

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Salisbury Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>17 March, 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	
<p>To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding</p>	
<p>Rainbow Rooms UK are seeking £984.00 to promote the LGBT support and services to the general population of Salisbury</p>	
<p>The Officer recommends that an Award covering the full amount of £984.00 is made.</p>	

## 1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons as to why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Salisbury Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £78,247 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £0.00. This leaves a total budget of £78,247 for the 2010/2011 budget.
- 1.6. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11</li><li>• Salisbury City Community Area Plan 2004 – 2009</li><li>• Local Agreement for Wiltshire</li></ul>
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 20010/11. The sixth and final round is contained in this report.

## 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. To date, the Area Board has funded a total of £43,534.00 covering 13 community grants and community partnership core funding. This leaves £32,413.00 available in the budget up to March, 2011.
- 4.3. If the Community Area Grant submitted to the 17 March, 2011 meeting is awarded in line with officer recommendations, the Salisbury Area Board will have a balance of £31,429.00.

#### **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 – “Officer Recommendations”.

#### **8. Officer recommendations**

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1 Grant Register ref no: SAL 037-10	Rainbow Rooms UK	Rainbow Rooms UK intend to publicise and promote LGBT support and services to the general population of Salisbury	£984.00

- 8.1.1. The Officer recommends that the total amount of £984.00 requested is awarded for this project .

- 8.1.2. This application meets the grant criteria 2010/11.

- 8.1.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Salisbury Community Plan in respect of Crime and Community Protection, i.e., reduce crime and fear of crime (p.6) and Health and Social Care, i.e., provision of drop-in centres for information and advice (p.9).
- 8.1.4. Rainbow Rooms UK is a registered charity number 1135298 operating as not-for profit. It is the only service working with the lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) community and their families in Salisbury. The project aims to meet the needs of persons (in particular young people aged 13 - 21) who are LGBT or uncertain of their sexual orientation or gender identity by the provision of information, advocacy, support and organising programmes of educational and other activities. The charity has been funded by the applicant for the past ten months and has two trustees. The project was a Finalist in the Salisbury Journal Charity of the Year Award 2011 (Business Excellence Awards 2011).
- 8.1.5. The applicant currently works together with volunteers, to run a weekly youth drop in support group and social evening for over 18's held in a local function room. The applicant is keen to raise awareness of the services offered through publicity and promotion, that is, posters, flyers and pop up banners, delivered through a door to door letter drop.
- 8.1.6. Rainbow Rooms UK is currently working with Wessex Community Action, Men's Sexual Health, 2bme LGBT Youth Group (Devizes), Salisbury NHS Trust (Salisbury Hospital), Salisbury Police, Wiltshire Council (Equalities Team), Stonewall, Terrance Higgins Trust, Child with Aids Charity.
- 8.1.7. Evidence of local need: In an article dated 20 October, 2009, Stonewall, the lesbian, gay and bisexual charity states that there is no hard data on the number of LGB people in the UK as no national census has ever asked people to define their sexuality. However, it states that the government uses the figure of 5 – 7% of the population as LGB, which Stonewall considers a reasonable estimate. However, in an article dated 23 September, 2010 from the Office for National Statistics, it states that 480,000 (1%) of people consider themselves gay or lesbian, and 245,000 (0.5%) bisexual. The applicant suggests that there are almost 10,000 LGBT people in the Salisbury area.
- 8.1.8. The project will promote equality, access to services and reduce disadvantage through its efforts to provide support and guidance to the LGBT community through its weekly drop in group. It aims to bring an awareness and better understanding of LGBT individuals in the community.
- 8.1.9. A decision not to fund this application would mean the project would not develop as intended if the application were successful.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant application – Rainbow Rooms UK</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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