

Item No. 7

Performance Reward Grant Scheme

In recognition of our recent excellent performance against some demanding targets, Wiltshire Council has earned Performance Reward Grant funding of £5.4 m, to be paid by the Government over two years; half in 2009 and half in 2010.

This gives us an excellent opportunity to take forward some of our key local ambitions, the things we have agreed are important for Wiltshire.

The Grant money will be distributed via our Area Boards in 3 month tranches. The first tranche of £250,000 will be paid out from October to December 2009.

We are looking to local people, with the support of our Area Boards, to identify projects which might benefit from this funding. Projects must be able to be related to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire. This sets out the actions which we will all work together on to improve our lives in Wiltshire; things like creating stronger and more inclusive communities, building a strong and vibrant voluntary sector, helping young people take part in positive activities, improving affordable housing, helping people improve their long term health and wellbeing, supporting economic growth and combating the recession, making our communities safer and protecting the environment.

Projects must have local support and have a positive local impact which is able to be measured. The grant funding is one-off funding and should not be used for things which have unfunded commitments beyond the life of the scheme. The grant can however be used for both capital and revenue funding. Those who are successful in getting grant funding will need to account for how the money has been spent.

If you have an idea for a project which might be eligible for funding through this scheme, contact your local Community Area Manager for further information.

Contact details can be found at
[http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityand living/areaboards.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards.htm)

Further information about the Local Agreement for Wiltshire can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/wiltshirefamilyofpartnershipsworkingtogether.htm>