

Funding Application

Application to be completed by Organisation/Group/Individual applying for funding	
Neighbourhood Area: Old Town	Name of Councillor: Hugh Tessier
Name of Organisation: Bridge Road Children's Centre	Name of Applicant: Helen Longstaff
Address: Bridge Road Children's Centre, Woolenwick Infant and Nursery School, Stevenage SG1 2NU	
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<p>I would like my local Councillor to consider the following request for funding:</p> <p>Gardening Project for Dads</p> <p>We have asked Dads what they would like to do at the Children's Centre as they are often reluctant to attend some of the services that they see as more female orientated. We also have a growing number of young Dads (under 22) who are keen to get involved at the Centre but have not always engaged well in the past with services. Dads have told us that they would like some sort of gardening project and we would like to link this with our work on the Eat Better, Start Better programme which has just been launched publicly. Dads will grow food such as vegetables and herbs at the centre that can then be used in the cooking sessions with families. This would mean that, for example, a group of Dads could attend the centre weekly to do the sowing, tending etc of some vegetables which are then used as part of a cooking course about healthy eating for the family on a budget. Added to that is the learning for the children and doing something with their parents, whether that is the gardening or the cooking - or both.</p> <p>We will need to purchase plants and seeds, planting boxes, wellington boots, all necessary equipment such as watering cans, hosepipe, netting, trellis. As Bridge Road Children's Centre covers the Woodfield, Old Town and Symonds Green wards, I have approached all councillors in these wards for funding and have received a very positive response. The project as detailed above will be funded jointly by local councillors and County Councillor James Fraser has agreed to fund the purchase of a shed. The cost of a contractor preparing the base and installing the shed is included in the overall cost.</p>	
I have requested other funding for this project from: <i>(name other funding bodies being approached and amounts applied for)</i>	<p>If you have requested funding for this project from other councillors please tick.</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If you have ticked yes how many councillors in total are you applying to? I have approached all 9 councillors in my mapped area – Woodfield, Old Town and Symonds Green wards.</p>
Total cost of project:	£2600.00
Other funds already raised <i>(if any)</i>	£
Amount of funding required:	£150
<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**

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Councillor: HUGH TESSIER		Ward: OLD TOWN
Decision taken	<i>(Do you as the budget holder agree or not agree to fund?)</i> AGREE TO FUND	
	<i>If you do agree what amount?</i>	£150.00
Reason for decision	TO INVOLVE THE DADS IN THEIR CHILDRENS LEARNING	
Other options considered	<i>(Has the applicant sought advice/guidance on other funding for the project/activity/organisation)</i> YES	
Consultations	<i>(Has the project/activity been discussed with anyone else)</i> YES	
Outcome of consultations	<i>(Consultation result if any)</i> TO PROCEED	
Financial implications	Sufficient funds are available from Councillor's Local Community Budget YES	
Legal implications	NONE	
Other implications	NONE	
Declaration of interests	NONE	
Signed by Councillor	HUGH TESSIER	Date:20 JANUARY 2012
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: 22/01/12		
Date of publication	23 January 2012	
Deadline for Call-in	30 January 2012	
Implementation date	Subject to the decision not being Called-in this decision may take affect from Tuesday 31 January 2012	