

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

Portfolio: Leisure and Community

Subject: Community Fund Application – Locks Heath Free

Church

Report of: Director of Community

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:

Pauline Griffiths from Locks Heath Free Church has applied for £3,500 to purchase a new electric range cooker.

The Church has 700 visitors each week and hosts a luncheon club, a senior's club, a men's breakfast club, a messy church club, a summer holiday club and a teenage club, amongst their range of community activities. The Church is integral to the local community and would benefit from the purchase of a new cooker.

The electric range cooker and an upgrade to the electricity supply costs £5,035.60. The Church has raised £1,535.60 towards the proposed project leaving £3,500 which is requested from the Community Fund.

Councillor Miss Tiffany Harper, the Titchfield Community Action Team Chairman supports the bid. Councillor Jack Englefield and Councillor Mrs Sarah Pankhurst support the bid.

Recommendation:

That the application for £3,500 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by Locks Heath Free Church to purchase an electric range cooker be approved, subject to the applicant entering into a Community Use Agreement with Fareham Borough Council.

Reason:

This application meets the agreed Community Funding Programme criteria for financial support for community projects.

Cost of Proposals:

The total cost of this project will be £3,500 and can be met from within the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme

Risk Assessment:

There are no risks associated with this report.