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Performance Reward Grant Scheme APPLICATION FORM

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Name of initiative	Bemerton Heath Community Centre Expansion 2010
Brief Description of Initiative	To build an extension to increase service provision at the Bemerton Heath Community Centre. This year Bemerton Heath Neighbourhood Centre (BHNC) is 10 years old. It was opened in September 2000 to promote social inclusion and provide a place of learning for the community of Bemerton Heath. The centre is located in a former shop unit on Bemerton Heath and has been funded primarily by initially Salisbury District Council and now by Salisbury City Council. In December 2008 the services at Bemerton Heath were expanded as an adjoining shop unit was refurbished and opened to the community as the Bemerton Heath Community Centre (BHCC), which is managed by Salisbury City Council but the services and activities delivered mainly by a community group, the Bemerton Heath Residents' Association whose members form the volunteer staff of the Centre. BHNC works in partnership with Wiltshire College, who provide adult learning classes, including IT courses and Skills for Life courses, teaching these courses within the Centre.

Experience has shown that the current space within the Community Centre does not allow the range of activities that could be possible and would be supported to take place. It is therefore proposed to build a **single storey brick extension** to the rear of the Bemerton Heath Community Centre. The extension would more than double the space available for activities. The extension would be built on the rear yard/garden of the building which is owned by Salisbury City Council.

Activities which take place in the Community Centre and Neighbourhood centre include

- Two Luncheon Clubs for Senior Citizens
- Three Homework Clubs (after school learning activities with fun), two of which are for age groups 7-12yrs and one for 13-16yrs.
- Three Youth Clubs for age groups 7-12yrs, 13-16yrs and 14-17yrs
- Community led arts and crafts group
- Community Social evening every other week
- Community Film Night once a month
- Various activities throughout the year such as Easter and Halloween family events which are held both indoors and outdoors
- Several children's activities including Christmas parties, discos and arts based activities
- Coffee morning open to the community each week
- Wiltshire College run two adult IT courses and one adult literacy/numeracy course each week with ad hoc recreational courses such as basic sewing machine course

On average each week over

- 44 children attend the Homework Club sessions.
- 72 young people can attend a youth club
- 28 luncheons are provided for older people
- 6 organisations book to use the facilities including:
 - Three ASK groups
 - Barnardos
 - Credit Union
 - Next Step
 - Listening Post
 - Wiltshire Police drop in
 - Wiltshire Police Bangladeshi Liaison Group
 - Community First
 - Community 4
 - Wiltshire Community Safety Partnership (Anti Social Behaviour Reduction)
 - Raglan Housing Association

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Building resilient communities

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Improving affordable housing

against the ambition(s) that this initiative will support	Lives not services														
	Supporting economic growth														
	Safer communities	x													
	Protecting the environment														
	Action for Wiltshire – combating the recession	x													
Amount of funding sought	£130,600 (One hundred and thirty thousand and six hundred pounds).														
What will this money be spent on? (please show split between capital and revenue. For capital expenditure guidance – see Appendix 1 in the Bid Pack)	<p>The money will be used to fund the capital cost of the building of the extension.</p> <p>The cost will cover the cost of construction including flooring, heating and lighting and associated professional fees including project management, construction design management, surveying, planning permission and building regulations.</p> <p>This is an estimate based on a figure per square metre plus an allowance for contingency and professional fees.</p>														
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Please describe how your initiative will support the ambition(s) indicated above, and summarise the action that will be taken	<p>This initiative meets the ambitions and objectives of the Local Agreement for Wiltshire (LAW) in helping to build a resilient community at Bemerton Heath. During consultation (the Ward Plan – see below) the residents of Bemerton Heath clearly indicated their priority wish for a central community centre which would incorporate a youth club. The refurbished Centre was opened in December 2008 but, due to limited funding available at that time, the project went ahead but in a smaller space than ideal. The floor area of the community room is inadequate for many events, for example the Youth Club for 7 to 13yrs old which attracts up to 50 children.</p> <p>Youth Clubs are a vital service for Bemerton Heath. Over 25% of the community are under the age of 16yrs (1,675 young people and children). The volunteers of the Residents' Association currently run three youth clubs per week, but the floor area is inadequate for the number of children attending and some children have been turned away due to this health and safety restriction.</p> <p>This initiative also meets Action For Wiltshire's key areas of focus by enabling support to be given to a greater number of children and young people. In addition, a larger centre will increase the opportunities for wider range of uses of the community, for example, exercise classes, further adult training opportunities and so on, supporting the community's well-being and resilience by encouraging people to come out of their homes and get involved with local activities. The Centre is a popular venue for various agencies wishing</p>														

	<p>to deliver services to the community or for training courses, seminars, etc. These include Wiltshire Police, Housing Associations and charities such as ASK and Action For Children. The lack of existing space has prevented organisations from hiring the Centre. The larger space could also be hired to community groups and other organisation which would improve the understanding of and familiarity with Bemerton Heath and thereby improve its integration in the wider Salisbury community by allowing sections of the community which may not otherwise meet to come into contact.</p> <p>The provision of youth clubs on Bemerton Heath is actively supported by the Community Area Safety Partnership and features in their Anti-Social Behaviour Reduction action plan, a copy of which is attached. Activities for children in a safe and friendly environment help to build safer communities and reduce the need for involvement in anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>The Bemerton Heath Neighbourhood Partnership is the strategic management board of the Centre and comprises Salisbury City Council, Wiltshire College and two charities: Action For Children and Salisbury Citizens' Advice Bureau. An enhanced Centre would be an ideal facility for Wiltshire College to run more and different types of courses for the community, in addition to the IT and Essential Skills courses currently being held there.</p> <p>The funding bid is complemented by a bid made to Salisbury Area Board for tools and equipment to support a bicycle repair skill workshop to be delivered by volunteers at the centre.</p> <p>The annual Fun Day on Bemerton Heath is supported by over 1,000 people which gives an indication of the strength of community spirit which an active and enlarged community centre will seek to make the most of.</p>
<p>What makes this initiative a local priority (eg evidence from research and local support)</p>	<p>The Bemerton Ward Plan 2007-10, the community plan for Bemerton, was developed following wide consultation with the community of Bemerton Heath. One of the most frequently raised issues from the community was the absence of a central community centre and youth club. Please follow this link to see the Ward Plan www.bemertonheathnc.org.uk.</p> <p>This ward plan is to be updated this year; the review will be led by the staff and volunteers of the Bemerton Heath centre.</p> <p>Bemerton Heath is due to change as a community due to the plans (contained in the Core Strategy) to build an additional 1,250 new homes in the area. This will further increase the need for community space. Whilst it can be anticipated that there may be new community facilities provided into the new development, an improved and expanded existing and established service provider will be able to compliment and support new projects.</p> <p>Similarly the development of the new Academy on the Salisbury High School site will impact on the Bemerton Heath Community. The predicted rise in pupil numbers from 900 to 1,450 shows that there will be increased need for youth services provision in the area. Whilst the Academy may clearly wish to play a leading role in this provision,</p>

	<p>the centre at Bemerton Heath will also wish to continue to work in partnership with local schools to provide choice and variety of services and activities for local young people and their families.</p> <p>The expanded Bemerton Heath centre would be one of many shining pearls in a necklace of opportunities for the community at Bemerton Heath.</p>
How will you know you have been successful?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased use of the centre - Success will be measured in the increased usage of the centre by the community and other groups. • Increase partnership working - it is anticipated that an increase in usable space will result in even more partnership working with local groups and agencies such as Salisbury High School and the Trussell Trust. The Centre has worked with these groups on several projects including healthy eating courses and delivering recreational courses requested by the community. • Increase use of centre by external organisations - success would be increased usage from more agencies and organisations
How will you measure the impact? (may have more than one measure)	<p>The Centre maintains records of all usage and hirings and keeps registers of those attending activities. Changes in those records can be reviewed and analysed.</p> <p>The community group (The Residents Association) and other groups and agencies also record their activities</p>
What is your improvement target (s), and when do you expect to achieve this/these?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% increase in the number of people using the Centre within six months of opening an extension. • 20% increase in the number of groups and agencies delivering services from the Centre within six months of opening an extension.
How will you ensure that the improvement continues after the end of the initiative?	<p>This expansion is part of a long term programme supported and promoted by Salisbury City Council. The City Council remains committed to the provision of services at Bemerton Heath.</p>
Who will benefit from this initiative?	<p>Bemerton Heath is the most socially deprived area in South Wiltshire. 6,495 people live in 2,495 homes on the estate. The Centre is the focal point for the community and it is from here that the Bemerton Heath Partnership strives to promote social inclusion and a place of learning for the community.</p> <p>Beneficiaries of this initiative would be the whole community of Bemerton Heath and beyond, in particular:</p> <p>Young people - The provision of Youth Clubs and after school activities are a priority for the management of BHCC and the Residents Association. These activities are delivered in response to the community's request as shown in the ward plan and are designed to increase activities for young people and reduce the level of anti social behaviour in the ward.</p> <p>Older People -The Centre currently delivers two luncheon clubs for</p>

	<p>Senior Citizens, giving them a nourishing meal and a chance to socialise. There are over 1,000 older people in the community and more space would enable the service to be offered to a greater number of older people.</p> <p>Local Schools - The Centre already works closely with the local primary and high schools to deliver after school activities, homework clubs, where children learn in a fun environment about topics from the national curriculum designed to complement their work at school. More space would result in the opportunity to engage more children from these schools, possibly within the concept of extended schools provision.</p> <p>Should the proposed development of 1,200 houses take place within the ward boundary adjacent to Fugglestone Red, within the next 4 years, the community will increase to approximately 9,500 people living in 3,745 homes.</p>
<p>Confirm no unfunded commitments from this initiative</p>	<p>The ongoing costs of this project will be met by Salisbury City Council as part of their service provision at Bemerton Heath.</p>
<p>What are the key risks to success and how will these be managed?</p>	<p>The project has the straight forward risk any building project can have, although these will be addressed by a thorough planning process and use of a project manager. Planning permission may also be sought, although informal discussions indicate that this should not be a problem.</p> <p>A key risk would be failure to engage the community in sufficient numbers to justify the building of an extension. The management team and volunteers have considered this risk and in response has developed a community engagement programme. This will be used to raise the profile of the Centre and ensure that community and groups within the community are actively encouraged to participate in events held at the Community Centre. This is building up on sound foundations which currently exist.</p>
<p>Who will manage the initiative</p>	<p>Edward Callaghan, Salisbury City Council The Manager Bemerton Heath Neighbourhood Centre 60 Pinewood Way Bemerton Heath Salisbury SP2 9HU</p> <p>Telephone: 01722 349271 Email: ecallaghan@salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk Web: www.bemertonheathnc.org.uk</p>

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