

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Grant Funding – Titchfield Community Association
Report of:	Director of Operations
Strategy/Policy:	Leisure 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 Titchfield Community Association for the sum of £3,230 as a contribution towards their project to improve the kitchen facilities of the Oasis Youth Project, based at Titchfield Community Centre. The focus of the project is to provide new cooking facilities to encourage young people to engage with healthy eating and an increased understanding of food hygiene.

The Oasis Youth Club currently has thirty young people that attend over the two sessions that they run, many of whom are from more deprived households. The kitchen is also used by parents that are home schooling their children, as the Centre is a venue for exams.

Titchfield Community Association has received a County Councillor grant for £1,100 towards the project and have had materials and equipment donated by local businesses, which has reduced the overall cost.

The Association's accounts of January 2017 listed a carry forward of £96,092. However, this is for their entire accounts, not just the Youth Club. Of this amount £4,000 is already allocated for committee room refurbishment and heater replacement in the main hall. The running costs of the Association for last year were £165,000, and as a result the apparently high carry forward is at an appropriate level

to ensure the financial stability of the organisation.

Titchfield Community Association is aware that this application to the Community Fund will prevent a further application within two years.

The two Ward Councillors, Cllr Mrs Hockley and Cllr Harper, have stated their support of this Community Fund application.

Recommendation:

That the application for £3,230 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund submitted by Titchfield Community Association, to contribute towards their project to improve the kitchen facilities at the Oasis Youth Club, 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 this project will be £3,230, 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.