

**Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for
Leisure and Community**

Monday, 16 May 2016

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Funding Application - Lockwood Community Association
Report of:	Director of Operations
Strategy/Policy:	Leisure Strategy
Corporate Objectives:	Strong and Inclusive Communities

Purpose:

This report presents an application for funding under the Council's Community Fund Programme.

An application for community funding has been received from Mr Geoffrey Eales, Chairman of Lockwood Community and Sports Association, for the sum of £4,999 to strengthen walls and replace sinks and doors in the Centre's Activity Room as part of the Association's project to transform the room into a Dance Studio.

Lockwood Community and Sports Association is a Registered Charity which currently holds the lease for Lockwood Community Centre. The Centre serves the population of the Western Wards of Fareham by providing rooms for community meetings, parties and leisure activities for all ages and abilities.

The Association plans to convert the Activity Room into a fully equipped Dance Studio by updating the fixtures and fittings and installing full-length mirrors. The total cost of this work is projected to be between £13,000 and £14,000.

In addition to providing a unique facility for the area, which will attract new users to the Community Centre, the project will include the soundproofing of the room which will provide a subsequent benefit to the adjoining Meeting Room and the Library below.

The Association has healthy financial reserves of £8,253.44 and plans to use £7,000 of these savings towards the total cost of the project. They anticipate that any shortfall will be met by an application to Hampshire County Council, via Councillor Evans.

Councillor Mrs Bayford and Councillor Evans are supportive of this application.

Options Considered:

That the application for £4,999 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by Mr Geoffrey Eales of Lockwood Community and Sports Association for strengthening walls and replacing sinks and doors in Lockwood Community Centre's Activity Room, be approved.

Decision:

That the application for £4,999 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by Mr Geoffrey Eales of Lockwood Community and Sports Association for strengthening walls and replacing sinks and doors in Lockwood Community Centre's Activity Room, be approved.

Reason:

This application meets the agreed Community Funding Programme criteria for financial support for community capital projects.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor Miss S M Bell
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