

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision 19 March 2018

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Grant Funding – Beacon Productions
Report of:	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
Corporate Priority:	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 Beacon Productions, for the sum of £3,100 to purchase two replacement video cameras. This not-for-profit organisation, based in Beacon Way, Park Gate, aims to provide its members with the opportunity to participate in all aspects of audio/visual productions. They make small-scale productions that are written, acted and filmed by the group's members, either on location or in their studio in Beacon Way. They also offer their equipment for hire to fellow enthusiasts.

The organisation is currently working on a Nostalgia project, through which they are documenting local people's memories of growing up in the area. They have previously had their films shown on local television channels and hold their own 'Oscars' event to celebrate their work each year. They also arrange social gatherings (such as their Beacon Nonsense quiz evening) to raise funds for the organisation.

The group's two current cameras are becoming unreliable due to their age and frequent use.

The group currently has 45 members, formed from local people with a passion for film. Their studio is privately owned by the originator of the organisation, and as a result studio hire fees are only charged to cover costs. The group also allows students of Portsmouth University to participate, providing opportunities to gain work

experience in media.

At the close of 2016, the organisation was £689 in deficit, due to their decision to suspend subscription fees for the year as they were planning a year of low cost productions, and their need to replace certain studio equipment. At the close of 2017, the organisation had remedied this deficit and had £31.63 in their accounts. Ward Councillor, Cllr Martin, has confirmed his support for this application. No response has been received from Cllr Bayford.

Recommendation:

That the application for £3,100 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund submitted by Beacon productions to purchase two replacement video cameras be approved.

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 £3,100, 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.