

Community Fund

Background

- **To support and assist voluntary groups and organisations**
- **Ensuring that Fareham residents benefit from the funding**
- **Meeting arranged with applicant to gather all information**
- **Community Funding Agreement**
- **Minimum of 2 years between grant applications**

Criteria

- **One off capital costs (unless for a start up project)**
- **Demonstrate sustainability**
- **Full description of the project**
- **Projects over £5000 - 50% contribution**
- **Projects up to £5000– identify any other contributions**
- **Copy of accounts to check the need for funding**



Grants Budget

- **Grants Budget for 2018/19 - £369,139**
 - **SLA's – £177,835**
 - **Youth Activity Fund - £30,000**
 - **Community Fund - £161,304.80 including £57,499 in commitments carried forward.**
- **Successful grant applications in 2016/17 – £63,332.72**
- **Community Funding budget remaining for 2018/19 - £93,488**

Approval Process

- **All relevant paperwork**
- **All grants discussed with Ward Councillors**
- **Applications over £5000 – Executive for consideration**
- **Applications up to £4,999 – Delegated to Executive Member for Leisure and Community**
- **Signed Community Fund Use Agreement**

Monitoring

- **Community Fund Use Agreement**
- **Audit minimum of 10% of all applicants under £5000**
- **Ward Councillors encouraged to monitor the projects and feed back.**
- **Audit all applicants receiving £5000 or more**

Grants Awarded

- **Successful awards made since April 2018 - £7,813**

Projects over the last year have included –

- **Replacement storage shed for Stubbington Stitch and Knit**
- **Computer hardware and software for PALS Society**
- **New Scout Hut for 1st Sarisbury Green Scout Group (matched funding)**
- **New projector for the Portchester Civic Society**
- **Equipment to enable the running of Funtley Village Fete**
- **Metalworking equipment for Fareham Men's Shed**

Promotion

- **Press Releases to promote the Council's support of community organisations.**
- **Community Centres asked during their annual Health Checks to identify if they have projects that may be supported.**
- **Communications Team asking for successful applicants' experiences to promote the ease of the process on Facebook.**
- **Ward Councillors are great ambassadors for the funding.**