

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Castle Street Day Centre
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 Lucy Redfern, Community Leader of Castle Street Day Centre, for the sum of £4000.00 to enable them to refurbishment their kitchen.

Managed by Portchester Community School, the Centre has been providing services to the local community for over 30 years. The Centre gives elderly residents and those with dementia access to a range of services, enabling them to remain independent and active, whilst also providing individual care and support and giving family members and carers respite. Activities are varied and include bingo, quizzes and arts and crafts and the Centre also has regular visits from a hairdresser, chiropodist and other service providers.

In addition to the services provided for elderly residents, Castle Street Day Centre also provides a range of community education classes and hires its facilities to other community groups.

Whilst the building is maintained to a high standard, the kitchen facilities are no longer fit for purpose and require updating. By refurbishing the kitchen the Centre will be able to start a lunch club, offer in-house catering to day centre users and also increase usage and boost the number of hirers wishing to book the centre. In the future they also hope to be able to provide a takeaway tea for elderly residents to take home.

Volunteers will help run the lunch club and in-house catering services, and users of the Centre will be involved in helping to plan the kitchen and meal plans.

The total cost of the project is approximately £7600. Castle Street Day Centre will be contributing £3600 and are therefore applying to the community fund for the remaining £4000. They are currently in the process of raising their funds; money has been raised so far from the selling of refreshments to Adult Education classes and book sales. Remaining funds will be raised through their Autumn Fayre, cake sales, raffles and the continuation of selling refreshments and books.

Councillor Fazackarley, Councillor Norris and Councillor Price are in support of this application.

Recommendation:

That the application for £4000.00 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by Lucy Redfern of Castle Street Day Centre, 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 £4000.00 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.