



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Letchworth Area Committee**

2. Date: **3 Dec 2014**

3. Summary of application: **Two Community Events and support for small groups**

Name of organisation: **Letchworth Garden City Festival Steering Committee** Sum requested: **£2,000**

Total project cost: **£3,500**

Brief details:

The festival steering committee are planning to coordinate two major events as part of the festival fortnight in June 2015. As it is assumed that the Town Centre Partnership will not be organising the Street Fest which has historically been seen as the launch event for the festival each year, the committee are planning a community event based around Broadway Gardens and Broadway Walk in partnership with the Da Vinci School and North Herts College.

With the added issue that due to the planned development of Garden Square Shopping Centre, Leys Square will not be available for use for Town Centre events in 2015.

Matched / linked funding: **£1,500**

Funder: **Fundraising activities**

Matched /linked funding : **£0**
or DRR
Funding in place:

Funder:

Comments from Development Officer:

The launch event will feature Day of Dance, local artists and craft stalls. The Festival will culminate as usual with the ever popular 'Proms In The Park' at Howard Park featuring bands and orchestras from local schools, clubs and organisations. The Committee have also requested funds to be used to support small groups in the town who wish to put on small events as during the festival fortnight. The Letchworth Councillors suggested when the Festival Committee was first established 2009 that it was preferable for the Festival Steering committee to distribute small grants of usually under £100 to small groups in the Town which would avoid an influx of small grants coming to area committee in the run up to the Festival. These grants are usually provided to underwrite any losses on ticket sales and to cover assistance with publicity and marketing costs.

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:

