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Performance Reward Grant Scheme APPLICATION FORM

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Form submitted by (contact for all queries)	<i>Insert name, address, email and phone number</i> Eric Sambell OBE, 36 Kington St Michael, Chippenham SN14 6JJ ericsambell@btinternet.com 01249 750205	
Name of initiative	Chippenham Rotary St Nicholas Appeal for a Pool operating under the title, S.N.A.P.	
Brief Description of Initiative	<i>Max 100 words – this is a summary only</i> To build and equip a dual-use hydrotherapy pool for the use of St Nicholas School and for others within the community who can benefit from its use. St Nicholas is a Local Authority all-age day school for children with severe and profound learning difficulties, many of whom also have physical disabilities. The school is in Chippenham and the pool will be built in the school grounds. In out of school hours the pool will be available for use by other children and adults with disabilities, either as individuals or as groups. There is no other hydrotherapy pool within the area.	
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	X
	Action for Wiltshire – combating the recession	
Improving outcomes for Children and young people	X	
Amount of funding sought	£ 85,000. We need £115,000 to achieve our total target of £ 605,000 but we are confident that we have a robust strategy for raising the remaining £30,000 by our deadline of April 2011.	

<p>What will this money be spent on?</p>	<p><i>Please give a breakdown of the amount shown above the different items this funding will cover. This should also identify which items are revenue and which are capital – see Appendix 1 in the Bid Pack for capital expenditure guidance</i></p> <p>The total project will cover foundations, pool excavation, construction of building, finishes, fittings, water treatment plant, heating and lighting, drainage and services, pool equipment, disability equipment.</p> <p>All items are capital expenditure.</p>
<p>Is planning permission required? Yes/No</p>	<p>If 'Yes': <i>has it been granted? (Please give details)</i> Yes. Planning permission has been granted. The planning application number is 06/02898/FUL</p>
<p>Have quotes been obtained? Yes/No</p>	<p>If 'No' <i>please give details of why quotes have not yet been obtained.</i> Yes. The construction of the hydrotherapy pool has been the subject of a competitive tendering process, with tenders being invited from a short list of known contactors approved by Wiltshire Council. Tender documentation and appraisal has been undertaken by the project managers, The Bailey Partnership.</p>
<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>	
<p>Please describe how your initiative will support the ambition(s) indicated above, and summarise the action that will be taken</p>	<p><i>Attach separate documents if appropriate</i> "Building resilient communities" The scheme will help local communities develop their own priorities and improvements. The project will fill a gap in service provision for a vulnerable group of people who would otherwise be marginalised and excluded. The benefit will spread beyond Chippenham to the full catchment area of the school – the whole of North Wiltshire and some other areas of Wiltshire. The benefits will go to one of the most disadvantaged sections of Wiltshire's community. The project is a good model with strong community/voluntary sector involvement (particularly Chippenham Rotary) and joint working with Wiltshire Council, St. Nicholas School and the local NHS. The extent of local support is shown by the variety of fundraising events held for several years which have raised £ 490,000 of the total £605,000 needed. This total is thanks to the huge efforts of groups within the community, individuals and businesses and</p>

voluntary organisations.

The project is helping to build a strong and vibrant voluntary sector. It will create a more inclusive community by involving children and adults with disabilities in new leisure activities and by integrating them with the wider community. The project will provide a much needed hydrotherapy facility in Chippenham to a community that has no such facility and those that require such have to, at best travel, travel to Swindon or Bath and at worst, have no access to such as there is no spare capacity at those facilities.

“Lives not Services”

The lack of a hydrotherapy facility at St Nicholas means that some pupils will never achieve their full potential of physical ability. The pool will increase their chance of them having a more independent and fulfilling life as part of the local community. It provides strong foundations for children and young people’s development. It will enable users to improve their long term health and wellbeing – both physical and mental.

“Protecting the Environment”

At the moment some more able pupils are taken to the local swimming pool by minibus or coach. An on- site pool will greatly reduce these journeys.

The local swimming pools are not suitable for hydrotherapy because of the low temperature of the water and lack of lifting facilities. They are taken to a hydrotherapy pool in Swindon but this requires a long journey, is time consuming and the facility has no spare capacity. The St Nicholas hydrotherapy facility has been designed with the latest standards of energy saving, heat recovery and will use solar energy.

“Improving Outcomes for Children and Young People”

The project will benefit all the 70 children attending St Nicholas School and their families. All the children have severe or profound learning difficulties and many have additional disabilities such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, visual and hearing impairments, autism and behavioural problems. Hydrotherapy is sometimes the only physical activity these children can undertake as it is totally non weight bearing. The project will bring significant physical and mental health benefits to the children and young people. In some, it will prevent severe deformities worsening. Others will increase their strength, stamina and movement range through improved mobility and muscle tone. Some will learn to swim independently. All will benefit from enjoyment and increased self-esteem.

<p>What makes this initiative a local priority (e.g. evidence from research and local support)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project has the full support, not just from St Nicholas School, but also from the other main stream schools in the area that have special needs classes. It also has full support from “Springboard” a pre-school facility for children with special needs. • The nearest hydrotherapy pool to Chippenham is the Thamesdown pool in Swindon (St Nicholas used to have use of a hydrotherapy pool at Burton Hill School in Malmesbury but that school has now closed.) • The demand to book the Thamesdown pool exceeds supply even though it is open for 76 hours a week over 7 days and is fully operational for 50 weeks in the year. • Selected pupils of the school are taken there but some of those most in need of hydrotherapy do not have the chance of regular use. The time taken for just 20 minutes of therapy takes 2-3 hours out of the school day. Strong local and community support in a range of fundraising activities has raised £490,000. This has involved the Rotary Club of Chippenham, local individuals, groups and businesses from the whole catchment area. • This project has been selected twice as the Chippenham Mayor’s Charity of the year.
<p>How will you know you have been successful?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The success of the project will be clearly indicated by the opening of a fully operational pool in mid 2011 ready for use in the autumn term.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you measure the impact? (may have more than one measure) 	<p><i>e.g. performance indicator, public perception survey, number of...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pupils of St Nicholas progress will be monitored by a professional physiotherapist who regularly visits the school. • The demand and usage of the pool both in school hours and at evenings and weekends will be a clear indicator. • Achieving the planned sustained usage by children and people with disabilities in the wider community. • Monitoring usage figures for the swimming pool against

	<p>targets for the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveys of satisfaction of users, their families and school staff. • Individual targets and records will be kept of children's progress. School staff,(including physiotherapists), parents and children themselves will be able to judge improvements in their physical abilities, social skills and self confidence. • Users in out of school hours will be asked to monitor activities and progress in a diary. • Because of the specialised nature of the project, the project should not be judged solely on volume alone but on the quality of service delivery and the profound and unique benefits this facility will provide to a thankfully small section of our society who currently have no provision for such a service.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your improvement target (s), and when do you expect to achieve this/these? 	<p><i>In some cases improvement may be achieved in stages, so you may want to give more than one improvement target. Please also give current figures to act as baselines for improvement</i></p> <p>Continuous incremental assessed improvement in the wellbeing and health of the children and adult users.</p> <p>We would expect that initial community use of the pool would be available once the school has developed and tested the procedures and support administration necessary after opening and that the out of hours take up will increase significantly by the end of the first year of operation.</p>
<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><i>Sustainable improvement</i></p> <p>The immediate project is to build and equip the pool. Management will then be taken over by the school with the philosophy of the management to ensure that the objectives referred to above are achieved through the dual-use of the premises.</p>
<p>Who will benefit from this initiative?</p>	<p><i>Consider the number of people likely to benefit and the impact on disadvantage or vulnerability in your area</i></p> <p>All the users of the pool will be those with learning and/or physical disabilities.</p> <p>There are 70 children in the school and all will have access to the pool. Most of these pupils cannot benefit from normal pools because of pool temperature, lack of suitable hoisting and changing facilities, and problems related to behaviour.</p> <p>Hydrotherapy is considered to be vital for the continued physical and educational development of children with disabilities.</p> <p>Other users within the community will be former pupils, established community groups such as the Stroke Club, referrals from GPs and physiotherapists and individuals with chronic conditions such as arthritis, breathing difficulties and rheumatism. Special needs pupils in main stream schools and</p>

	those with physical disabilities. Children at the special needs pre school "Springboard"
Confirm no unfunded commitments from this initiative	Please delete the statement that does not apply: 1. I confirm that there will be no unfunded financial commitments arising from this initiative.
Will ongoing maintenance of premises/equipment be necessary?	<i>If 'Yes' please indicate how this will be funded/who is responsible</i> Yes. This requirement has been included from the start of the project. Energy savings measures have been incorporated such as high levels of insulation including a thermal pool cover. Heat recovery systems which will ensure that the expelled air will pass through a heat exchanger so that the heat is transferred to incoming air. The design includes the installation of solar panels to heat the water. The maintenance will be funded by the school and the costs will be offset by the savings made by not using outside facilities and the specialist transport required to take pupils in wheel chairs. The choice of finishes within the building has taken maintenance into consideration. The pool will also provide the school with the opportunity to generate third party revenue and this and other financial aspects are covered more fully in the business plan submitted with this application.
What are the key risks to success and how will these be managed?	Financial, although most of the financial risks are now under control as a result of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A well developed customer requirement document • A detailed specification • A fixed price building management contract • A full Risk assessment relating to the contractors undertaken by our professional project manager. <p>What remains are any changes and alterations during the building phase but these will be under strict configuration management controls.</p>
Who will manage the initiative	<i>Name, role, organisation, contact details</i> Project manager- The Bailey Partnership, (one of two companies recommended by Wiltshire County and chosen by competitive tendering.) Corum One, Crown Way, Warmely, Bristol BS30 8FJ Eric Sambell, Chairman of SNAP Executive Committee, ericsambell@btinternet.com 01249 750205

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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