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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Baldock & District Area Committee**	2. Date: **3 Mar 2014**

3. Summary of application: **Funding support for new play equipment**

Name of organisation: **Merry Go Round Under 5's Association (Baldock)**   Sum requested: **£1,250**

Total project cost: **£5,894**

Brief details:

Merry Go Round have embarked on a project to improve the outdoor space at their venue. The group have already funded for new grass to be laid and new paving slabs to replace the old, uneven ones, which had become a trip hazard for the children, The funding will be used to purchase new wooden playground equipment to replace old equipment, which is no longer appropriate or fit for use.

Matched / linked funding: **£4,700**   Funder: **Fundraising**

Matched /linked funding : **£0**   Funder: **Reserve funds**
or DRR

Comments from Development Officer:

Merry Go Round is a registered charity which was set up in 1987. The group provides pre-school and nursery provision as well as a mother and toddler group for the children and families of Baldock. The group currently caters for 70+ children. This project is essential to provide an area with age appropriate and durable play equipment to replace what has become a tired and outdated outdoor area. The play equipment and enhancements to the outdoor area will also help the group to meet Early Years Foundation Stage guidelines on outdoor play. The application is criteia compliant and as the group, through fundraising activities, has raised substantial funds.
CDO recommendation is an award of £1250.

The Community Development Officer has examined this application against the Authority's Area Grants Policy, the organisation's accounts and grant history, and considers it an eligible application to put before the Committee.

Amount recommended: **£1,250**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name: ………………………..…..   Signed: Date:
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