

**Report To** Salisbury Area Board

**Date of Meeting** Thursday, 15 June 2023

**Title of Report** Salisbury Area Grant Report

## Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Salisbury Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young persons grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

## Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
<b>Opening Balance For</b> <u>2023/24</u>	£ 31,653.00	£ 24,422.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 66.93
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 31,653.00	£ 24,422.00	£ 7,633.07
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 17,653.00	£ 16,033.00	£ 7,133.07

## Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1201</a>	Area Board Initiative	Salisbury Area Board	Friary Underpass Project	£4169.00	£889.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b> Salisbury Area Board, through it's Underpasses Working Group are currently working on a project to make the City's underpasses safer, accessible and more aesthetically pleasing. As part of the project the WG had identified the Underpass at the bottom of the Friary ( Exeter St - Churchill Gardens) as an underpass that would benefit from some public art.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1159</a>	Community Area Grant	River Bourne Community Farm CIC	Improved Toilet and Wash Facilities	£15500.00	£2500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b> Our visitor numbers are increasing year on year and currently stand at around 23000 per annum. We need to provide increased numbers of toilet units and wash facilities. We also provide alternative outdoor education to increased numbers of primary and secondary students (currently around 80 pupils per week) who require improved washing and shower facilities. In additional to this we generally have up to 10 volunteers a day who need improved facilities. Our existing facilities installed 13 years ago, are no longer fit for purpose.</p>					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1195</a>	Community Area Grant	Allotments and Gardens Association Salisbury	Allotments and Gardens Association Salisbury replacement and resiting of the HQ and Trading Hut	£16000.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  The Environment Agency are currently undertaking work on the Salisbury River Park project which includes the building of a flood wall and changes to the pedestrian and cycle way directly in front of the Trading Hut &amp;HQ building which has been leased by AGAS from Salisbury City Council since November 2007. The Trading Hut was unable to remain in this location due to the operational difficulties for deliveries and customers being unable to load heavy items into their cars as access will be reduced and there will be no turning area. AGAS has been in discussions with the Environment Agency and SCC since the River Park project inception and as a temporary solution the Environment Agency has made a charitable loan of two units to AGAS to enable us to continue to run the association and trading hut. SCC agreed a change to lease to allow these units to be sited on a vacant and run down allotment plot at the Fisherton Farm allotment site. This site provides easy access for the trading hut and has the space for vehicles to manoeuvre. Once the units are on the allocated site there will be no reduction of parking areas for allotment holders. AGAS is raising funds to purchase three refurbished shipping units to be installed after the EA loan runs out. The AGAS trading hut is an important part of our not for profit voluntary organisation and acts as a community hub for people interested in gardening and seeking advice to grow their own . AGAS serves a community and wellbeing role in bringing people together and enabling them to pursue the health and social benefits of growing their own food. Cultivating plants and local food production is a major part of protecting the environment and contributes to the assessing climate change priority.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1199</a>	Community Area Grant	Pembroke Park	Party at Pembroke Community Day	£6000.00	£1500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  We would like to host a community day for the residents of the Bemerton Heath/Salisbury area to include live music, entertainment, food, local business stalls. We expect to attract 500-700 people and with funding make it a free community day for those living in one of our most deprived wards.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1222</a>	Community Area Grant	Bemerton Heath IAG	Community garden accessibility	£26000.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  We want to see the community garden on Gainsborough close be improved with an accessible path, patio area and bigger gazebo so more people can enjoy and use this community space.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1205</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Supporting Refugees in Salisbury	Movement exercise group for refugees in our community	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  An oriental dance and exercise group for refugees in our community and also including Eastern European members of our community. This grant will cover two sessions a month for four months whilst we develop policies and procedures and seek more substantial longer term funding</p>					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1193</a>	Youth Grant	The Bridge Youth Project	New Youth Wellbeing Course Delivery	£10100.00	£2500.00

**Project Summary:**

Young people are experiencing increasing levels of anxiety and often don't have sufficient support networks to support them through the critical time of adolescence. Schools tell us that they struggle to meet the increasing demands on student wellbeing. There simply isn't sufficient funding or capacity and ultimately their primary role is educative. Schools therefore look to charities such as ours to enrich learning and to increase the level of support available to young people. From September 2024 we will have youth workers in 4/5 local secondary schools for two days a week, every week of the academic year. Students and pastoral staff have informed us that there is an opportunity to work with small groups of students to build resilience and confidence. We plan to do this by delivering a new 10 week course which explores 10 themes built on spirituality and positive psychology and give 11-17 year-olds the opportunity to explore different ideas around happiness and the art of living life well. These 10 themes (including physical health, relationships, gratitude, forgiveness, being present etc...) have been identified by educational psychologists as critical to creating a sustainable baseline for wellbeing. Moreover, our unique approach means that this is more than another course, our workers continue to be present in the school all year around, weaving the themes into one-to-one follow up sessions, assemblies, curriculum and signposting young people to additional support. We plan to deliver the course in each of our schools 2/3 times a year with groups of 10/15 young people in each. Students will be referred to us by the schools (with waiting lists already in place in most settings), young people selected for the course are those beginning to demonstrate traits of low self-esteem, anxiety and stress. The course will build knowledge and practical skills around 10 key areas that will lead to a more resilient, confident and happy life therefore stepping in early enough to reduce the pressure on services later down the line. Additionally our work enables local community members to be trained to deliver the course alongside our workers therefore increasing opportunities for volunteering in safe and impactful capacity around school communities. The total cost of the project for year one is £10,100. This grant (£2.5k) would enable the purchase of course materials as well as some of our teams time to deliver the project in Salisbury schools (Sarum Academy and South Wilts Grammar School) as part of the larger project which will benefit 120-180 young people over the first year and a handful of volunteers. The remaining amount will be made up with an additional application to the South Wilts Area Board (with a focus on Trafalgar and Wyvern St. Ed's schools), in volunteer time (reducing the cost of staff time) and an additional grant. After the first year we will look to financially sustain the course through additional grant income.

<a href="#">ABG1220</a>	Youth Grant	Rise61	Creative Hub after school clubs	£26500.00	£5000.00
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**Project Summary:**

We want to continue to run two FREE after school creative clubs that will engage 4-10 young people each on alternative nights during the week (5-6.30pm) who are interested in arts and crafts and digital creative media like iPad drawing on ProCreate and video editing.

## 1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.

Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as

- follows: Community Area Grants (capital)
- Young People (revenue)
- Health and Wellbeing (revenue)

The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

## 2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young persons funding guidelines have been adhered to.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

### **3. Environmental & Community Implications**

Grant funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

### **4. Financial Implications**

Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

### **5. Legal Implications**

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

### **6. Human Resources Implications**

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

### **7. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area 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.

### **8. Safeguarding Implications**

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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