

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Lockwood Community and Sports Association
Report of:	Director of Operations
Strategy/Policy:	Leisure Strategy
Corporate Objective:	Strong and Inclusive Communities

Purpose:

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

Executive Summary:

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.

Recommendation:

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

Reason:

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

Cost of Proposals:

The total allocation towards this project will be £4,999, which can be met from within the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no identified risks associated with this report.