



Performance Reward Grant Scheme

APPLICATION FORM

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| Area Board | Malmesbury |
| Form submitted by (contact for all queries) | Malmesbury Amateur Boxing Club |
| Name of initiative | To raise the building by 1.3 metres to provide flooding protection for at Malmesbury Amateur Boxing Club's headquarters; along with equipment replacement. |
| Brief Description of Initiative | <p>For many years the club's premises have been subject to flood damage particularly during the winter months because of the nearby river overflowing onto the Flying Monk field. As a result professional advice taken suggests that the club should raise the building to stop further flood damage and resulting constant closures due to flooding damage.</p> <p>The boxing club is a voluntary organisation and to cover costs has funded its activities staging dinner boxing evenings (some have produced in excess of £6,000 profit), sponsored runs, and other events to ensure the participation of all regardless of economic circumstances. The 20-30 members from the wider Malmesbury area are not charged any joining fees or subscriptions. It must be pointed out that a comparatively small club like Malmesbury ABC can, because of the size of its premises, only "service" the needs of a small number of participants. Many of these often join at an impressionable age and are sometimes at risk of aiming their energies towards more anti social activities. There is no doubt that a strongly disciplined sport such as boxing does provide the framework to curb potential unsavoury behaviour.</p> <p>In existence since 1977, the club has had notable successes in recent years including the chair being awarded an MBE for services to amateur boxing. However on 14 May 2010, England international Joe Hughes, in only his second season as a senior boxer, won the (England) Amateur Boxing Association</p> |

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| | welterweight championship to add to the other age-related national and regional titles he has held. | |
| Please put a cross against the ambition(s) that this initiative will support | Building resilient communities | X |
| | Improving affordable housing | |
| | Lives not services | X |
| | Supporting economic growth | |
| | Safer communities | X |
| | Protecting the environment | X |
| | Action for Wiltshire – combating the recession | X |
| Amount of funding sought | £20,000 | |
| What will this money be spent on? (please show split between capital and revenue. For capital expenditure guidance – see Appendix 1 in the Bid Pack) | <p>The purchase and fitting of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To raise the foundations and whole building by 1.3 metres to include pipeworks, plumbing, electrics, replace floor and raise roof. trusses etc. 2. All other works required to complete the build part of the project. 3. Reinstall boxing ring, bench, ,bags, speedballs & brackets, mirrors, sit up bars, fixtures and fittings 4. Paint external walls <p>Total cost £28,200 including VAT</p> <p>All capital. Ongoing maintenance and any repairs will be budgeted by Malmesbury Amateur Boxing Club.</p> | |
| Please describe how your initiative will support the ambition(s) indicated above, and summarise the action that will be taken | <p>Over the past few years Malmesbury Boxing Club’s very survival has been threatened by flooding problems that have recently become more frequent and it is key that the project is implemented as soon as possible. Clearly flooding has created inconvenience and interruptions but has additionally damaged much of the specialist equipments that the club needs.</p> <p>This facility caters also for young people from Malmesbury and the surrounding villages aged 11-30 and encourages participation in a sport that is often not widely available to smaller communities where the need is still great to appeal to those not interested in the more popular sports such as football, hockey, rugby etc.</p> <p>It is intended that ideally the works will be completed in the summer shut down period. There is no doubt that the project will improve the internal fabric of the building and will play a part in encouraging increased use of the boxing club.</p> | |

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| What makes this initiative a local priority (eg evidence from research and local support) | Feedback from the schools, particularly Malmesbury School, suggests that this type of sporting facility is badly needed. The club has in partnership provided open sessions at the senior school to widen awareness and show the advantages of such discipline and determination gained at such a young age. |
| How will you know you have been successful? | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Clearly the lack of flooding will be the largest benefit. 2 No interruptions in the use of the building through flooding. 3 A more attractive interior will help attract membership which could well increase with the club now having a national champion. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you measure the impact? (may have more than one measure) | Greater use of this facility to train without need to stop for flooding will ensure the members and have a higher chance of reaching their potential and being able to meet the clubs commitments to their members and volunteers. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your improvement target (s), and when do you expect to achieve this/these? | <p>To improve access to our sport, If more people were able to take part in amateur boxing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 There would be less vandalism in the town with almost immediate effect, and a solution to a number of connected issues recognised by the Community Plan. 2 Participation by particularly children in a wider range of sports in the community. 3 Other than football and cricket (already well served in the town) there is a need to provide alternative sporting activities for those not attracted to these sports. |
| 4 How will you ensure that the improvement continues after the end of the initiative? | By working with the local schools, youth groups and sports clubs to ensure the facility is well used and appreciated. |
| Who will benefit from this initiative? | Children and adults particularly from 11 to 30 from the Malmesbury area and surrounding villages. |
| Confirm no unfunded commitments from this initiative | Confirmed that there will be no unfunded financial commitments arising from this initiative. |
| What are the key risks to success and how will these be managed? | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of increased use. We will work with youth groups and other organisations to ensure that this does not happen. 2. The facility not meeting user needs. The risk here is felt minimal as the equipment and building remains the same but would be more attractive and with a better specification. 3. Not having an excellent and detailed delivery programme |

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| | in place, to ensure no delays for our members, we also believe this is a minimum risk due to work schedule and set delivery programme schedules. |
| Who will manage the initiative | Chairman Malmesbury Amateur Boxing Club |

Signed:

Chairman of Area Board

Dated: