

Appendix 4: SoW CIC

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Version	Issue Date	Changes
1.0	NA	First Draft (BE)

Reference	CG-326			
Name of Organisation	SoW CIC			
Organisation Type	Community Interest Company			
Ward	The Market Theatre is in Hitchin Highbury Ward			
Project Type	Arts and Culture			
Green option considered?	Not applicable			
NHC Councillor involvement that may constitute a conflict of interest	None known			
Previous financial support within six years	None			
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes		
Total applied for	£1,500	Total project cost	£1,500	

Officer Summary

[SoW CIC](#) (Shout or Whisper) are a Community Writing Project that creates opportunities for people to share their story and hone their creative writing skills. They provide safe spaces that encourage performers of all abilities to stand up and have their work celebrated in front of a supportive audience. The space is for poets, playwrights, musicians, rappers, novelists, storytellers, clowns and everything in between to simply try things out. They are after experimentation, not perfection.

As part of the events programme they offer the community, they would like funding towards running three 'Spotlight' events for Autumn to Spring 2027 at The Market Theatre in Hitchin. The events are an opportunity for local creatives to perform their work, so that SoW can stimulate the spoken word creative scene in Hitchin.

As a part of the evening, they are also going to be inviting established performers to read their material. The objective is to create a sustainable space to allow for local poets, musicians and performers to grow their onstage confidence, to stimulate written creativity. Having run a handful of these already, they are evenings of connection and community. This funding would help them to do more.

Funding would go towards:

- Hire costs of The Market Theatre
- Headline Performer Fees and Contributing Performer Fees which have been calculated from SoW's experience in the industry.
- Light and sound technicians, with reasonable quoted rates
- Pre and during event co-ordination
- Social Media Marketing

They will have flexible ticket pricing to keep the event accessible. Any profit made will go towards funding their next season of events at The Vic in Hitchin.

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