> <li>• <i>That this is funding for one year and that future applications should be for separate projects and not combinations of the same event</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Bemerton Bike Club It is recommended that the Bemerton Bike Club is awarded a grant of £904 to enable it to fund set up costs with the following condition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>That the Association is able to provide an assurance that it has the necessary reserves to carry this new project forward.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Volunteer Bank – Wessex Community Action is seeking £3,875 to set up a volunteer bank in Salisbury City Wards. In view of the advice received from the Head of Strategy, CVS Support, Wiltshire Council (see 8.5.7) it is recommended that this application is refused as Wiltshire Council has already allocated funding to provide a new Volunteer Service. Wessex Community Action is advised to contact Grow to examine how its proposals may be accommodated within the new Wiltshire Volunteer Service.</li> </ol>	

## 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 (27 February 2010). 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 recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Salisbury Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £78,247 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £0.00. This leaves a total budget of £78,247 for the 2010/2011 budget.
- 1.6. Community Area Grants allocated at the 20 May, 2010 Area Board meeting totalled £2,000, leaving £76,247 for the remainder of 2010/11.
- 1.7. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11</li><li>• Salisbury City Community Area Plan 2004 – 2009</li><li>• Local Agreement for Wiltshire</li></ul>
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 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 20010/11. The second is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
  - 30 September, 2010
  - 25 November, 2010
  - 20 January, 2011
  - 17 March, 2011

### **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. If all of the Community Area Grants submitted to the 22 July, 2010 meeting including the Lanterns for Salisbury grant (separate report) are awarded in line with officer recommendations, the Salisbury Area Board will have a balance of £60,794.00.

### **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 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. Officer recommendations**

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1 Grant Register ref no: SAL 019_10	Casa de Samba	To set up a Salisbury community samba band from September, 2010, open to people of all ages and abilities at Salisbury High School, Salisbury who are providing storage space and a hall.	£3,800

**8.1.1. It is recommended that Casa de Samba are awarded £3,800 of funding requested for this project to enable it to set up a Salisbury community Samba Band with the following condition:**

- **That the grant is one-off funding and that the project will work toward making the group self financing in line with its aim that current ongoing costs of workshop leader's fees will be phased out and future sessions will be led by band members**

8.1.2. This application meets the grant criteria 2010/11.

8.1.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Local Area Agreement in terms of promoting social inclusion for all, ensuring a fully inclusive environment and addressing the needs of the young and old, those with disabilities, and diverse groups.

8.1.4. Casa de Samba operates as not for profit and its Salisbury Samba Band Constitution was approved on 4 February, 2010. The aims of the group are 'to enhance the musical culture of the Salisbury area by providing an opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds, abilities and ages, to join with others to make music which is challenging and exciting'.

8.1.5. A trial period of the project ran from 4 February, 2010 to 1 April, 2010 with 20 participants attending the sessions. During this trial period, Salisbury High School provided start up funding covering Samba Sulis workshop leader's tuition fees plus expenses of £165 per week. Equipment was provided by Samba Sulis. If the application is successful, Salisbury High School will continue to provide income 'in kind' in terms of storage and rehearsal facilities and Wiltshire Council's Head of Music Service has confirmed that as a community activity, this is not part of the statutory provision of the school. She also confirms that the applicant has a very keen interest in the Bemerton Heath area of Salisbury given the economic profile of the area, the activity would be prohibitively expensive without grant funding.

8.1.6. This project will benefit a wide number of people including children and adults from schools and youth clubs, members of disabled groups and the drumming experience is particularly valuable for those who are socially isolated.

8.1.7. A decision not to fund this application would mean the project would be unable to go ahead with no community Samba band for people in the Salisbury area.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2. (Grant Register ref no SAL022-10)	Salisbury Baroque Concert Society	To put on a cultural educational 'Baroque Weekend' on 4, 5 and 6 March, 2011 to include an open rehearsal and evening presentation culminating in a Sunday afternoon public concert.	£1,000

**8.2.1. Salisbury Baroque Concert Society is seeking a grant of £1,000 to enable it to put on a Baroque Weekend in March, 2011. The Officer recommends that the Board consider whether there is a strong enough link between this project and local priorities in terms of providing a wider community benefit to the City.**

8.2.2. This application meets the grant criteria 2010/11

8.2.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan in terms of Culture but could be seen as having a limited remit in terms of providing wider community benefit to the City.

8.2.4. Salisbury Baroque Concert Society operates as not for profit and aims to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in the art and science of music in all its aspects. Salisbury Baroque is a new local orchestra and is Salisbury's first permanent period instrument group consisting of local players presenting baroque repertoire by both well known and more obscure 18<sup>th</sup> century composers. The group has engaged the world famous baroque expert, Judy Tarling and Alison Townley who has worked with English Baroque Soloists. The Cathedral School has offered to host a presentation in March, given by Judy entitled 'Handel's Audiences'.

8.2.5. The application supports Wiltshire Council's commitment to promote equality and inclusion by offering free access to the open rehearsal, evening talk and free access to all accompanied children to the concert. It is intended to encourage interest in baroque music through outreach to local schools.

8.2.6. The applicant feels that if the application was not successful, the impact on the project would be that the Baroque Weekend would not proceed in the format envisaged, that is, led by Judy Tarling and Alison Townley.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3. Grant Register ref no SAL024 -10	YNM – Creative Juice	A free day of arts workshops and performances for young people aged between 13 and 21.	£874.00

**8.3.1. It is recommended that YNM – Creative Juice is awarded a grant of £874 to enable it to put on a full day of free performances, workshops and exhibitions on Friday, 30 July, 2010 with the following conditions:**

- **That the project can confirm the 'provisional' WYPOF funding of £5,000.00 stated in Project Income B**
- **That this is funding for one year and that future applications should be for separate projects and not combinations of the same event**

- 8.3.2. This application meets the grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.3.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Wiltshire Local Area Agreement in encouraging people to share in activities, getting young people to take part in a wide range of positive activities and play, developing the potential of Wiltshire's young people, provide more arts activities.
- 8.3.4. St Edmunds Arts Trust Limited is a company limited by guarantee, company number 1412263 and is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission, number 1023945. Salisbury Arts Centre is a not for profit organisation whose mission is to surprise, challenge, and include the people of Salisbury, South Wiltshire and the wider region in a range of innovative, high quality, diverse and stimulating arts experiences.
- 8.3.5. Salisbury Arts Centre is working in partnership with Wiltshire Youth Arts Partnership and Salisbury Playhouse to combine the YNM event which received £1,000 of Salisbury Area Board funding last year, with a Creative Juice event which also took place last year, into one big multi-arts open day on Friday, 30 July, 2010. The event is organised and run by young people for young people who have applied for WYAP and WYPOF funds from the Arts Council, England. WYPOF funds of £5,000 are still provisional.
- 8.3.6. The project promotes inclusion as the whole day is open to anyone who wishes to take part between the ages of 13 and 21. There will be access to a multitude of workshops and performances at no cost to the attendee.
- 8.3.7. If the full amount were not awarded, project costs would hit reserves which might affect any future events that continue to support young people. This could mean that future events may not be offered free or at minimal cost therefore creating a barrier to engagement for some young people.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4. Grant Register ref no SAL025 -10	Bemerton Heath Residents Association	Bemerton Bike Club	£904.00

**8.4.1. It is recommended that the Bemerton Bike Club is awarded a grant of £904 to enable it to fund set up costs with the following condition:**

- **That the Association is able to provide an assurance that it has the necessary reserves to carry this new project forward**

8.4.2. This application meets the grant criteria 2010/11

8.4.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (Bemerton Ward Plan).

- 8.4.4. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities including engage with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions, increasing the number of local people involved in regular volunteering, improving young people's participation in positive activities, improving the local area through intergenerational activities, reduce perceptions of antisocial behaviour, reduce deaths through accidents, reduce carbon emissions.
- 8.4.5. Bemerton Heath Residents Association is a non-profit organisation whose aims include, making Bemerton Heath a better place to live, promoting the interests of all residents of Bemerton Heath, promoting and protecting all the residents rights.
- 8.4.6. The Association's current annual accounts (2009) show a deficit of £3,351.58 with reserves of £2,488.22 leaving a balance of -£863.36. The Association needs to provide an update on whether it has rebalanced this financial situation.
- 8.4.7. The project is the Bemerton Bike Club, aimed at children/young people from Bemerton Heath who own a bike. The club aims to work with bike users to repair bikes that may have become unsafe or unroadworthy. There are 1600 under 16s in Bemerton Ward, 120 aged 9 – 16 registered at the Bemerton Heath Youth Club and many of these have expressed an interest in the bike club.
- 8.4.8. The Bike Club is supported by Salisbury City Council who are providing the premises free of charge (Bemerton Heath Neighbourhood Centre) and Wiltshire Police through its local Community Beat Team by providing safety advice and post code stamping of bikes.
- 8.4.9. This project is primarily aimed at children/young people but would have an impact on the safety of pedestrians, car users and dog walkers.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5. Grant Register ref no SAL026 -10	Wessex Community Action	To create and manage a bank of local people who would be CRB checked and trained to undertake voluntary work for organizations.	£3,875

#### 8.5.1. Recommendation

- ***In the light of the advice received from the Head of Strategy, Wiltshire Council (see para 8.5.7 below) it is recommended that this application is refused as Wiltshire Council has already awarded a contract to provide a very similar service.***
- ***In view of this advice, any decision to award the funding would appear to conflict with the approach previous agreed by Wiltshire Council and may require further consideration/approval.***
- ***Wessex Community Action is advised to contact Grow to examine how its proposals may be accommodated within the Wiltshire Volunteer Service.***

- 8.5.2. Although technically this application meets the CAG grant criteria, it should be noted that Wiltshire Council has already allocated funding for a very similar project (see para 8.5.7 below).
- 8.5.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire with its aims to build a strong and vibrant voluntary sector.
- 8.5.4. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities including: ‘to engage with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions,’ ‘increasing the number of local people involved in regular volunteering’ and ‘improving business productivity through innovation.’
- 8.5.5. Wessex Community Action is a Company Limited by guarantee number 2797768 and a registered charity number 1019716. It is a not for profit organisation which has a varied membership. It delivers support services to voluntary and community groups; development of new initiatives in the community; liaison between groups, organisations and agencies; representing and partnership.
- 8.5.6. The proposal is to develop a ‘bank’ of adult local volunteers who are CRB cleared and encourage organisations to use the skills of young people undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. WCA would recruit and CRB check volunteers, as well as respond to requests for volunteers from local organisations and groups for short and long term work. Funding would cover recruitment and start up costs, CRB registration and administration.
- 8.5.7. This application is one of four applications submitted to Salisbury, South Wiltshire, South West Wiltshire and Amesbury for the same project. Guidance has been sought from The Head of Strategy, Community and Voluntary Sector Support, Wiltshire Council who has emphasised that the Volunteer Bank proposed by WCA would duplicate the single county-wide (including Salisbury) volunteer service that Wiltshire Council is already commissioning (and funding) from GROW. Training and volunteer recruitment, retention is part of the contract awarded by the Council and its strategic partners with GROW (a new Wiltshire-wide VCS infrastructure consortium). Wiltshire Council is reviewing its own policy on CRB checks at present. This proposal would duplicate the agreement with GROW and conflict with the approach now approved by the Council.
- 8.5.8. If funding were not awarded for this project, WCA would have to seek alternative funding. However, a similar volunteering service will be provided by GROW.

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8.6.	Two applicants withdrew their applications and hope to reapply at a future date.		



<b>Appendices</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant application – Casa de Samba</b> <b>Appendix 2 Grant application – Salisbury Baroque</b> <b>Appendix 3 Grant application – Bemerton Bike Club</b> <b>Appendix 4 Grant application - YNM – Creative Juice</b> <b>Appendix 5 Grant application – Volunteer Bank</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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