

**=Document Control:**

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1.0	NA	First Draft (BE)

Reference	CG-357			
Name of Organisation	Creative Chefs CIC			
Organisation Type	CIC (Community Interest Company)			
Ward	Royston			
Project Type	Cooking sessions for carers.			
Green option considered?	N/A			
NHC Councillor involvement that may constitute a conflict of interest	N/A			
Previous financial support within six years	June 2024 - £1,951 Letchworth Community Grant September 2024 - £1,912 Baldock Community Forum September 2024 - £1,612 Royston Community Forum October 2024 - £6,750 North Herts Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)			
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes		
Total applied for	£1,140	Total project cost	£1,460.00	

**Officer Summary**

Creative Chefs aim to educate children, families, and adults about the importance of healthy eating and to teach them how to prepare nutritious, affordable meals using seasonal ingredients. They promote cooking as a tool for wellbeing, confidence, and community connection.

They are asking for a grant towards Community Cook, an initiative designed to bring people together through accessible, hands-on cooking experiences. These monthly sessions based at the Old School House offer carers the opportunity to step away from their usual day and enjoy a 90 min cooking session. The session offers a safe space for carers to relax and enjoy some time themselves. The lessons are structured to be engaging and easy to follow, catering to a wide range of abilities from those who cook regularly to complete beginners. They teach participants how to cook using seasonal ingredients, how to reduce food waste and adopt environmentally responsible habits.

These skills help households to save money while contributing to a more sustainable future. Each participant is provided with all ingredients and equipment needed to prepare their meals plus containers and a bag to transport the meals home.

Through 2024/5 and 2025/26 the delivery of Creative Chefs sessions in Royston was mainly funded through the Household Support Fund. The venue that the sessions will be running at is funded by North Herts Council's Community Wellbeing team's Healthy Hub budget – Herts County Council funded – and the space is being offered in kind once a month in order to bring various health and wellbeing services into Royston (which is the remit of the Healthy Hub). Creative Chefs have costed this in-kind support at the value of £320.

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