

Funding Application

Application to be completed by Organisation/Group/Individual applying for funding	
Neighbourhood Area: Old Town	Name of Councillor: Marilyn Yarnold-Forrester
Name of Organisation: Old Stevenage Community Association	Name of Applicant: Christina Evans
Address: Springfield House Community Centre 24 High Street Stevenage Herts SG1 1RH	
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<p>I would like my local Councillor to consider the following request for funding:</p> <p><i>Every year at Springfield House Community Centre we hold a Christmas Lunch for our resident Luncheon Club.</i></p> <p><i>Our Luncheon Club provides not only a hot and freshly cooked meal, but also companionship on a daily basis at the centre from Tuesdays through to Fridays. In previous years there has been a decline in its numbers and attendance, however this year, the Luncheon Club has become ever more popular and has seen an increase in numbers and regular attenders. We hope that this will be the same for the Christmas Lunch that we are planning to host on Tuesday 20th December 2011 at 1.00pm.</i></p> <p><i>At this time of year spirits should be high, we are all "busy busy" fumbling around and buying gifts for our loved ones. We regrettably untangle the lights from last year's Christmas tree and promise ourselves that we won't be doing the same next year! There is laughter and good will and an ever increasing feeling of hope as Christmas day gets closer and closer. We all... make the time to sit and have that "cup of tea" and perhaps mince pie with family, loved ones and friends that we otherwise, at any other time of year would simply not have the time to do. We all feel togetherness and forget that there are those who are alone... Many of the members of our Luncheon Club, have no family to go to for Christmas, no presents to wrap, or to unwrap for that matter, they don't have that reason to smile, to put on that favourite jumper and to get out that old musical tie whose batteries have seen better days.....and it is for those that we offer our Christmas Lunch at Springfield.</i></p> <p><i>Subsidies for meals have been reduced this year, and will continue to, so we have to look to outside funding and generosity of local businesses to be able to provide a much needed and welcomed service such as Christmas Lunch. Volunteers we have a plenty, but it's the little extra touches that really "make" what we offer special and individual to all of those who attend. The after dinner mint on the side of a coffee cup, the Christmas Cracker to pull with a "friend" who sits next to you.... The joke that is all the ever predictable to share with the table... the simple sound of voices and the sight of a smile as you tuck into the Christmas turkey that's not worth cooking for one... We so far have 65 confirmed bookings for Christmas Lunch at Springfield, and it's still early day, there is a buzz in the air and anticipation in faces as the raffle tickets are handed over. "What have you got this year in the raffle?" they ask.... "Will there be any surprises?".....proving that Christmas is still Christmas no matter your age.</i></p> <p><i>We plan to have the full works, Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Mash, Carrots, Brussels, Mini Sausage and a Yorkshire Pud! Cranberry Sauce, Homemade Mince Pies and Christmas Pudding with Custard... Tea and Coffee with that all important after dinner mint. A Christmas Cracker (with joke!) and a room filled with laughter, Christmas Carols and Festive Cheer.... And the feeling that giving a little feels as though we have given a lot. We ask for help to provide this at this all important time of year and appreciate any type of donation that you can offer. The only provision is that it's done with a smile and the humble acceptance of our most sincere</i> <i>"Thanks and wishes for a Merry Christmas to you and your Loved ones"</i></p>	
I have requested other funding for this project from: <i>(name other funding bodies being approached and amounts applied for)</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:	£300 estimated

Other funds already raised (<i>if any</i>)	£0.00
Amount of funding required:	£300
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	

**Individual Councillor Decision
Local Community Budget 2011/2012**

<i>This information is for Internal use only by Councillor and Officers</i>		
Councillor: Marilyn Yarnold-Forrester		Ward: Old Town
Decision taken	<i>(Do you as the budget holder agree or not agree to fund?)</i> I do agree	
	<i>If you do agree what amount?</i>	£300.00
Reason for decision	<i>To give a little joy at this time of year and it will be greatly appreciated by the old folk.</i>	
Other options considered	<i>(Has the applicant sought advice/guidance on other funding for the project/activity/organisation) no</i>	
Consultations	<i>(Has the project/activity been discussed with anyone else) no</i>	
Outcome of consultations	<i>(Consultation result if any) I agree to the amount requested.</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	Marilyn Yarnold-Forrester	Date: 30 th 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: 30/11/11		
Date of publication	1 December 2011	
Deadline for Call-in	8 December 2011	
Implementation date	Subject to the decision not being Called-in this decision may take affect from Friday 9 December 2011	