

Report to the Executive Member for Policy, Strategy and Finance for Decision

Portfolio:	Policy, Strategy and Finance
Subject:	Community Fund Application - The Rainbow Centre
Report of:	Director of Community
Strategy/Policy:	Community Engagement Strategy
Corporate Objective:	Strong and Inclusive Communities

Purpose:

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

Executive summary:

Joanne White, on behalf of The Rainbow Centre, Fareham has requested funding of £4,999 to help upgrade their ICT systems.

The Rainbow Centre works with children and adults with motor impairment; in particular children who have cerebral palsy, adults recovering from strokes and those suffering from multiple sclerosis and Parkinson disease.

The Rainbow Centre is requesting funding to help with an up-grade of their ICT systems. The current servers are over 7 years old and have reached capacity. They are prone to systems failure which impacts on the centre's ability to function effectively. The Rainbow Centre also has a number of out of date laptops and PC's, all of which are using different operating systems. This has a limiting effect on staff being able to work flexibly with attendees at the centre.

The total cost of the project is £20,568. The remainder of the finances will be supplied by the Rainbow Centre applying for funding from Hampshire County Council, Tesco Charity Trust and the from their own finances.

Councillors Steadman and Howard are supportive of this application.

Recommendation:

That the application for £4,999 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by The Rainbow Centre to assist with the purchase of a new computer server be approved.

Reason:

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

Cost of Proposals:

The total cost of this project will be £4,999 and can be met from within the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no identified risks.