



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Royston Area Committee**

2. Date: **17 September 2014**

3. Summary of application: **Improving communication with volunteers**

Name of organisation: **Royston & District Volunteer Centre**

Sum requested: **£1,200**

Total project cost: **£2,400**

Brief details:

The Centre matches individuals and groups interested in volunteering with appropriate opportunities. They aim to stimulate and encourage local interest in volunteering and inform, train & promote good practice within the voluntary sector, whilst working in partnership with other agencies to develop local volunteering opportunities.

The funding will enable the Centre to set up

- email groups for volunteers and involving organisations
- email newsletters for volunteers, involving organisations and volunteers
- training and networking events for volunteer development and involving organisations
- updating the Volunteer Centre website, Facebook & Twitter information

Matched / linked funding: **£1,200**

Funder:

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

Funder:

Comments from Development Officer:

The Volunteer Centre works with over 300 volunteer involving organisations with 1268 volunteers registered in the SG8 area.

The Centre is in receipt of an MoU from this Committee of £2,750pa..

This additional funding will enable the group to liaise more effectively and regularly both with volunteers and businesses looking for volunteer support.

The funding is to cover staffing costs for managing the new software as well as marketing & promotional costs and office 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: **£1,200**

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: