



## Area Committee Funding - Expression of Interest Form

<b>Date (dd/mm/yyyy):</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2015
<b>Area:</b>	Central Area Committee
<b>Area Committee Rep:</b>	Carl Murton
<b>Report by:</b>	Sarah Hayward Cox
<b>Name of Group Requiring Funding:</b>	St Margaret's Toddler Group
<b>Subject:</b>	Funding Request

<b>Description of application:</b>	<p>Support funding to local St Margaret's Baby and Toddler Group which is based at the Garrett Memorial Hall. The Group meets weekly on Friday mornings 9.30-11am providing an unbiased, open community group for mothers / guardians and their babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. It's a great opportunity for local mums to meet and chat and for early bonding for local children who may well later attend school together.</p> <p>It's been running for over 10 years by local mums, who all live in the area and have small children. The Group set up/clean up and have some very kind elderly ladies who prepare the snacks and teas for parents.</p> <p>The Group charges £1:50 per attending "family" (not per child) and receive no other funding, and have a business banking account. The Group was very reluctant to increase from £1 as a number of attendees are not wealthy people. There is a varied number of people attending - there is no joining fee or obligation to attend regularly - so some weeks there may be 20 or 30 children, sometimes 50.</p> <p>This Group provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A baby safe area of soft play, bouncy chairs and new-born upwards toys,</li><li>• A varied and gender-mixed collection of toys suitable for toddler</li><li>• A healthy and nutritious snack, e.g. squares of cheese, some grapes</li><li>• A tea or coffee and a biscuit for the grown-ups, story time and singing.</li></ul>
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<p><b>Does the organisation have a formal constitution?</b></p>	<p>The toys are nearly all over 5 years old, if not older. We have mostly had to rely on the generosity of committee members as all toys are donated, and are mostly given to us because they have seen better days.</p> <p>The Group would very much like to request an injection of £1,000 which would pay for new toys, equipment and room hire, and would provide an enormously important buffer for future years. This would undoubtedly secure the long term future of the group.</p> <p>No</p>
<p><b>Have you attached supporting evidence?</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Which of the Area Committee priorities does your application address?</b></p> <p><i>(If you require a copy of the Area Committee action plan, please contact your community engagement officer)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Priority 2: Improve resident representation.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Inter-generational – Establish stronger links with residents in the community, particularly elderly residents living on their own and single parent families</li><li>○ provide resources and opportunities to help see an increase in the number of local, active, residents groups</li></ul></li></ul>
<p><b>How does your application meet this priority?</b></p>	<p>The continued running of this non-profit making group would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improve the life of residents with children</li><li>• Create an opportunity for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers to build early social development skills, such as bonding and sharing. Not all children experience nursery so local playgroups are vital for providing this experience.</li><li>• Offer a weekly support group of like-minded people to those that may feel isolated by having young children, especially single parents, by building friendships. There are numerous examples of this.</li><li>• Build child friendships in readiness for school; local children can play together and get to know one another before they find themselves in school together, which is so important when making the transition on to school.</li></ul>



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<b>Break down of cost's required:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• new large toy kitchen and accessories - £250</li><li>• sensory toys and new baby area - £50</li><li>• arts and crafts to bolster stocks - £40</li><li>• musical instruments, e.g. bells, drums - £70</li><li>• role-playing toys and something to display the (hand-me-down) fancy dress items we have - £50</li><li>• storage - £50</li><li>• new children's tableware - £50</li><li>• Toddle Chairs (current chairs are damaged / dangerous) - £225 for 15 new chairs</li><li>• Replace some toddler tables - £50 each</li><li>• Picnic Equipment in order to utilise Christchurch park in the summer - £30</li><li>• Outdoor Toys (currently we have an outdoor area but no toys) - £50</li></ul> <p>Above is an approximate cost and bought on a priority basis. Surplus will help cover room hire.</p>
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<b>Are you being funded by any other Organisations?</b>  <b>Please provide a breakdown of the funding received. (Name of organisation &amp; amount received)</b>	No, not at all and never have been.
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<b>Total cost required by Area Committee:</b>	£1,000
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<b>Comments made by Committee:</b>	
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