

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Age Concern Hampshire
Report of:	Director of Finance and Resources
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:

An application for community funding has been received from Jemma Saunders of Age Concern Hampshire, for the sum of £1250.00 for the purchase of sewing equipment to enable them to set up an intergenerational Fareham Sewing Bee.

The project was originally considered as part of the Youth and Community Roots Grant scheme but it was felt that it fell more closely within the criteria of the Community Fund Application programme.

Age Concern Hampshire runs the Kershaw Day Care Centre and also has a community shop in Fareham Shopping Centre.

The Fareham Sewing Bee will operate from the community shop and will upcycle used items and make craft goods that can then be sold. The Sewing Bee will bring people of different ages together and will provide an opportunity to socialise, learn new skills and give a sense of pride and achievement. Weekly sessions will be held and local craft specialists will also attend to teach different skills.

The funding will be used to purchase sewing machines, a steamer and other sewing equipment. The majority of resources will be sourced from donated and recycled fabrics.

The total cost of the project is £2446.00 and Age Concern Hampshire will be paying for the remainder from their reserves.

Councillor Mrs Trott and Councillor Whittle are in support of this application.

Recommendation:

That the application for £1250.00 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by Jemma Saunders of Age Concern Hampshire for the purchasing of sewing machine equipment, 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 £1250.00 and can be met from within the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no identified risks associated with this report.