

Funding Application

Application to be completed by Organisation/Group/Individual applying for funding	
Neighbourhood Area: Bedwell	Name of Councillor: Cllr David Cullen
Name of Organisation: Irish Network Stevenage	Name of Applicant: Peggy Lyons
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<p>I would like my local Councillor to consider the following request for funding:</p> <p><i>(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)</i></p> <p>The Irish Network Stevenage was formed in late 2007, in response to the identified need that the level of support required by an ageing Irish population was growing and that a wider network of help was essential to meet the cultural needs of Irish residents within Stevenage. Since its inception in 2007 we have grown from 25 members to our current list of 106. Our regular activities centre around our older people, we organise monthly events, live traditional music, fund raising events, social outings, signposting and in addition to this we produce a regular newsletter. The Irish Network Stevenage is the only organisation dedicated to meeting the needs of the Irish in Stevenage and as a group we are affiliated to the Federation of Irish Groups. Our four themes are; the well-being of Elderly Irish, Cultural interests, Irish language and education, preserving the heritage of Irish history in Stevenage and Promoting Gaelic Games/Sport within Schools.</p> <p>We arrange a Christmas Dinner every year for our members; it is a fantastic event that allows everyone, especially our more vulnerable members, to have a lovely afternoon with friends to celebrate Christmas. Some of our members are away from their families and this is the only Christmas meal they have. With this in mind we would like to apply for some financial assistance from the Locality Budget so we can subsidise this for our members. We have never asked for funds for this before and have always subsidised this event, but we know that many of our members are struggling financially and will not be able to afford to attend this event. We have limited funds and we will be subsidising the Christmas meal but the costs associated to this has increased and our funds are also reducing, therefore we will struggle to provide as much assistance this year as in previous years.</p>	
I have requested other funding for this project from: <i>(name other funding bodies being approached and amounts applied for)</i> No	If you have requested funding for this project from other councillors please tick. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If you have ticked yes how many councillors in total are you applying to? Cllr Underwood £150.00.....
Total cost of project:	£2,000
Other funds already raised <i>(if any)</i>	£1,700
Amount of funding required:	£150.00
<p>Declaration: I declare that the information supplied in this request is true and that any grant money received from Stevenage Borough Council will be used for the purposes described in this form</p>	

Individual Councillor Decision

Local Community Budget 2011/2012

Councillor: D W Cullen		Ward: Bedwell
Decision taken	<i>Agreed £150 (cllr D Cullen)</i>	
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Reason for decision		
Other options considered	<i>(Has the applicant sought advice/guidance on other funding for the project/activity/organisation)</i>	
Consultations	<i>(Has the project/activity been discussed with anyone else)</i>	
Outcome of consultations	<i>(Consultation result if any)</i>	
Financial implications	<i>Sufficient funds are available from Councillor's Local Community Budget</i>	
Legal implications		
Other implications		
Declaration of interests		
Signed by Councillor	D Cullen (via email)	Date: 22 nd Sept 2011
If Call-in is to be waived give reason for urgency		
Waiver of Call-in agreed by		Date:
Officer confirmation <i>(signature) C Murphy</i>		
Date: 22 Sept 2011		
Officer Ref:		
Date of publication	23 September 2011	
Deadline for Call-in	30 September 2011	
Implementation date	Subject to the decision not being Called-in this decision may take affect from Monday 3 October 2011	