



## NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Royston Area Committee**2. Date: **30/11/2016**3. Summary of application: **Funding Support to assist with Warm in Winter Gift Bags for the elderly**Name of organisation: **Small Acts of Kindness CIC**Sum requested: **£300**Total project cost: **£24,600**

Brief details:

**Small Acts of Kindness CIC is seeking £2100 funding support from across the 5 Area Committees to assist with the purchase and distribution of 150 Warm In Winter Gift Bags to older people living in North Herts.**

**Royston, Baldock and Southern Rural Area Committees are being asked for £300 each in support of the initiative, while Hitchin and Letchworth Committees are being asked for a contribution of £600 each.**

**Elderly residents in Royston, Hitchin, Baldock, Letchworth, Whitwell, Ashwell, Knebworth have been identified as needing support.**

**Requests for the gift bags have come from North Herts CVS, North Herts Community Transport and Hertfordshire Independent Living Services.**

Matched / linked funding: **£17,100**Funder: **Fundraising and donations**Matched /linked funding : **£0**  
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Comments from Development Officer:

**Small Acts of Kindness was set up in 2014.**

**It is a Community Interest Company and is made up of 5 Committee Members and 50 Volunteers.**

**Since 2014, the group has been sourcing and distributing Warm in Winter Gift Bags to elderly people each year.**

**The bags contain a large fleecy blanket, thermal socks, hat and gloves and a mug together with a selection of hot drinks and soup.**

**Demand for this service has increased annually from 60 in 2014 to 800 in 2015. So far this winter (2016/17) the group has had requests for over 1,400 bags and this figure is likely to rise to 2,000 by Spring 2017.**

**The application is criteria compliant and the officer recommendation is for the award of £300.**

**This organisation receives no Rate Support or other formal benefits from NHDC.**

**This organisation has not received an NHDC grant in the last five years.**

**Total awards: £0.**