



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Royston Area Committee**2. Date: **15 Jan 2014**3. Summary of application: **repairs to the village hall roof**Name of organisation: **Reed Village Hall**Sum requested: **£10,920**Total project cost: **£32,020**

Brief details:

This application was invited by the Chairman, having recently also considered an application by the Reed Parish Council under the Parish Challenge Community Building Refurbishment Fund. The village hall is 80 years old and the roof is showing signs of stress following heavy snowfalls last year. The Management Committee of the Village Hall has already consulted a structural engineer at their expense; he indicated an urgent need to strengthen the existing roof trusses. Those works offer the opportunity to install insulation materials in the roof at the same time, as none currently exist. This would of course reduce operating costs in the long term.

Matched / linked funding: **£6,000**Funder: **HCC**Matched /linked funding : **£9,400**
or DRRFunder: **Tierney Trust, Beds & Luton Comm. Fdn.**

Comments from Development Officer:

Fund-raising is proceeding well, with around £19,000 already raised or promised, and several local fundraising events planned and scheduled to raise several thousand pounds. The architect is providing assistance gratis to the value of £1,000. An NHDC Community Building Refurbishment Fund grant award for £3,000 recently proposed by the Parish Challenge Panel, and the award of some additional funds by NHDC, would provide useful leverage to applications to other funding sources, as has proved to be the case elsewhere. Members will recall that the hall benefitted from a PACIF award of £50,000 to replace the entrance porch and kitchen in 2006. This Committee made an award to the Reed Cricket Club in 2008 of £1250 towards improvements to the nets: there have been no other applications from the village, nor awards made since then.

This organisation receives Mandatory Rate Relief.

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: **£1,200**

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: