

Application for Funding from Hampshire Action Teams

All information included in this application will form part of a formal decision record and will be published on the County Council website.

Organisation Details

Name of Organisation*

Type of Organisation*

The application is being made on behalf of Fareham's Local Strategic Partnership (known as networkfareham).

Contact Name*

Contact Details

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Funding Details

Which HAT are you requesting funding from?*

Amount of funding requested (Please state if all or part of the funding will be spent on staffing costs) *

Joint Funding (Please list any other funding secured for the project from other organisations) *

Details of the Bid / Project

Title of Bid/Project*

Summary of Bid/Project*

£6,535 requested represents 50% of Hampshire County Council's commitment to jointly fund the post.

The Joint Co-ordinator facilitates the networkfareham Board, the Thematic Partnerships and sub-groups, the Fareham Park Steering Group as well as arranging consultation exercises and events, monitoring performance, undertakings research and policy development and assisting in administering the networkfareham website.

2) Fareham Park Project

The Fareham Park Project Steering Group has been commissioned by networkfareham's Board to investigate underlying reasons for small pockets of deprivation in Fareham, and in particular the Fareham Park area, and to potentially identify ways in which networkfareham can make a difference.

A brief timeline for the project is:

September 2009 – recruitment for part time coordinator to be based within the Hill Park community. Ideally this person would be a member of the community itself.

October – December 2009 – co-ordinator to recruit 20 community based staff/volunteers for champion and researcher roles.

January 2010 – induction and training of champions and researchers.

February 2010 – engagement with community begins.

April 2010 – community led DVD developed and forum event for champions/researchers to evaluate feedback and prioritise issues to research.

April 2010 – community surveys undertaken for six weeks.

July 2010 – dissemination event to present findings and screen DVD

August 2010 – coordinator to ensure partners and community plan next steps, champion networks are stable and sustainable and that all recruits receive advice on learning progression opportunities.

September 2010 – two evaluation reports produced, one outlining the research findings and the second measuring the impact of the community learning champions on the community.

September 2010 – 10 case studies produced covering the experiences of two community learning champions, two community researchers and six beneficiaries from hard to reach groups.

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How does the Bid meet the HATs Terms of Reference?

1) To tackle economic, social and health inequalities in the local area

2) To support the delivery of Hampshire's improvement priorities within the Hampshire Local Area Agreement*

3) To support local highways and transport priorities**

1) Tackling economic, social and health inequalities in the area
Fareham Park ranks in the highest deprivation category in the Education Indices of Multiple Deprivation for both educational attainment and skills. Its rank for skills places it in the top 3% most deprived areas in the country. However this is based on 2001 census data so up-to-date research is needed.

2001 census data paints a picture of an area with 47% social housing, a relative high proportion of young people, with higher unemployment than the rest of Fareham.

In 2001 46.1% of the working age population in Hill Park had no qualifications compared to 29.25% across the whole of Fareham NW Ward.

In 2007-2008 24.1% of pupils who live within the Hill Park area achieved 5 GCSE's A-C incl. English and Maths compared to 53.4% in Fareham overall.

In 2007-2008 there was an 11.53% pupil absence rate from secondary schools in Hill Park compared to 7.32% across the rest of Fareham.

In summer 2008 21.6% of pupils from the Hill Park project area were eligible for free school meals compared to 5.13% across Fareham overall.

In August 2008 18.83% of the Hill Park area working age population was claiming key out of work benefits compared to 5.24% across Fareham as a whole.

In November 2008 85.05 per 1000 16+ population in Hill Park were claiming incapacity benefit. This is significantly higher than other super output areas in Fareham NW ward and compares to 33.43 per 1000 16+ population across Fareham as a whole.

Out of 131 NEET (not in education, employment or training) 16-18 year olds across Fareham Borough, 27 are from Hill Park

In 2008 54.7% of 16-18 year olds in Hill Park participated in education and training compared to 73% across Fareham Borough

2) Supporting the delivery of Hampshire's improvement priorities within the Hampshire Local Area Agreement.

The Project is seeking to:

a) improve the life chances of children and young people;

b) raise the skills levels of the working age population;
c) address fuel poverty and low energy efficiency;
d) reduce anti-social behaviour;
e) promote health and well-being;
f) increase community engagement.
3) Supporting local highways and transport priorities
The Project will seek to improve Fareham Park residents' accessibility to public transport.

Timescale
(What is the anticipated period over which the money will be spent?)

Commencement Date*

Completion Date*

Intended Outcomes
(How will the success of the bid/project be measured?)

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Fareham Park Project outcomes will include:
1) 12 people trained as Community Champions and embedding a positive culture in the community to increase the take up of learning and employment opportunities beyond the project's lifespan.
2) 8 people trained as Community Researchers to conduct research into opportunities available to the local community and to become an ongoing resource for organisations, such as Local Authorities, FE Colleges, Housing Associations and Private Sector Business to assess meeting community needs.
3) Each Champion to engage with at least 20 individuals in the community to promote, inspire and motivate people to engage with the Hill Park Project with a minimum number of 240 community members benefitting.
4) Conduct research with 200 community members in Hill Park to gather information about local perceptions, needs and barriers to participating and progressing.
5) Production of material including leaflets promoting the project and highlighting the benefits of accessing services, support, activities and other opportunities. The development of a community led DVD to demonstrate the findings of relevant, local and specific research.
6) Through the follow up of a randomly selected 10% of the 240 community members engaged by Community Champions, we will have measured the impact of the project in relation to the take up of informal and formal learning opportunities, accessed or prepared for volunteering or employment.
7) Two evaluation reports. The first report will be produced from the research carried out by the Community Researchers and will be made available to all partners and those providing services or opportunities. The second report will be an evaluation to measure the impact of the Community Learning Champions on the community.
8) 10 case studies covering experiences of:
2 x Community Learning Champions; 2 x Community Researchers; 6 beneficiaries from hard to reach groups.
Progress is monitored by the Fareham Park Project Steering and quarterly updates are provided to the networkfareham Board.

Future Funding Arrangements
(If the project is to last more than a year how will it be funded in subsequent years? How will any outcomes achieved by the project be sustained in the longer term? If it is a capital scheme how will the equipment be maintained?)

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1) Joint Co-ordinator
Bearing in mind Hampshire County Council's recent letter informing Local Strategic Partnerships that after 2010/11 funding is not available to support staffing costs, it is unclear what the future funding arrangements will be for the LSP's Joint Co-ordinator. However, Gosport Borough Council, as host employer, are planning shortly to commence discussions with key partners regarding support for the post in 2011/12.
2) Fareham Park Project
The capital and set-up costs of the Fareham Park Project are subject to separate funding bids to Hampshire County Council and Fareham Borough Council. The bid for 2010/11 of £3,465 is intended to fund other non-recurring set-up costs including office furniture and IT equipment.

* Further information about the [Local Area Agreement on Hantsweb](#)

** Any approved bids for highways/transport projects will require liaison with the Executive Member for Environment.

Declaration

I declare that the information supplied in this application is true and that any funding received from Hampshire County Council will be used for the purposes described in this form. The Council reserves the right to reclaim any finding not used for the purposes stated on this form.

I agree to provide a report detailing the outcomes of this bid/project (a form will be sent out for completion at the relevant time).

Signed*

Date*

Position in organisation*