



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Hitchin Area Committee**

2. Date: **12 Nov 2013**

3. Summary of application: **support for fortnightly sessions until April 2014**

Name of organisation: **Angels Support Group**

Sum requested: **£1,500**

Total project cost: **£2,365**

Brief details:

Angels Support Group runs support groups for parents/carers of children with ADHD or ASD in Hitchin, Stevenage, Letchworth & Royston. They also provide one-to-one support by phone and email for families with more complex difficulties and run holiday activities for the children & their siblings. The support funding will pay for the staff costs to run the meetings (3 people part time), creche costs to enable parents with pre-school children to attend the group, travel costs and a contribution towards overheads e.g. insurance, stationery, website costs, finance/HR admin., until April 2014.

Matched / linked funding: **£0**

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or DRR

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Comments from Development Officer:

The Angels Support Group has operated for almost ten years delivering invaluable support and services to many families within Hitchin and the surrounding area. In the past the majority of the group’s funding has come via the Herts County Council Early Intervention Fund, however this is to cease as of this year. If possible the the group would obviously wish to continue all of the activities it currently provides, although it is clear that some form of downsizing process may ultimately have to occur. Alternative funding sources are being sought for the various sections of the services the group provides in other parts of the district. However, the funding being sought from the Hitchin Area Committee will be directed to the continuation of the fortnightly Hitchin Support Group sessions. These sessions were and still are the first support available to families awaiting or having received a diagnosis of AHD/ASD. The organisation runs almost exclusively (98%) on grants and donations. A fundraising sub committee has now been formed and which is arranging an extensive fund raising programme of community activities, stalls and events to raise awareness and vital funding & resources .

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: **£1,500**

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: