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Performance Reward Grant Scheme APPLICATION FORM

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Area Board	<i>Salisbury</i>	
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Name of initiative	Bemerton Scout Community Hall Project	
Brief Description of Initiative	Our project is to carry out refurbishment and building works to our Hall at 74 Heath Road, Salisbury. We have planning permission to build a single-storey toilet block as an extension to our existing building, which will provide a WC suitable for disabled use as well as providing new facilities for other users; to create a new access in one wall and install a door and ramped pathway, which will be suitable for wheelchair/pushchair access; to remove the existing toilets and create an office/small meeting room; to renovate the kitchen; to replace fascia, guttering and downpipes where necessary; and to lengthen the existing driveway.	
Please put a cross against the ambition(s) that this initiative will support *It is only necessary to identify those ambitions on which you feel your bid will make a significant impact.	Building resilient communities	X
	Improving affordable housing	
	Lives not services	X
	Supporting economic growth	
	Safer communities	
	Protecting the environment	
	Action for Wiltshire – combating the recession	
	Improving outcomes for Children and young people	
Amount of funding sought	<i>£34,000</i>	
What will this money be spent on?	<p>The money will be capital expenditure, which will lengthen substantially the life of a building that has served the Scouts and the local community for 75+ years.</p> <p>The total cost is estimated to be £55,000. We have raised £22,877.50 from grants/matched funding: Grassroots Grant - £5,000 South Wiltshire Area Grant - £4000 Salisbury District Council General Community Fund - £10000 Co-operative Group Community Fund Grant - £1,000.</p>	

	<p>Community Foundation for Wilts and Swindon Grant - £627.50 Salisbury City Council Community Development Grant - £1000 Barclays Bank Matched Funding - £750 Southern Electric Chairman's Award Scheme - £500</p>
<p>Is planning permission required? Yes/No</p>	<p>Planning permission has been granted by Salisbury District Council for a single-storey toilet block; new access door and ramp; and internal renovations.</p> <p>Planning permission is not required if the proposed driveway uses permeable or porous surfacing such as gravel, permeable concrete block paving or porous asphalt, and the rainwater is directed onto the surrounding garden/grass to drain.</p>
<p>Have quotes been obtained? Yes/No</p>	<p>We sought estimates from three builders, which were put before the Group's Executive Committee and the contract was awarded to M G Coombes. The works were divided by them into three Phases, to be carried out when fundraising allowed.</p> <p>Building works - £39,875.00 excluding vat – some zero rated Driveway work - £ 4,834.00 excluding vat Fascia/guttering - <u>£ 2,097.37</u> excluding vat Total estimated - <u>£46,806 .37</u> excluding vat</p> <p>£18000+ has been spent on Phase One, which was installing the drainage and the foundations for the toilet block to comply with Building Regulations; creating and installing the new disabled access, path and ramp. This is now complete.</p> <p>Phase Two will be the building of the toilet block and installation of the new WC facilities; removal of the existing toilets and creation of an office/meeting room; the renovation of the kitchen area. This is estimated to cost a further £26,250 (including 20% vat).</p> <p>Phase Three will be the external works, including the driveway, landscaping and guttering and is estimated to cost £8,500 (including 20% vat). This will provide a secure garden area, which will be used to hold social and fundraising events.</p> <p>We have an existing concrete/gravel driveway that leads from Heath Road to the Hall and our intention is to extend this across the width of the Hall, forming a t-shape. At present, cars park on the grass area but this is not suitable when wet for disabled users.</p>

Note: Bids will only be considered if they help us to achieve our ambitions in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire. It is important that initiatives have a positive local impact, and that we are able to show success. In this section you are being asked to provide information about how your project contributes, and how you will measure that success. The level of improvement we expect to see will be proportional to the level of the bid: i.e. the more funding required, the greater the level of impact and improvement that will be necessary.

<p>Please describe how your initiative will support the ambition(s) indicated above, and summarise the action that will be taken</p>	<p>The successful completion of this project will encourage the local community to take part in activities and events that will bring people of different ages together in a welcoming and modern environment and this will improve community relations.</p> <p>It will increase opportunities for volunteering as the Hall will provide facilities for groups and individuals outside of Scouting to use. We have been approached by a group who wish to start a Toddler Group once the refurbishment is complete.</p> <p>Young people of the neighbourhood will be able to take part in positive activities that provide strong foundations, such as Scouting. This need has been identified in the Bemerton Ward Plan.</p>
<p>What makes this initiative a local priority (e.g. evidence from research and local support)</p>	<p>The Ward Plan identifies that there are not enough facilities on Bemerton Heath and not enough for young people to do. Our Scout Group is working with the Inter-Agency Group in order to resolve this situation.</p> <p>The Plan's recommended actions include projects that promote community involvement by providing, for example, family workshops / learning, adult courses with crèche support, toddler groups and cookery sessions.</p> <p>As a Scout Group, we receive a great deal of local support for our fundraising and social events and feel that this involvement with the community is a good foundation for building further relationships</p>
<p>How will you know you have been successful?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased use of the Hall by community groups. 2. Increased number of volunteers/young people involved in Scouting and other positive activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you measure the impact? (may have more than one measure) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Neighbourhood survey 2. Annual census (Scout Association) 3. Booking Officer's diary 4. Number of Hall lettings <p>We are in the process of collecting data from a survey which has been circulated around the neighbourhood and which is also available online at http://www.southwilts.com/site/Bemerton-Scout-Community-Hall/1.htm</p>

	<p>The Scout Association requires us to complete an annual membership census in January of each year and our next return will show a healthy increase in the number of young people and leaders joining our group. This, in turn, raises the profile of the Group in the neighbourhood.</p> <p>We have received very positive comments about the new wheelchair access and its completion has resulted in the Hall being made available to more people within our community.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your improvement target (s), and when do you expect to achieve this/these? 	<p>At present, the Hall is let for social events such as birthday parties, children's discos and the grounds are used for BBQs and family events because they are laid to grass and are well-fenced and secure.</p> <p><u>Short-Term Targets.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x regular, long-term bookings (eg Toddler Group, Keep-Fit Class) • An increase in Hall bookings for individual activities/events • 20 young people to join Scouting 2010-2011. (Our membership has already been increased by 12 young people since January 2010) • 2 additional adult volunteers for the Scout Group <p><u>Long-Term Targets</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The availability of the Hall for letting will continue to depend on Scouting activities but we would like to see the Hall used during the day-time Monday to Friday. • The Hall Management Committee will be extended to include members of new user groups. • Public/Council noticeboards erected • Educational courses made available
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you ensure that the improvement continues after the end of the initiative? <i>(this is one-off funding)</i> 	<p>The Hall has been in Heath Road since the 1930s and the Trustees of the Scout Group hold the freehold and have maintained the existing fabric of the building and land for 75+ years.</p> <p>The proposed work will provide modern facilities that meet present-day standards and requirements and will make the building much more attractive to use and the Trustees of the Hall are committed to continue providing such a community asset.</p>

<p>Who will benefit from this initiative?</p>	<p>The whole community of Bemerton Heath, from pre-school children to senior citizens, in the most deprived area of Salisbury, will have another facility to be used alongside the Bemerton Heath Neighbourhood Centre and St Michael's Community Centre.</p> <p>It will provide the residents of the new housing developments being established around Fugglestone Red and Devizes Road with a local, community hall which offers short-term and long-term hire for social and educational activities</p> <p>Young people and adults attracted to Scouting will continue to use the hall and grounds for their programme of informal education with its emphasis on practical, outdoor activities.</p>
<p>Confirm no unfunded commitments from this initiative</p>	<p>I confirm that there will be no unfunded financial commitments arising from this initiative</p>
<p>Will ongoing maintenance of premises/equipment be necessary?</p>	<p>The Trustees and Executive Committee of the Scout Group currently maintain the property and grounds and once the proposed building and landscaping works are complete, will continue to do so.</p>
<p>What are the key risks to success and how will these be managed?</p>	<p>Any event that may have a detrimental effect on the quality and cost of the project will be reduced by good Project Management and support from the Trustees.</p>
<p>Who will manage the initiative</p>	<p>Christina Gane (Assistant Group Manager) on behalf of Bemerton Scout Group Trustees</p>

Signed:

Dated:

Chairman of Area Board

NB: It is the responsibility of the Area Board to ensure that:

- bids are robust and well-founded
- public money is spent appropriately and in accordance with the details of the bid and with any conditions placed on approval by the PRG Panel
- the initiatives are managed well to achieve the benefits and that performance improvement is reported