



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Area Committee**2. Date: **01/12/2016**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 £2,100 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.