FAREHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Live Art Local CIC
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 Ms Beth Davis-Hofbauer, Director of Live Art Local CIC, for the sum of £4249.32 to purchase display equipment and to pay for printing and advertising costs for their Fareham Arts Festival project.

Live Art Local CIC is a not-for-profit organisation, aiming to promote the arts locally whilst providing opportunities so that the arts are accessible to all, with particular focus on those who would not have the opportunity otherwise. Regularly holding local events, the organisation allows for local artists to share their work whilst introducing members of the community to a variety of arts.

Taking place over nine days, Fareham Arts Festival will be utilising spaces throughout the borough of Fareham to deliver a varied programme of art, music, drama, dance, film and spoken word to the local community.

As well as showcasing talented local and national performers and artists, the Arts Festival will enable members of the community to become involved in the arts with a variety of workshops being held with local colleges and Portsmouth University.

Visitors to the Arts Festival will be able to enjoy free art exhibitions, street theatre and music and will also be able to partake in open mic events.

The funding requested will be used to purchase equipment for the festival; including display boards, wall hanging poles and fixings; as well as design work, poster and programme printing and advertising to enable them to successfully promote the event.

Councillor Bryant and Councillor Mrs Bryant are in support of this application, however have requested that receipts of all expenditure are produced to justify the contribution.

Recommendation:

That the application for £4249.32 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by Ms Davis-Hofbauer of Live Art Local CIC for the purchase of equipment and printing and advertising costs, 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 £4249.32 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.