

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Grant Funding – Stubbington Stitch and Knit
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 Stubbington Stitch and Knit, for the sum of £4,999 to purchase and install a shed in which the group will store its materials. The shed will be located in the grounds of the Foster Rooms in Stubbington and will replace the group's existing dilapidated shed which is no longer fit for purpose.

The organisation is a local interest group, which meets on a weekly basis. Stubbington Stitch and Knit's purpose is to sew and knit clothes and blankets for worthy causes, in addition to providing a supportive and friendly environment for its 23 members, many of who are widowed. In 2016, the group's efforts raised £900 which was donated to local charities including the Hants and IOW Air Ambulance, the Portsmouth Hospital Paediatric Diabetic Department and the Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank.

At the close of 2016, the organisation had £1,443.70 in its account. The full cost of the removal of the existing shed, and the provision and installation of a replacement is £5,834. Stubbington Stitch and Knit have approached the Hammond Hall Memorial Trust to request a contribution towards any shortfall for the project.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Wood and Councillor Mrs Heneghan, have expressed their support for this group and their application for Community Funding.

Recommendation:

That the: -

(a) application for £4,999 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund submitted by Stubbington Stitch and Knit to fund the replacement of the organisations storage shed be approved; and

(b) Community Fund award is released once Stubbington Stitch and Knit have received confirmation that the Hammond Hall Memorial Trust will fund the shortfall for the project.

Reason:

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

Cost of Proposals:

The total allocation towards the 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.