



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Letchworth Area Committee**

2. Date: **12 Mar 2014**

3. Summary of application: **set up accounting systems**

Name of organisation: **Vision4Growth**

Sum requested: **£720**

Total project cost: **£720**

Brief details:

**Vision4Growth started in Letchworth by providing tennis for visually impaired people. The group has now grown and has a core committee of three who are themselves blind or visually impaired and 20 volunteers. As well as tennis they also create opportunities for people with sight loss such as 'Cooking with Confidence' on how to make cooking more accessible for people with sight loss and 'Visual Impairment Awareness Training'.**

Matched / linked funding: **£0**

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Comments from Development Officer:

**The group have recently been registered as a Community Interest Company (CIC) which means they are 'not for profit'. The committee have been undertaking the day to day book keeping but as they suffer from visual impairment themselves this task takes 3 to 4 times longer than it would for a fully sighted person.. They are currently seeking a voluntary treasurer / book keeper via the NHCVS. However they would like to be able to hire temporary book keeping services in order to set up an accounting system and carry out a few hours booking keeping per week until a volunteer can be found.**

**The group are requesting grant funding of £720 to cover the cost of book keeping services. The initial set up of the accounting system would cost £200 and 26 hours of booking at £20 per hour will equate to £520.**

**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: **£720**

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: