



## NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Area Committee**2. Date: **3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2015**3. Summary of application: **Rural Youth Choir activity funding**Name of organisation: **Choir on Fire Rural Youth Choir activity funding** Sum requested: **£500**Total project cost: **£500 est**

## Brief details:

The Choir is seeking funding support to take part in the Music For Youth Festival next March in Bedford and wish to take the whole choir to participate. Music for Youth regional festivals give young people under 21 the chance to perform and share their music, it involves a wide variety of musical groups and each piece performed is given feedback by selected judges from the music business, in the hope to help groups to continue to develop.

The choir is seeking grant funding in the region of £300 to cover costs for a coach to Bedford & return. In addition, they also wish to organise a master-class, again for all members on Monday 22nd February 2106 with Andy Instone, the creative director for 'Young Voices'. The cost for the master-class is £120.

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## Comments from Development Officer:

The youth choir is up and running and well subscribed. It has 51 members and working almost at full capacity. Most the members come from villages, with only 14 in total coming from the local towns of Hitchin, Letchworth, Stevenage, Luton and Harpenden. The remaining members come from Offley, Langley, Preston, Gosmore, St. Ippolyts and Lilley.

The choir organisers recognise they are unable to attend and present to Members at the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, but have asked if the Area Committee would still consider a grant funding request in the region of £500 to help with their plans and activities for early next year.

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.

Amount recommended: **£420**

## 4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

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