

Release of S106 contributions

Town:	Haywards Heath
Title Of Project:	Audio-Visual System for Community Cinema
Applicant:	Ashenground Community Centre
Type Of Applicant:	Charity (no. 1093850)
Previous Grants In Past 5 Years:	£5,814 LED lighting (2021) £2,642 Covid secure measures (2020)
Release of S106 contributions Request	£ 10,862.54 (93%)
Total Project Cost:	£ 11,736

Financial Summary

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the period ending 30th April 2020 which show a Deficit of £21,498.

Total income was £77,712; mainly generated from Grants (£12,914), Donations (£10,838), Hall hire (£26,099), Film tickets and raffle income (£2,270), Preschool (£25,405), Investments (£9), and Other income (£177).

Total expenditure was £99,210; consisting of Supplies and Services (£27,395), Staff Related (£52,947), Depreciation (£17,321) and Premises Related (£1,547).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £524,232: comprising of Tangible assets £514,268, Debtors £3,375, Cash in bank £18,972, and Creditors (£12,383).

£873 Community Centre reserves and fundraising (secured)

Summary Of Project Proposal and Aims

Purchase and installation of and Audio-Visual System to provide a low cost Community Cinema

Background

Ashenground Community Centre is managed by a Board of trustees and day to day operations are carried out by four employees (centre manager, two part-time caretakers and a secretary to the Board) and volunteers. The premises are leased from the Chichester Diocesan Board of Finance.

The centre works in partnership with voluntary and statutory to identify facilities and services which meet the needs of the community and provides a programme which benefits the inhabitants of Haywards Heath and the surrounding area. The overall aim is to encourage cohesion, good community relations in the area and the social inclusion and independence of individuals.

The community centre provides a wide range of activities such as holiday play schemes for children with disabilities, language classes, baby sing and sign, modern ballet, music and movement, bridge club, folk dance, pilates, exercise classes for people with Parkinson's, table tennis, yoga, support group for carers, healthy walks, physiotherapy and mobility sessions.

The applicant wants to provide a Community Cinema, showing films for local people at an affordable cost. Before Covid, they offered community films using a projectionist firm who provided all the equipment as needed. The local community do not have a cinema in easy reach of their homes and the films were very popular but the cost of the projectionist meant they ran at a cost to the Centre.

The installation of a full Audio-Visual system including large pull-down screen, ceiling mounted projection equipment, surround sound speakers and microphones will enable the centre to run film screenings as a regular fixture. It will also allow them to hire the facilities for host conferences and training courses which need access to AV equipment.

How Does the Project Meet The Council's Aims?

Strong and Resilient Communities – residents can become involved by attending or volunteering to help run the film and in doing so will meet others from their local community. By coming to the films local people can see and make friends and which reduces social isolation and loneliness. They will also be able to see the other activities available increasing the footfall and enabling the various groups using the centre to thrive.

Assessment Group Evaluation of The Project

The Assessment Group consider this an appropriate use of s106 receipts paid to the Council specifically for improvements to Ashenground Community Centre. The AV equipment will enable the centre to provide regular film screenings and make modern facilities available for hire for conferences and training courses which will increase footfall and income, making the community centre more sustainable in the long term.

Overall score: 6

Recommendation

The Assessment Group recommends that the Cabinet Grants Panel Release S106 contributions up to a maximum of £10,862.54 to the Ashenground Community Centre toward the cost of an Audio-Visual System for Community Cinema which is made up of – £10,862.54 (DM/19/2764 Gamblemead)

Community Building S106 monies

This release of S106 contributions is made subject to the following special conditions:

- ***the project must be completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained***