

## Appendix 2. Home-start Royston, Buntingford and South Cambs

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1.0	NA	First Draft (BE)

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Name of Organisation	Home-start Royston, Buntingford and South Cambs			
Organisation Type	Charity			
Ward	Various			
Project Type	Family support			
Green option considered?	N/A			
NHC Councillor involvement that may constitute a conflict of interest	None known			
Previous financial support within six years	<b>Community Grants:</b> July 2019 £1,050; October 2021 £1,221; November 2022 £1,221; January 2024 £1,485 <b>Community Investment Fund:</b> February 2024 £7,052 (Capacity building project)			
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes		
Total applied for	£1,567	Total project cost	£1,567	
Officer Summary				
<p>Home-Start Royston, Buntingford &amp; South Cambridgeshire (HSRSC) are requesting a grant towards home-visiting support for one vulnerable family living in Royston and/or the surrounding villages for nine months (the average time a family needs their support).</p> <p>The support aims to prevent the family from reaching crisis point, leading to family breakdown and children being taken into care, amongst other serious consequences.</p> <p>A highly-trained volunteer, with parenting experience, will meet with a family once a week for 2 to 3 hours – providing compassionate, practical and emotional support, which is non-judgemental, confidential, free and tailored to each family's individual needs.</p> <p>At the end of the support period, the family will be able to manage their family lives again without support and access mainstream support and local community networks.</p> <p>The cost home-visiting support for a child is £41.66 per week. This compares with £3,331 per week cost of a child in care (<i>House of Commons Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee: Funding of local authorities' children's services – April 2019</i>).</p> <p>Five residents of Royston or one of the surrounding villages will directly benefit from Home-Visiting Support (assuming 2 parents and 3 children per family). Indirect benefit will include the wider community with an estimated benefit to over 30 additional residents.</p>				

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