

Report

Subject : General Community Fund Grants 2008/09
Report to : The Cabinet
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GENERAL COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS – 2008/2009

1. **Report Summary:**
To present to the Cabinet recommendations for Members to consider for awarding the first tranche of the General Community Fund budget between voluntary and community organisations for funding during the 2008/09 financial year
2. **Background:**
 - 2.1 As part of the 2008/09 Revenue Budget, Members approved the creation of a one off General Community fund to provide the Cabinet with flexibility during the year to support community led projects that improve the quality of life and wellbeing of the residents of South Wiltshire.
 - 2.2 At the March Cabinet meeting, Members approved the criteria by which applications would be assessed (**Appendix 1**) and agreed that four members be nominated to form an advisory group to Cabinet regarding the consideration of grant applications.
 - 2.3 The closing date for the second tranche was 30 September 2008 and the council received 47 applications with a total monetary value of £552,173.98
 - 2.4 The full applications are available for Members to refer to at Community Initiatives, 16 Endless Street
 - 2.5 The Advisory Panel met on 15 October 2008 to assess the applications, and make funding recommendations to Cabinet.
3. **Proposals:**
 - 3.1 **Appendix 2** summarises the grant recommendations for Cabinet to consider. The current budget of £77,585 does not meet the total amount requested therefore the table shows the individual amounts requested and the amount proposed based on the grant assessment process.



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



- 3.2 The advisory group was impressed both with the quality of the applications and the range of services that funding had been applied for and acknowledged that this had made the task of the group even more difficult than it already was to provide the Cabinet with a proposal.
- 3.3 The advisory group has formed its proposals based on a combination of factors outlined below:
- i. The degree by which the application supported the Council's corporate objectives, key strategies and policies
 - ii. The level by which the service or activity contributes to the Council's Core Values
 - iii. The degree to which applications supported priorities identified in parish, town, ward and community plans
 - iv. Whether the application represented value for money, weighing up the overall cost of the project against the number of residents that the project or service would benefit.
 - v. The sustainability of the project and whether it would provide a lasting benefit to the local community
 - vi. The ability of the project to enhance the quality of life for residents across the whole of the district
 - vii. Opportunities to enhance partnership working within the local community
 - viii. Whether the funding would make a significant contribution to the role of the voluntary and community sector
 - ix. To what degree would the project meet the needs of socially excluded communities or groups in the district
 - x. Whether there are alternative sources of funding that could be sourced for the project and the extent to which the council is already supporting the organisation financially.
 - xi. The geographical spread of the collective funding proposal.

Statements of interest were noted as follows and that member of the panel took no part in the discussion and decision on that application:

Councillor Paul Sample: Application Numbers 1, 3, 6, 11, 32 and 44

Councillor Brian Dalton: Application Number 1 and 19

Councillor Andrew Roberts: Application Numbers 4 and 20

4. **Compact:**

- 4.1 Salisbury District Council continues to work towards full compliance with the Wiltshire COMPACT Board's Code of Good Practice on Funding and Procurement
- 4.2 The Code of Practice on Funding and Procurement is one of the four codes that describe how the COMPACT will work in practice. It is based on the national Code that was developed by Central Government together with the Voluntary and Community Sector
- 4.3 In terms of funding and procurement code there is a requirement to develop and sustain effective procedures that result in sound funding decisions to support well delivered services. Funders will also commit to ensuring that all funding streams are transparent, consistent and fair.

5. **Proposals;**

- 5.1 **Appendix 2** shows a list of the grant applications.

6. **Recommendations:**

- 6.1 Cabinet endorses the recommendations of the advisory group as set out in Appendix 2
- 6.2 Cabinet delegates to Leader and Deputy in consultation with the Chief Executive the remaining grant allocations from this budget in line with the corporate priorities as previously agreed by Cabinet in the Corporate and Transition Plan 2008/09 on 18 June

7. **Background Papers:** Application criteria

8. **Implications:**

- **Financial:** £77,585 is allocated in this tranche. No further grant funds are available or likely to become available in 2008/9. Any use of reserves has to be agreed by the Implementation Executive.
- **Legal:** section 2 of the Local Government act 2000 enable the Council to do anything that will enhance the well being of the local community or any part or parts of it
- **Human Rights:** article 6 [right to a fair trial] may be engaged. Conscientious consideration of the recommendations should demonstrate compliance
- **Equalities:** article 14 [prohibition of discrimination] is engaged if article 6 is engaged. Consideration of the recommendations against the criteria should demonstrate compliance
- **Community Safety:** relevant community safety implications are linked to specific applications
- **Environmental:** contained in report
- **Core Values:** The Community Fund supports the following Core Values of the Council:
Fairness and Equality
Anti-Poverty and Social Exclusion
Communicating with the Public
Supporting the Disadvantaged
Protecting the Environment
- **Wards Affected:** All



Salisbury District Council General Community Fund Criteria

Salisbury District Council's General Community Fund supports community led projects that improve the quality of life and wellbeing of the residents of South Wiltshire

The council will consider applications for funding that:

- Support the Council's corporate objectives
- Assist in delivering the Council's Core Values
- Support the delivery of parish, town, ward and community plan priorities
- Support the voluntary and community sector improve the quality of life for the residents of South Wiltshire
- Make a significant contribution to the role of the voluntary and community sector
- Encourage partnership working within the local community
- Represent value for money
- Contributes to developing the values of equality and diversity, supporting disadvantaged and socially excluded groups in South Wiltshire

Groups can apply if they:

- are set up for charitable purposes
- have aims and objectives that are clear and well defined and are of real benefit to the community
- are properly constituted or have a Memorandum of Association or rules
- have a bank account or building society account with at least two joint signatures
- have annual accounts or statements of income and expenditure
- have an equal opportunities policy

When assessing an application the council will:

- Only consider one application per project
- Expect applicants to demonstrate financial need and as a guide the council would expect applicants to have no more than six months reserves. However consideration will be given the Government guidelines on Full Cost recovery that states that Funding bodies must recognise that it is legitimate for third sector organisations to recover the appropriate level of overhead costs associated with the provision of a particular Service
- Permit applications for community purposes from religious organisations, but will not fund religious or political groups or activities
- Require applicants to be suitable and have a track record consistent with the level of funding being applied for
- Only consider one application per organisation
- Consider applications from core funded organisations who apply for funding support for projects not included in the service agreements
- Require assurance that applicants are able to start the project by 31 March 2009

The council will not:

- support applications that are deemed to be the sole role of other public funded bodies (eg WCC, Parish and Town Councils. PCT).
- accept applications from other precepting or public-funded bodies
- accept applications that would be for the benefit of an individual
- accept applications from businesses, commercial or profit making organisations
- consider projects already receiving funding from the council

- consider projects where construction work, the event, or the project itself have already commenced i.e grants will not be awarded retrospectively
- consider applications from organisations whose principal area of activity is outside the District
- Consider applications that are relevant to another district council grant scheme
- support applications to cover general revenue costs or capital costs of building, such as:
 - Rents or insurance
 - Rates, council tax and utilities
 - Endowments
 - Loan payments
 - Professional fundraisers

How much is available

- The total grant fund is £130,000
- Minimum grant award will be £5,000
- There will be no maximum grant award
- At least 10% of the project costs must be raised locally by the applicant

How to submit an application

Please make your submission in writing of no more than 4 sides of A4 outlining the aims and outcomes of the project highlighting the benefit to the local community as well as all the costs involved.

Additional information that will be required

Accounts for the past two years (new organisations with less than two years accounts will be expected to provide an estimate of income and expenditure for the first year).

Deadlines for application

Awards will be made in 2 tranches:

1. Deadline for application 30 May 2008 with award given in June 2008
2. Deadline for applications 30 September 2008 with award given in November 2008

Submit your application or for further information please contact:

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General Community Fund

App No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Review panel recommendations to Cabinet
1.	SCRAP	£17,500	The applicant be refused for funding.
2.	Friary Care Group	£6,534.31	The applicant will be awarded £2000 towards the cost of the project. Applicant to apply to SWAG for the balance of the grant
3.	St. Edmunds Community Association - Milford Street Bridge Project	£20,000	The applicant will be awarded £2000 towards the cost of the project. Applicant to apply to SWAG for the balance of the grant
4.	Broken Bridges Nature Reserve	£7,450	The applicant be refused for funding.
5.	Downton Community Pre-School	£7,544	The applicant will be awarded £3,800 towards the cost of the project.
6.	River Bourne Community Farm	£35,000	The applicant be refused for funding.
7.	Providing Local Transport Solutions	£7,650	The applicant be refused for funding.
8.	Morning Star	£19,069	The applicant will be awarded £7,500 towards the cost of the project
9.	Mediation Salisbury and District	£5,750	The applicant be refused for funding.
10.	ArtCare	£6,250	The applicant be refused for funding.
11.	Age Concern	£13,802	The applicant will be awarded £4,010 towards the cost of the project.
12.	South Wilts Fibromyalgia Society	£6,160	The applicant be refused for funding.
13.	Sarum Counselling	£9,030	The applicant be refused for funding.
14.	Sukosta	£7,000	The applicant be refused for funding.
15.	The Burnbake Trust	£16,300	The applicant will be awarded £8,000 towards the cost of a new van for the project.
16.	ASK	£6,250	The applicant be refused for funding.
17.	Salisbury & District Talking Newspaper	£6,250	The applicant will be awarded £3,125 towards the cost of the project.
18.	The Bridge	£5,110.20	The applicant will be awarded £1,000 towards the cost of the project.

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19.	St. Michael's Community Centre	£19,236	The applicant be refused for funding.
20.	Wessex Community Action	£5,647	The applicant will be awarded £2,800 towards the cost of the project.
21.	Sarum Orchestra	£20,000	The applicant be refused for funding.
22.	SPLASH	£5000	The applicant will be awarded £5,000 towards the cost of the project.
23.	Mere Town Youth Football Club	£7,431	The applicant will be awarded £3,700 towards the cost of the project.
24.	Salisbury & South Wiltshire District Scout Council	£20,000	The applicant will be awarded £5,000 towards the cost of the project.
25.	MotivArt	£7,505	The applicant be refused for funding.
26.	Living Awareness Trust	£6,878	The applicant be refused for funding.
27.	The Bemerton Heath Interagency Group	£8,680	The applicant be refused for funding.
28.	Alderbury Scout Group	£5,000	The applicant be refused for funding.
29.	Chalke Valley Cricket Club - New Ground	£8,500	The applicant be refused for funding.
30.	Figheldean Youth Club	£9,543.15	The applicant be refused for funding.
31.	John Creasey Museum	£15,090.75	The applicant be refused for funding.
32.	Salisbury City Art Trail	£5,210	The applicant be refused for funding.
33.	1st Wilton Scout Group	£9,952.88	The applicant will be awarded £5,000 towards the cost of the project.
34.	Trilth	£8,600	The applicant will be awarded £8,600 towards the cost of the project.
35.	Wilton Community Centre	£7,050	The applicant will be awarded £7,050 towards the cost of the project.
36.	Fovant Village Hall	£5,000	The applicant be refused for funding.
37.	The Sea Cadets	£12,833.69	The applicant be refused for funding.
38.	Enlarging the Tent - St. Paul's Church Centre	£25,000	The applicant be refused for funding.
39.	Salisbury Arts Centre	£9,400	The applicant be refused for funding.
40.	Chinese Association of Wiltshire	£10,000	The applicant will be awarded £1,000 towards the cost of the project.

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41.	The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust	£8,000	The applicant be refused for funding.
42.	Splitz Support Service	£11,699	The applicant will be awarded £5,000 towards the cost of the project.
43.	The Community Foundation for Wiltshire & Swindon	£10,000	The applicant be refused for funding.
44.	SHINE	£11,260	The applicant be refused for funding.
45.	Citizens Advice Bureau	£6,433	The applicant be refused for funding.
46.	Youth Cafe	£20,000	The applicant be refused for funding.
47.	Maiden Bradley Village Shop	£10,000	The applicant will be awarded £3,000 towards the cost of the project.