

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Warsash Festival
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 Mr Matthew Chase, Chairman of the Warsash Festival Committee, for the sum of £2,397.18 to purchase equipment for the festival.

The Warsash Festival is a large summer fair which began in 2000 and is now held every two years at the Strawberry Field off Newtown Road in Warsash. This popular event brings together members of the community and includes music and entertainment, various displays and over 65 stalls. The organising committee welcomes the involvement of local groups, individuals and businesses, although they do not seek commercial involvement from outside the immediate area. Volunteers from the local community are sought to assist on the day with various duties including stewarding. The last event in 2013 attracted approximately 6,000 people.

All committee members and volunteers give their time free of charge during the planning stages and with the running of the event on the day.

The organisation is requesting £2,397.18 to enable them to purchase gazebos, event tables, chairs, two-way radios and a shed in which to store the equipment between each event. Once purchased, this equipment will be retained and re-used at future festivals.

The total cost of running the Warsash Festival is likely to be in the region of £4,500.00 and the Committee will be using their financial reserves for this. Running costs includes entertainment fees, insurance, publicity, first aid provision and the hire of equipment such as public conveniences and safety fencing.

Councillor Cartwright and Councillor Ford are in support of this application.

Recommendation:

That the application for £2,397.18 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by Mr Chase of Warsash Festival for the purchase of 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 £2,397.18 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.