



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Hitchin Area Committee**

2. Date: **4 Mar 2014**

3. Summary of application: **Vaisakhi 2014**

Name of organisation: **Siri Singh Sabha Gurdwara**

Sum requested: **£1,500**

Total project cost: **£7,900**

Brief details:

The Vaisakhi Procession takes place every year through the streets of Hitchin and is a very popular date in the Hitchin calendar. The festival takes place in 2014, on Saturday 19th April from 1pm - 4.15pm. There is a 30 minute contingency included in the timings. The procession leaves the Gurwara in Wilbury Road through to Grove Road, Nightingale Road, Bancroft, Market Place, Sun Street, Bridge Street, Queent Street, Hermitage Road, Bancroft, Nightingale Road, Grove Road and back to Wilbury Way. There are the 3 recognised stopping points for a short amount of time, if required, first the crossing at Burymead, second at Bancroft and third at the Market Place.

Matched / linked funding: **£0**

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or DRR

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Comments from Development Officer:

This is a colourful multi cultural event taking place once a year through the streets of Hitchin and one which is very popular amongst people within the town. The organisers hire a Traffic Management Company to handle the rolling road closures as required by the respective responsible Authorities. This side of the festival costs £3,000 and there are other expenses that have to be paid out to be able to hold the procession, for example public liability insurance cover for the whole event and the provision of first aid points & support, amongst others. The organisers are requesting a donation from Hitchin Area Committee towards these costs. The Area Committee has supported the festival for over a number of years, as it is felt that this is an important Hitchin multi cultural event drawing from many within the town whilst promoting social cohesion and positive relations within the community.

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: