

Report to	Salisbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	1st October, 2009
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 9 applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding

Officer recommendations:

1. Circular Arts. The recommendation is to decline this grant application on the grounds that Wiltshire Council have made an offer of funding to this project via Libraries, heritage and arts.
2. Salisbury & District Bird Keepers Association. Award £500 as a contribution to enable the Association to extend its activities to the wider community.
3. Firestarter Arts – The Unit. Award £3,500 to cover the cost of the lease for 1 year conditional on Wiltshire Council issuing a decision on the proposal of 'Change of use from retail to non-profit community volunteering project'.
4. Salisbury Street Pastors. Award £5,000 to support the Salisbury Street Pastors project.
5. Salisbury Arts Centre. Award £1,000 to enable the Yes, No, Maybe project to put on a full day of free arts performances on 3 October, 2009.
6. St Edmunds Community Association. Award £1,000 conditional upon the bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund being awarded.
7. Salisbury City Community Area Partnership (SCCAP). Award £4,300 to cover costs for the initial consultation of drawing up the new Salisbury Community Area Plan.
8. Salisbury City Centre Management. Award £5,000 as a contribution toward the fireworks at the Salisbury Christmas Lights and Switch On Event.
9. Salisbury City Council. The recommendation is to decline this grant application on the grounds of allocating one pot of funding for this initiative to Salisbury City Centre Management who have the responsibility of coordinating the Salisbury Christmas Lights and Switch On Event on behalf of Salisbury City.

1. Background

- 1.1 A single and simple application process was accepted by the Implementation Executive on 13th May 2009 for use during 2009/10. Appendix 1 contains the Community Area Grants Pack, which has been developed and includes details of the grants process and criteria.
- 1.2 Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to the Area Boards by the Leader of the Council (13th May 2009). Under the terms of that delegation Area Boards must operate within the policies set by the Leader and /or the Council. The Council has adopted an Area Grants policy, with funding criteria, to which the Area Boards must adhere.
- 1.3 In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that was contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10• Salisbury City Community Area: Our Community Plan 2004 - 2009
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2009/10 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before 31st March 2010.
- 2.2. There will be 4 rounds of funding during 2009/10. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on
 - 3rd December, 2009
 - 21st January, 2010
 - 18th March, 2010

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 grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Salisbury Area Board will have a balance of £22,736.

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 – “Project Proposals”.

8. Project Proposals

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Circular Arts.	Community arts multi workshop project leading to a community Christmas Lantern Parade.	£5,000.00

- 8.1.1 Circular Arts. The recommendation is to decline this grant application on the grounds that Wiltshire Council have made an offer of funding to this project via Libraries, heritage and arts.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Salisbury Bird Keepers Association	Towards the cost of providing the Association with the equipment it needs to produce hand-out material, print schedules and give out illustrated talks/presentations	£975.89
8.2.1	Salisbury Bird Keepers Association – Award £500 as a contribution to enable the Association to extend its activities to the wider community.		
8.2.2	This application meets the Community Area Grant criteria for 2009/10.		
8.2.3	This application doesn't demonstrate a direct link to the Salisbury City Area Community Plan 2004 – 2009. However, it does relate to 8.2.4 below.		
8.2.4	The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through increasing the number of local people involved in regular volunteering, encouraging people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of both themselves and their family, improving young people's participation in positive activities.		
8.2.5	Salisbury & District Bird Keepers Association is not a registered charity or company limited by guarantee. The club has 42 paid up members with six members involved in the management of the Association. They intend to give illustrated talks about wildlife and bird keeping, as well as providing specialized advice to people seeking to set up a garden aviary. The club were awarded Club of the Week in January 2009 by the Cage & Aviary Birds magazine which has an international circulation.		
8.2.6	The Association is concerned to reach those people who are not mentally or physically able to meet the challenges of sporting activities and intends to talk to all age groups including young people e.g., Scouts, schools; vulnerable and elderly people, e.g., Residential Homes, senior citizen clubs.		
8.2.7	A decision not to fund this project will result in the project not being able to go ahead with its plans to extend the club's activities and range to a wider audience.		
Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested

8.3	Firestarter Arts	Towards the cost of enabling 'The Unit' to commence operations for the provision of a youth information centre run by young people for young people	£4,500.00
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8.3.1 Firestarter Arts – Award £3,500 to cover the cost of the lease for 1 year conditional on Wiltshire Council issuing a decision on the proposal of 'Change of use from retail to non-profit community volunteering project'.

8.3.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant criteria for 2009/10.

8.3.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Salisbury City Area Community Plan 2004 – 2009. "Provide community centres as a focus for all age groups, particularly young people.....including...a drop-in centre". "Increase opportunities for young people to get involved".

8.3.4 The project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through engaging 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, reducing perceptions of antisocial behaviour.

8.3.5 Firestarter Arts is a Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a share capital. It is a community interest company. The Company's object is to carry on activities which benefit the community and in particular to develop and support creative and cultural opportunities for young people with an emphasis on participation.

8.3.6 The project is called 'The Unit'. Its intention is to turn an empty city centre shop unit into a youth information centre run by young people for young people. The application of £4,500 is for lease/running costs, however, the major concern is to 'secure the lease for a minimum of 12 months which is £3,500. Securing this funding would allow the project to find other sources of funding available for young people involved in this type of project. The following has been agreed:

- Wiltshire Council has awarded this project 100% business rate discretionary relief from the date of occupation of 17 Endless Street, Salisbury until 31 March, 2010.
- Gala Coral Group have agreed that on the basis of obtaining planning consent for the proposed use, they will accept the offer of £3,500 per annum on the basis of a 12 month license. No building insurance will be charged.
- Wiltshire Council endeavour to issue a decision by 1st October, 2009 on the proposal of 'Change of use from retail to non-profit community volunteering project'.

8.3.7 Firestarter Arts have an Equalities and Diversity Policy Statement. The project has

a wide ranging number of organizations, schools and groups who wish to work with it in partnership. It particularly wishes to involve young people who may be excluded, age range 14 – 25 with a focus on 14 – 19.

8.3.8 A decision not to fund this project will result in the project not being able to go ahead.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Salisbury Street Pastors	Salisbury Street Pastors will work from 10pm-4am on Friday nights bringing care to those enjoying the city night life	£5,000.00

8.4.1 Salisbury Street Pastors – Award £5,000.

8.4.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10

8.4.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Salisbury City Community Area Plan 2004 – 2009. “reduce anti-social behaviour...reduce noise and disturbance in the city centre when people are moving between bars and clubs....”

8.4.4 This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through increasing the number of local people involved in regular volunteering; encouraging people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of both themselves and their family; increasing the number of people who feel safe in their community; improving the local area through intergenerational activities such as street clean ups...; reducing perceptions of antisocial behaviour”.

8.4.5 Salisbury Street Pastors is a newly formed initiative whose constitution was adopted on 3rd August, 2009. The Street Pastors initiative started in London and is described as a partnership between the Church, Police and Local Government. Its purpose is to build stronger and more resilient city centre communities.

8.4.6 Salisbury Street Pastors has over 30 volunteers from 14 local churches. It is working in conjunction with Salisbury police (especially Inspector David McMullin and Sergeant Richard Goodman). It is also working with Pub Watch. Street Pastors will log activities, monitor crime statistics and conduct ongoing surveys to determine the outcome of the project.

8.4.7 Evidence of the work of Street Pastors shows that typically a drop of 25-30% in crime is reported by the police where street pastors operate and in some areas serious sexual assaults have dropped to zero.

8.4.8 A decision not to fund this project may result in the project being delayed.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5	Salisbury Arts Centre	To enable the Yes, No, Maybe (YNM) project to put on a full day of free arts performances on 3 October, 2009 with and for 14 – 21 year olds	£1,000.00

8.5.1 Salisbury Arts Centre – Award £1,000 to assist the project proposal.

8.5.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10

8.5.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Salisbury City Community Area Plan 2004 – 2009. “increase opportunities for young people to get involved”

8.5.4 This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through engaging with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions, encouraging people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of both themselves and their family, improve young people’s participation in positive activities, increase the number of people who feel safe in their community, reduce perceptions of antisocial behaviour.

8.5.5 St Edmunds Arts Trust is a company limited by guarantee. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. It provides and maintains the Salisbury Arts Centre who have put forward this application meeting its aims to ‘focus particularly on engaging young people and inspiring them through our values, wherever possible working together with other cultural organizations and partners’.

8.5.6 YNM’s full day of free arts performances, workshops and exhibitions will ensure that individuals will benefit from both watching and taking part, try out new techniques, see what local youth groups are achieving and work with professional artists. The day is intended to act as a springboard for future projects, workshops and events for young people.

8.5.7 YNM followed on from a successful Open Day in 2008 with over 1,000 people attending. A decision was made to focus this year on the attendance of young people aged between 14 – 21 and is expecting to attract approximately 400 young people at this free event

8.5.8 A decision not to fund this project might result in it being undertaken at a reduced level.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6	St Edmunds Community Association	Towards the cost of running a 1 year project (Milford Street Bridge Project) from November, 2009	£4,100.00

8.6.1 St Edmunds Community Association – Award £1,000 conditional upon the bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund being awarded.

8.6.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10

8.6.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Salisbury City Community Area Plan 2004 – 2009. ‘Increase opportunities for young people to get involved’.

8.6.4 This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through engaging with local people to find out their priorities and work with them to deliver solutions, increase number of local people involved in regular volunteering, improve young people’s participation in positive activities, improve local area through intergenerational activities such as community events.

8.6.5 The St Edmunds Community Association states that the area of benefit of the Association is the St Edmund’s area of Salisbury.

8.6.6 The project will involve local people in learning about their community heritage and the intention is to conserve the heritage of the area around Milford Street Bridge by interviewing at least 20 local people, to create an oral history. Using the oral history, a large mural will be created on the side wall of the Milford Street Bridge.

8.6.7 At least 100 local school children will be participating in the project as well as engaging at least 200 local people. The project aims to ensure residents feel they belong to their community and are proud of where they live.

8.6.8 A decision not to fund this project might result in it being undertaken at a reduced level.

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8.7	Salisbury Community Area Partnership (SCCAP)	To meet the cost of initial consultation of the new Salisbury Community Area Plan	£4,300.00
8.7.1	Salisbury Community Area Partnership (SCCAP) – Award £4,300		
8.7.2	This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10		
8.7.3	This application demonstrates a link to the Salisbury City Community Area Plan 2004 – 2009, specifically in relation to an urgent requirement to update it.		
8.7.4	This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through increasing the number of local people involved in regular volunteering, encourage people to make lifestyle changes that will have a positive impact on the health of both themselves and their family, improve young people's participation in positive activities, increase the number of people who feel safe in their community, improve local area through intergenerational activities such as community events, reduce perceptions of antisocial behaviour.		
8.7.5	SCCAP is an independent and autonomous partnership, inclusive and accountable to the wider community. Although SCCAP has a voluntary relationship to the Salisbury Area Board, it is central to the Wiltshire Council Area Boards' community governance. SCCAP's Terms of Reference were adopted on 5 May, 2009 and 19 nominations to the Steering Group approved.		
8.7.6	The Chair of SCCAP has confirmed that training will be provided for Steering Group members prior to carrying out consultation and questionnaires will be produced to be distributed to every household during 2010.		
8.7.7	The Community Plan will present a vision for Salisbury. It will present local priorities identified by local people and its aim is to benefit all 41,146 residents of Salisbury.		
8.7.8	A decision not to fund this project might result in it being undertaken at a reduced level.		
Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.8	Salisbury City Centre Management	Funding sought for the firework element of the Salisbury lights and switch on event	£5,000.00

- 8.8.1 Salisbury City Centre Management – Award £5,000 as a one-off contribution to the cost of fireworks at the Salisbury Christmas Festival.
- 8.8.2 This application meets the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10
- 8.8.3 This application doesn't directly demonstrate a link to the Salisbury City Community Area Plan 2004 – 2009, although it supports the Local Agreement for Wiltshire priorities ' building resilient communities' and 'supporting economic growth'.
- 8.8.4 This project relates to Wiltshire Council priorities through improving business productivity through innovation e.g., events.
- 8.8.5 Salisbury City Centre Management is a company limited by guarantee. Its aim is to improve the economic viability of the city of Salisbury.
- 8.8.6 Although the Salisbury City Council has ownership of the Christmas lights, a funding grant from SCC to Salisbury City Centre Management has been confirmed at £37k. SCCM will coordinate the Christmas Lights and Switch On Event.
- 8.8.7 The Salisbury Christmas festival brings together all communities and is aimed at both residents and visitors. It can bring into the Market Place between 6,000 and 8,000 people.
- 8.8.8 A decision not to fund this project will result in the fireworks element of Salisbury's Christmas Festival not being realized.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.9	Salisbury City Council	Funding sought for the firework element of the Salisbury lights and switch on event	£5,000.00

- 8.9.1 Salisbury City Council – Decline this grant application on the basis of allocating one pot of funding for this initiative to Salisbury City Centre Management

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Community Area Grant Criteria Appendix 2 Grant application – Circular Arts Appendix 3 Grant application – Salisbury District Bird Keepers Association
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	Appendix 4 Grant application – Firestarter Arts Appendix 5 Grant application – Salisbury Street Pastors Appendix 6 Grant application – Salisbury Arts Centre Appendix 7 Grant application – St Edmunds Community Association Appendix 8 Grant application – Salisbury City Community Area Partnership Appendix 9 Grant application – Salisbury City Centre Management Appendix 10 Grant application – Salisbury City Council
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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