

Appendix 2 – Home-Start Royston, Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire

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1.0		First Draft (BE)

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Name of Organisation	Home-Start Royston, Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire (HSRBSC)			
Organisation Type	Registered Charity			
Ward	Various			
Project Type	Family support group sessions.			
Green option considered?	N/A			
NHC Councillor involvement that may constitute a conflict of interest	None known			
Previous financial support within six years	2021 - £1,221 2020 - £1,885 2019 - £1,050			
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes		
Total applied for	£1,635	Total project cost	£2,569	
Officer Summary				
<p>Home-Start Royston, Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire (HSRBSC) have been supporting local vulnerable families for the past 40 years. Their main activities are an early-intervention, volunteer-led Home-Visiting Service and three specialised Family Support Groups in Royston & Buntingford, Herts and Meldreth, South Cambridgeshire.</p> <p>HBRSC are applying for funds towards the running costs of their specialised Royston Family Support Group, Spring Term 2024, which will run weekly from 11 January to 28 March. The term will comprise 11 two-hour sessions; the group are requesting funding for seven of these sessions covering the period 8 February-28 March 2024. It is estimated that 10-12 families will benefit from the spring term support group.</p> <p>Royston Family Support Group supports socially isolated and marginalised local families with children under 5 to successfully integrate into the local community. Most families also have additional issues, such as challenges with mental health and self-esteem, children often have developmental delay, as well as other issues, such as ADHD.</p> <p>Structured activities are planned for each session with specific aims in mind. They're delivered by a co-ordinator and specially-trained volunteers, who support parents and facilitate children's play.</p> <p>Royston Family Support Group is cost efficient when compared to state care and can prevent the need for longer term provision by the State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It costs around £25 for a family to attend a two-hour weekly session • The early-intervention support provided at the Group aims to prevent participants from escalating to possible crisis point, when they may have required costly specialist and/or safeguarding services. 				

*Funding will only be released on receipt and approval of all supporting documentation