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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Hitchin Area Committee** 2. Date: **12 Jul 2011**

3. Summary of application: **Update Computers**

Name of organisation: **North Herts. Minority Ethnic Forum** Sum requested: **£946**

Total project cost: **£7,245**

Brief details:

North Herts Minority Ethnic Forum is an umbrella organisation for the local black and minority ethnic communites (BME) and propvides a variety of services to help improve the quality of life of local BME people. These will include various skill development courses (e.g IT, ESOL, numeracy, literacy, job training etc.) to enhance their life skills and chances. Information, advice and guidance on health, housing, housing benefit and education are also available. The Forum provide a venue for the BME group to meet and discuss their issues. It is also a place for other organisations to reach BME groups.

Matched / linked funding: **£0** Funder:

Discretionary rate relief: **£0** Funder:

Comments from Development Officer:

The Forum have a computer suite and 12 training computers which had been donated by North Herts College. These computers are in regular use to provide free IT training to members of the community who have no IT skills. Members of the BME community have benefited from the use of the equipment to improve their skills but also to improve their employability. Parents have also benefited as it has enabled them to support their children at home. The monitors of these computers are now 10 years old and some are faulty and it is essential for these to be upgraded with new LCD monitors. 12 new LCD monitors will allow the Forum to continue providing much needed training to local people. Each monitor will cost £79 and quotations are attached to the grant application.

Amount recommended: **£946**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name: ……..….. Signed: Date:

I support / do not support this application

Name: ……..….. Signed: Date:

5. For officer use:

Amount awarded from Area Budget: **£0**
Amount awarded from Dev't Budget **£0**

Signed off by Head of Service Signed: Date: