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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision 27 September 2022

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Fund Application – Titchfield Community Association
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 Titchfield Community Association for £3,845 from the Community Fund towards their project to refurbish the kitchen in Titchfield Community Centre's Garage Hall.

The Garage Hall is a well-used venue, frequently hired for auctions, weddings, parties and ballroom dancing events, all of which demand use of the adjoining kitchen facilities. The existing kitchen cupboards and flooring were installed over 30 years ago and are no longer fit for purpose. In addition, the need for updates to the wiring in the kitchen has been identified, to meet modern health and safety standards.

Titchfield Community Association has identified that the full cost of the project will be £7,686.31, made up of £2,310.90 for the kitchen units, £396 for the removal and supply of the flooring, £2,460 for the fitting of the flooring, units and tiling, and £2,519.41 for the upgrade to the electrics. The Association is requesting £3,845 towards the project, with the remainder being met from their reserves.

The Association plans to carry out these works during the October half-term, due to the lower demand for the facilities at this time.

As of the close of January 2022, the organisation listed £125,065 in their accounts, with a Reserve Target of £95,000 to equal a minimum of 6 months' running costs together with the cost of redundancies. Of the £30,065 remaining, the Association

has existing commitments towards a replacement boiler (£6,000), legal fees for the Association's Lease renewal (£3,000) and a full review of the Community Centre's electrics, the final amount for which is still being determined.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Mrs Hockley and Councillor Harper, are fully supportive of this application.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is recommended that this application be approved.

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 £3,845, which can be met from the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no risks associated with this report.