



## NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Area Committee**2. Date: **9 Jun 2016**3. Summary of application: **Funding support to assist the replacement of old electrical equipment**Name of organisation: **Whitwell Players**Sum requested: **£6,239**Total project cost: **£6,239**

Brief details:

**Whitwell Players is an amateur dramatic club with more than 100 members ranging from 5 to 95. The Players' programme of performances and activities helps to promote good community relations, benefitting many other local groups in some way or another.**

**Alongside children & young people, the Players we have wide range of adults who take part in acting or behind the scenes actively encouraging others to join in. They also offer the chance for members to learn new skills and this year younger members learnt about lighting and sound engineering with experienced members at hand to guide them through their respective tasks & roles.**

**In the past the group has given a proportion of its profits to the wider community. For example in 2014 it gave £500 to Sue Ryder, £500 to the local primary school, supported the Evergreens with a donation of £100 and provided financial support to a Philippines disaster coffee morning. In 2016 the group has been able to support Dementia UK with a donation of £500 and hopes to continue support to other local causes as required.**

Matched / linked funding: **£ tbc**Funder: **Own Funds & other fundraising**Matched / linked funding: **£**  
or DRR

Funder:

Comments from Community Officer:

**However without future productions these donations will become even harder to pass on, but this is the very essence of what the Players are about and why they like to help others. The Players are however minded that a proportion of their profits each year should be held back in reserves in future to perhaps help tackle such improvements to the performance facilities at the hall, or assist with other costs related to keeping everything going.**

**The Players wish to replace electrical installations and lighting equipment which is more than 40 years old at their resident venue, Whitwell Village Hall.**

**Wiring and dimmer racks need upgrading to maintain the safe aspect of their use. Although the hall is a public building, Whitwell Players feel that they should help facilitate the works as they are the main, if not sole user. The group is seeking funding for the following works:-**

**Phase 1****Incoming power supply to dimmer board****Distribution board****Connection to existing dimmer****Connection to existing wall sockets****£1,100****Phase 2****Lightprocessor1810 dimmer panel****£1,599****Downstream power wiring including 36 dimmed****Wall sockets and raw power sockets for future****DMX controlled lights****£2,500****Total cost of project £5,199 ex vat (£6,239 with vat)**

**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: **£1,500**