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AREA BOARD PROJECTS AND COUNCILLOR LED INITIATIVES APPLICATION FORM 2015/2016.

Area Board Project
1. What is the Initiative?
To provide funding to enable greater access to the internet for local communities through the improvement of local community communications. Funding will be ring-fenced and local community groups will be invited to bid for up to a set maximum per application. No matched funding is required for applicants to be eligible, although this would always be encouraged in order to maximise the benefit of any potential scheme. Projects and applicants must meet the criteria of the existing Wiltshire Online Digital Inclusion scheme. The Area Board would encourage applicants to consider an innovative approach that takes into account local issues and requirements.
2. Where is the initiative taking place?
Across the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton community areas.
3. When will the initiative take place?
Applications will need to be submitted by the end of December 2016.
4. What is the Community benefit/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?
Wiltshire Council has made a commitment through its Wiltshire Online Digital Inclusion programme to help adults across Wiltshire get confident with the basics of computers and the web. South West Wiltshire Area Board received £150 in 2015/16 towards capital grants intended to help communities wishing to start a new or maintain an existing basic computer skills activity through the purchase of physical resources. Grants have already been awarded to local groups to support these activities and the Area Board would like to run this project to enhance the delivery across the three community areas. South West Wiltshire Area Board currently has an agreed priority to reach out to older people who are isolated to provide community support and access to services.
5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?
More people will have access to the internet, particularly those who are new to computers and who have very limited skills and confidence.

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?	

The Community Engagement Manager will receive applications and agree funding in consultation with Area Board members.

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)

It is proposed that:

- £5,000 is ring-fenced for this project.

- individual awards of up to a set amount will be approved out of the meeting, by the Community Engagement Manager in consultation with Board Members.

- an evaluation report will be brought back to the Board detailing the outcome of the spend following either a) all of the project funding being allocated or b) the project ending in December 2016.

8. Additional information