



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

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

2. Date: **25th Sept 2014**

3. Summary of application: **Furniture Link**

Name of organisation: **North Herts Centre for Voluntary Service**

Sum requested: **£363**

Total project cost: **£11,034**

Brief details:

The Furniture Link organisation is seeking support funding of £2,900 in total from the Authority to help towards the provision of a good quality second hand collections van.

Furniture Link is a fully independent project of North Herts Centre for Voluntary Services. The 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.

The vehicle will replace the existing collections van which is on nearing the end of its economic life and is a vital part of the operation needed to collect and deliver furniture.

Matched / linked funding: **£4,234**

Funder: **NHCVS (own funds)**

Matched /linked funding: **£3,000**

Funder: **Heritage Foundation (grant confirmed)**

Comments from Development Officer:

As the project covers the whole of the District, each Area Committee is being asked to consider a proportionate contribution.

Currently approximately 50% of those who have used the service have been based in Letchworth, therefore a contribution of £1,450 has already been granted by the Letchworth Area Committee and as well as two additional sums of £363 each by both the Hitchin and Baldock & District Area Committees. A further request for £363 is also being heard by the Royston & District Area Committee on 17th September 2014.

This Committee is being asked to consider a similar award of £363.

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: **£363**

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:

