

Appendix 2: Home-Start Hertfordshire

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Version	Issue Date	Changes
1.0	NA	First Draft (BE)

Reference	6149			
Name of Organisation	Home-Start Hertfordshire			
Organisation Type	Registered Charity			
Ward	Letchworth South			
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	2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £2,060 Letchworth Community Forum £2,060 Baldock Community Forum £2,058 Hitchin Community Forum 			
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes		
Total applied for	£1,470	Total project cost	£15,065	
Officer Summary				
<p>Home-Start Hertfordshire (HSH) deliver high quality services to support families in Hertfordshire through challenging times. They step in to support parents through their difficulties as early as possible, helping them grow in confidence and build support networks in their community. HSH is a self-funded charity, working alongside statutory provision. Over 75% of referrals to HSH come from Statutory Services.</p> <p>HSH are applying for funding towards their Letchworth Family Group at Howard Memorial Hall, where they deliver 2-hour sessions, 35 times a year. It is run by a Family Group Leader (staff), to ensure safeguarding, and two volunteer family mentors.</p> <p>The total cost of running the sessions for a 12-month period is £15,065, which includes staff costs, equipment/materials, and overheads. They are applying for £1,470 to cover hall hire and healthy eating refreshments for the year. The remaining £13,595 will be funded by Letchworth Heritage Foundation and fundraising such as a gala dinner and Big Give campaign.</p> <p>This will support around 10-15 Letchworth families, including around 10-15 adults and 10-15 children under 5. Therefore, approximately 20-30 people would directly benefit.</p> <p>Through this work, HSH help families face their challenges; they help them build confidence, learn coping strategies and become stronger family units. With their support and signposting, parents are more able to offer their children the best start. It also allows children to play and socialise each week, with others of a similar age and for some, it is the only opportunity to do so.</p>				

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