

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision 09 February 2022

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Funding Application – Dinky Tinkers
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priorities:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

Purpose:

This report presents an application for funding under the Council's Community Funding Programme.

Executive summary:

An application for Community Funding has been received from Dinky Tinkers for £2,880.67 towards the set-up of their child and toddler group at Broadlaw Walk, Fareham.

Dinky Tinkers is a newly established, constituted community group that plans to run 2 times per week from the Broadlaw Walk Community Space. They have provisionally secured the hall availability from SEHCO, who manage the facility. The group is aimed at 0-4yr olds and their parents/carers and will begin with "Stay & Play" sessions with the vision of expanding into other sessions such as Rhythm and Rhyme over time. They aim to be inclusive and bring families of the community together.

Previously another mother and toddler group, Little Terrors, operated from this venue. Little Terrors received Community Funding of £4,394 from the Council in 2018 and ran successfully attracting 10 families until the onset of the Covid-19 restrictions. Although the group had no finances to pass on to Dinky Tinkers by the time they closed in 2021, they have donated £2,107 worth of equipment.

Dinky Tinkers is requesting funding towards the costs of the hall hire for 6 months to enable them to get established, public liability insurance, promotional materials, 6 months of food, polo shirts for volunteers, additional play items and health and safety equipment. The total cost of this has been determined to be £2,880.67.

As a newly formed community group, Dinky Tinkers does not have their own funds to contribute towards the project. However, they have successfully applied to the

Partnership Fund who have awarded them £500. They plan to charge £3.50 per child to attend, with this being reduced to 50p per additional child from the same family. The group will be entirely sustainable if the previous popularity of 10 families attending is achieved.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Fazackarley and Councillor Gregory, are fully supportive of this application and have commented on the need for such a provision in this area.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is recommended that:

- a) the application for £2,880.67 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund submitted by Dinky Tinkers, towards the set-up of their child and toddler group at Broadlaw Walk, Fareham, be approved; and
- b) the award is subject to the condition that the Dinky Tinkers group is widely publicised across the Fareham South area.

Reason:

This application meets the Community Fund criteria for financial support for community capital projects.

Cost of Proposals:

The total allocation towards the project will be £2,880.67, which can be met from the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no risks associated with this report.