

**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL
SALISBURY AREA BOARD
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Salisbury Area Board – Capital Funding Bids

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To seek the area board's approval of the list of funding bids at Table 1 below (and detailed at appendix 1).

2. Background

2.1 After the grants agreed at the last area board meeting in January 2018, councillors were informed that there was a balance of £47,345k remaining in the board's capital community grants budget 2017/18.

2.2 The community engagement manager was asked to ensure that this was widely publicised throughout the community area to ensure all community groups had the opportunity to bid. In addition, on reviewing progress against local joint strategic needs priorities, councillors requested that bids be proactively invited from a number of community groups and the city council to help with specific priorities relating to health and wellbeing, child poverty, social isolation, positive youth activities, access to public transport. These are reflected in the bids at Table 1.

3. Financial Implications

3.1. Salisbury Area Board was allocated just under £65k in capital community funds at the beginning of 2017/18.

3.2. The Salisbury Area Board currently has just over £47k remaining in that budget until the 31st March 2018.

3.3. If all the schemes at Table 1 and at agenda item 13 are agreed today, there will be a remaining balance of £2760.

4. Bids for consideration

4.1 See below in Table 1 (and at appendix 1)

Table 1

Applicant	Project / scheme	£ Amount
Safer Salisbury Community Group	2 new community public access defibrillators for Salisbury city centre (including 4 year maintenance and support package from SW Ambulance Trust)	3,500
Alabare	Men's Shed	1,500
City Council	Friary Community Centre internal enhancements	5,000
City Council	New floodlighting at Churchill Gardens skatepark	5,000
City Council	Footpath improvements	5,000
Community Area Transport Group	2 new bus shelters in Devizes Rd and Coronation Rd	5,000
TOTAL		25,000

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Defibrillators

Costs	Equipment/Serviceing	Ownership / leasing arrangements	Training	Length of scheme	Guardian responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £2160 inc VAT lump sum at start of 4 yr term + £1,200 inc VAT for additional defibs + installation costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automated external defib External heated unlocked cabinet Damaged or stolen items replaced without cost by the trust Serviceing, updating of software, resuscitation guidelines changes Replacement defib electrodes, battery and other disposables whether through use or expiry 	<p>Equipment remains property of the Ambulance Trust</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The trust's Community Responder Dept will provide annual awareness sessions Community Responder will also provide support on any welfare issues arising through incidents 	<p>4 yrs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily visual check of defib Monthly reporting of these daily checks to the trust via the trust's online reporting system

Men's Shed

- Initial discussions have been held with a number of interested members of the community (including a number of women!) about starting a men's shed project at one of the Alabare offices at Riverside House, Watts Rd, Salisbury. Towards the end of 2017, Alabare responded to a tweet from the Community Engagement Manager to raise interest locally in the men's shed idea. Alabare is offering use of a large workshop type space to the rear of its Riverside House premises, one half of which is already functioning as the space for the charity's upcycling project, as supported by the board in 2016/17.
- The offer of this space is a significant first step in the project, as typically projects have had to work very hard elsewhere in the county to secure suitable premises.
- The Men's Shed concept originates from Southern Australia in 2009, and in a nutshell began in response to the need for men to gather in a space that would facilitate good male camaraderie, and was very soon recognised as an effective project to tackle issues such as loneliness, isolation, dwindling self-worth due to injury, unemployment, illness, caring responsibilities etc. There are men's sheds worldwide now, with around 400 in the UK, and 11 in Wiltshire – the first starting in Melksham back in 2016.
- One of the Salisbury Area Board's top 5 community priorities is to tackle loneliness and isolation particularly for older people, and the Health & Wellbeing Group agreed in June 2016 that men's health should be one of its priorities. The area board pledged £500 of revenue from its health and wellbeing budget earlier this year to start exploratory work for the setting up of the city's first men's shed. This funding was awarded to the Safer Salisbury Community Group which is keen to work in partnership with Alabare and the Community Engagement Manager to get this first shed up and running. This revenue

may well prove helpful for matters such as health and safety training, any extra insurances required which Alabare may not be able to cover, and promotion of the shed.

- The £1500 suggested capital bid has not been requested by Alabare or Safer Salisbury, but is a recommendation of the Community Engagement Manager, as, whilst the actual premises and many of the tools required are already in place, there will inevitably be other capital costs as the project takes shape, i.e. shelving, storage, dust extractors, etc.

Friary Community Centre Internal Enhancements

Through closer partnership working generally, and from some of the specific conversations held as part of the area board's work on child poverty, there are a number of positive developments on the horizon for the Friary, including a pledge of significant funding from the Community Foundation to run a Stronger Families project commencing later this year. This has led councillors and officers to suggest that an area board capital investment to enhance some of the internal features of the Friary Community Centre is timely. The sourcing of quotes and further discussions with Wiltshire Council's housing officers (as the building is currently owned by Wiltshire Council) are still needed, but the board's support for a £5k contribution is requested, to assist with the costs including: cooker, fridge, dishwasher, blinds, flooring, wall mounted TV screen, materials for painting and decorating and for a community project to redecorate the external entrance way (bollards and pillars) to make the centre look more welcoming.

Flood Lighting Churchill Gardens Skate Park

The skate park cannot be used for long periods of time during the year (Winter) due to the absence of lighting. The project would involve the installation of modern energy efficient LCD lighting. The cost of this installation is estimated to be 12k-14k, the area board is recommended to pledge £5k.

Proposed Footpath / access Improvements – Natural Areas

The proposal is to improve access to several of the cities natural areas for wheelchair and motorised scooters and walkers in general. Improvements on Lime Kiln Down and Middle Street Meadow would concentrate on better access for wheelchair and motorised scooters onto the sites and the Avon Valley path improvements would be for both persons with mobility issues and walkers in general.

A very brief summary of the proposed works:

1. The **Avon Valley Reserve** gravel paths were laid many years ago and now have become so worn that they can be impassable (waterlogged) for up to 6 months of the year for anyone with mobility problems and also it causes problems to walkers in general.
2. **Middle Street Meadow** the construction of a short surfaced path to the information board. From there motorised scooters and wheelchair users could access any of the paths when conditions allow. Note-The most suitable access point for motorised scooters and other wheelchair users is from the eastern end but before this can be considered the long-standing problem of access from the footway in this location will have to be addressed. Without this then any disabled access gate here would be unsafe.
3. **Lime Kiln Down** -A suitable access point would be north downhill towards Rowbarrow. There is a lack of suitable access into the NE corner of Lime Kiln

Down. The most suitable for all users would be from where the pavement ends on the west side of the road as there is already a small tarmac section going into the site. Another advantage is that there are already dropped kerbs at the bus stop close by, this would make the access point accessible to people arriving by bus as well as those living locally or parking in this area. Access at the above location would require a gentle graded slope suitable for motorised scooters, wheelchairs and buggies to reach the main perimeter path around the Down. Whether or not a surfaced path should be provided within the site is open to question (and not costed), for most of the year the grass paths would be adequate if access to them could be made possible.

The cost of the 3 projects is estimated to be between 8k -10k. The area board is asked to contribute £5k.

New Bus Shelters

For a number of years councillors have been endeavouring to find funds to replace a number of delapidated bus stops in the city. The ones shown below in Coronation Road and Devizes Road have been singled out as 2 which the area board might consider contributing funds towards, bearing in mind the very poor image they portray, and the countywide priority of encouraging communities to make better use of passenger transport. The transport engineer has reported that the rooves of both shelters are starting to break up, which potentially poses a health and safety risk.

Estimates to replace the shelters secured in the middle of last year were £9,500 (Devizes Rd), and £11,500 (Coronation Road).

The Area Board is asked to make a contribution to the replacement of these shelters.



Coronation Road



Devizes Road