

Funding Application

Application to be completed by Organisation/Group/Individual applying for funding	
Neighbourhood Area: Stevenage Old Town	Name of Councillor: Hugh Tessier
Name of Organisation: Springfield Playgroup	Name of Applicant: Samantha Pack
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<p>I would like my local Councillor to consider the following request for funding: <i>(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)</i></p> <p><i>Funding of a minimum* of £244.45 for equipment for children within our setting with special needs. Please see attached page for further details</i></p> <p><i>*Please note I state minimum as we could always do with more help.</i></p>	
I have requested other funding for this project from: <i>(name other funding bodies being approached and amounts applied for)</i> <i>None at present.</i>	If you have requested funding for this project from other councillors please tick. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If you have ticked yes how many councillors in total are you applying to?
Total cost of project:	£244.45 (minimum but will accept more)
Other funds already raised <i>(if any)</i>	£0
Amount of funding required:	£245.00
<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: Hugh Tessier		Ward: Old Town
Decision taken	<i>Agree to fund £245.00</i>	
<i>This information is for Internal Use Only</i>		
Reason for decision	<i>To provide play equipment for children with special needs.</i>	
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> <i>To seek funding</i>	
Financial implications	<i>Sufficient funds are available from Councillor's Local Community Budget</i>	
Legal implications	<i>None</i>	
Other implications	<i>None</i>	
Declaration of interests	<i>None</i>	
Signed by Councillor	Hugh Tessier	Date: 9 November 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: 09/11/11		
Officer Ref:		
Date of publication	10 November 2011	
Deadline for Call-in	17 November 2011	
Implementation date	Subject to the decision not being Called-in this decision may take affect from Friday 18 November 2011	

Attached detailed information of funding request from Samantha Pack acting on behalf of Springfield Playgroup

The equipment listed is mainly aimed at a child in our setting who has Downs Syndrome. For this child in particular, having Downs Syndrome means that she needs her senses stimulating more than the 'average child' so to speak.

Also, she is 3 years old, but her developmental age is just over 6 months old, therefore we need equipment that will meet both of these needs simultaneously and this is not always easy as we work to such a tight budget.

Please find below, a list of items that I feel will help to improve her sensory issues whilst at the setting.

Sand and Water table £99.95 (compared to price of £168.50 from another supplier) - will provide opportunity to compare textures of sand and water over the winter months where it is becoming increasingly difficult to venture outside.

'Dark den' £45.95- will provide a dark area where she can explore with visual senses such as through use of light balls combined with the darkness.

Torches (childrens 12 pack) £15.50 - to go hand in hand with visual exploration of the dark area

Tactile textures £18.60- these will provide her with objects that she can feel and explore.

Sensory bags 13.75- to help stimulate sense of smell- this would be good for all of the children

boing light ball x 2 £5.95 each (=£11.90) to help her explore in the dark using visual sense.

Ball tracks set £38.80- a track where you place balls so that they go round a windy track- this will help her develop co-ordination skills aswell as be visually pleasing (especially good for her developmental age).

We always need help when it comes to money and although this is only a touch on what we would like, we are extremely grateful that you are looking at our application. Also if you do know of anyone else that may be interested in helping us please pass on my details to them as we are always looking for outside support.

Kind regards

Samantha Pack

Leader
Springfield Playgroup