



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

Area Board Project
1. What is the Initiative?
<p>To ring-fence funding to be used to purchase community transport vehicle(s), primarily to support the delivery of youth activities across South West Wiltshire but also for other local community needs.</p> <p>The Area Board wishes to ensure vehicles are available to support its investment made in supporting positive activities for young people. It is also agreed that a joined up solution is required to make the running of any future vehicles sustainable and ensure their maximum usage.</p> <p>Any vehicle(s) purchased by South West Wiltshire Area Board will be transferred to the ownership of a suitable local organisation i.e. one that would meet the community area grant criteria and can satisfy the Area Board that they have the ability to legally own, run and maintain the vehicle. A detailed explanation of how the vehicle will be used is also required.</p>
2. Where is the initiative taking place?
<p>The vehicle(s) would be operated across the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton community areas.</p>
3. When will the initiative take place?
<p>Funding to be allocated within a year of the project being agreed.</p>
4. What is the Community benefit/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?
<p>At the 'What matters to you' event in April 2014 there were a number of key issues/priorities agreed for the South West Wiltshire Area Board area that are relevant to this project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of transport to outlying villages and threat to current transport provision (theme – children and young people). - Improve transportation and parking links across the community in order that people can access facilities and opportunities (theme – leisure). - Maintain and enhance public and community transport services especially for the elderly (theme – transport) - More innovative and sustainable forms of community transport to help people access services, activities and jobs (theme – our community)

In January 2016 Seeds4Success, a local charity, began to deliver a programme of open access youth work across South West Wiltshire, commissioned by South West Wiltshire Area Board. Transport for young people to access sessions has been identified as having key importance in order for this service to be successful.

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

Transport made available to enable young people and the wider community are more able to access local positive activities and opportunities.

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

The Community Engagement Manager will project manage this initiative with any further decisions on spending the allocated funding reverting to Area Board members in a public meeting.

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

It is proposed that:

- £20,000 is ring-fenced for the purchase of community transport vehicle(s) primarily to support the delivery of youth activities across South West Wiltshire. If there is any funding unspent, this will revert back to the Area Board general funding pot.
- individual awards will return to a future Area Board meeting for approval by members with confirmation that the organisation has met the ownership criteria set out in section 1.
- 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) a period of one year from the funding being agreed.

8. Additional information

Wiltshire Council is currently carrying out a review of Passenger Transport (excluding taxis and trains) which seeks to consult widely on the actions, options, opportunities and developments around bus and community transport. There is an expectation that there will be a greater reliance on local community solutions to transport issues in the future.

There are already existing community transport providers in the area (e.g. Tisbus), and the Area Board recognises the importance of a joined up approach across South West Wiltshire.