



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Royston Area Committee**2. Date: **17 Sep 2014**3. Summary of application: **Funding towards the cost of purchasing a collections van**Name of organisation: **NHCVS Furniture Link**Sum requested: **£360**Total project cost: **£14,034**

Brief details:

Furniture Link are seeking funding of £363 from the Royston Area Committee towards the provision of a good quality second hand van. Furniture Link is a fully independent project of North Herts Centre for Voluntary Services. The vehicle will replace the existing van which is no longer reliable and is in a poor state of repair. This is needed to collect and deliver the furniture donated to the scheme to pass on at a small fee to other families / individuals in need.

Matched / linked funding: **£4,234**Funder: **NHCVS**Matched /linked funding: **£2,900**Funder: **HCC Locality Budget**

or DRR

Funding in place:

Comments from Development Officer:

Furniture Link is requesting £2,900 in total from NHDC. As the project covers the whole of the district, each area committee is being asked for a contribution. Approximately 50% of the current users of the service are based in Letchworth, therefore a contribution of £1,450 is being requested from the Letchworth Area Committee. The remaining 50% is being sought 4 ways, between Hitchin, Baldock & District, Royston & District and the Southern Rural Area Committees and Members of each of those Committee's are being asked to consider a contribution of £363 from each Committee. The Furniture Link service enables residents on low income the opportunity to purchase quality furniture at an affordable price. This service also helps to reduce waste landfill by the re-use of furniture. Whilst the group is seeking an equal split from Royston, Hitchin, Baldock & Southern Rural Committees, the current percentage of deliveries is lowest from Royston (5% compared to 17% in Hitchin). Based on this, my recommendation is that funding of £150 is awarded to this project.

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: **£150**

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:

