



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Area Committee**

2. Date: **13 March 2014**

3. Summary of application: **Funding support for the development of activities at the new Knebworth site**

Name of organisation: **Waste Not Want Not**

Sum requested: **£1,500+**

Total project cost: **£6,000+est**

Brief details:

The group's new 4 acre new site in Knebworth is far different from previous sites and to develop it into a functioning area and a main base their activities some basic facilities are essentially required in order to support and also sustain the volunteer workers who attend the project. It is not at all unusual to have between 6 - 10 volunteers on several days a week working on the site, including Sundays. They receive new referrals weekly and their volunteers include ex addicts, people with mental health issues, past offenders, socially excluded and isolated individuals. They currently have at least 10 volunteers who are CRB checked at enhanced level, but urgently need to have some paid support to help coordinate, train and supervise the volunteers. The group aims to have 1 lead volunteer working with 4 other volunteers for a safe physical and emotional environment for all.

Matched / linked funding: **£6,000+est**
 Matched /linked funding :
 or DRR

Funders: **Other Funding Agencies**
 Funder:

Comments from Development Officer:

They presently have 3 people who have signed up to do work experience for a total of 75 hours a week for an 8 week period. Their success in such people returning to work or training is really very good but they are hesitant to take more people on if they are unable able to offer the necessary support and supervision. They understand that many agencies prefer not to fund staffing costs, but they were able to engage someone even for a period of perhaps 8 weeks, to help support and supervise, this could reap enormous benefits. Essential resources required:- £250 for steel toe capped boots, £450 for large strengthened marquee, £350 for site portaloo, £220 for pallet of compost to pot on redundant stock given to us by other nurseries, £100 for promotional leaflets, £300 for adverts in the local papers, £300 - £500 for rooted shrubs and perennials to increase the range and quality of the plants they have to offer for sale. The group asks Members of the Area Committee to perhaps therefore consider a grant award in excess of £1,500 to help develop the site and continue the invaluable support to those volunteers attending the 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: **£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: