



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Baldock & District Area Committee**2. Date: **6 Jun 2016**3. Summary of application: **Funding to assist with the provision of Festive Lights for the Town Centre**Name of organisation: **Rotary Club of Baldock**Sum requested: **£2,000**Total project cost: **£6,000pa**

Brief details:

The Rotary Club of Baldock is seeking financial assistance from the Area Committee in the region of £2,000 to assist with the continuation of the provision of Festive Lights within the town over the Christmas period each year.

Funds would help cover part of the estimated annual costs of £6,000 in the repair, refurbishment, replacement of various lighting panels and light strings, plus the purchase of new and updated displays to further widen the coverage provided across the town.

The festive lights and striking illuminations are erected on the vast majority of the business premises in the central area of the town and are eagerly anticipated and widely enjoyed by all sections of the community.

Matched / linked funding: **£4,000**Funder: **Club Subscriptions / Local Fundraising
and contributions from local businesses**Matched /linked funding : **£**
or DRR

Funder:

Comments from Community Officer:

The Rotary Club of Baldock, as the providers and installers of the lights receive many compliments every year to this effect. It is worthy of note that even after 35 years of continuous provision and upgrade of the lights & power supply mechanisms, there is a common assumption that the Local Authority is the provider.

The remaining funds required will be achieved via club subscriptions, local fundraising initiatives and some contributions from local businesses.

This group was in receipt of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the 4 year period between 2011/12 to 2015/16. In essence the application for funding support mirrors the terms of the MoU.

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.

Amount recommended: **£1,500**