

**To: Renfrew Local Partnership**

**On: 23 September 2020**

**Report by:**  
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

**TITLE:**  
**FR1220 Application By Renfrewshire YMCA**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 Renfrew YMCA has previously secured building funds to develop a multi-sensory centre for use by all age groups in Renfrew.
- 1.2 After the closing date for applications for Local Partnership funding in March 2020, Renfrew YMCA were informed by contractors that an additional £13,325 of work on roof beams of the building is necessary to maintain its structural safety.
- 1.3 Due to the unforeseen nature of the additional costs, the Chair of Renfrew Local Partnership has agreed that the request for additional funding from Renfrew Common Good be presented to the Local Partnership for consideration. The application summary is presented below.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 IT is recommended that Renfrew Local Partnership consider the additional application for Renfrew Common Good funding by Renfrew YMCA.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 The additional application by Renfrew YMCA to Renfrew Local Partnership is as follows:

FR1220	Renfrew YMCA building work	£13,325	Renfrew YMCA SCIO	Bringing Town Centre to life, public assets & social connections
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## Application For Local Partnership Support 2020-21

<b>1. Reference</b>	FR1220
<b>2. Project Name</b>	Renfrew YMCA Building work
<b>3. Organisation Name</b>	Renfrew YMCA SCIO
<b>4. Amount Applied For</b>	£13,325
<b>5. Description Of Project</b>	<p>Renfrew YMCA secured funding to undertake renovation work to our building in Canal Lane, we are developing the space into a multi-sensory centre to support children and young people with and without additional support needs, and we are also installing a community kitchen. The completed work will allow the YMCA to be open to all community members and be a community hub. When undertaking the work we have came up against completely unseen costings, once the ceiling was taken down we have found that our beams holding the roof up are structurally unsafe.</p> <p>We had secured all funds required for the build, renovation and decoration of the YMCA as well as a contingency for issues that may occur but there was no way to know that we had imagined there would need to be over £13,000 extra work to the roof, adding new beams and the building costs relating to this. We need to make the building structurally safe in order to open the building again.</p> <p>Renfrew will have Renfrewshires only multi sensory centre that has state of the art sensory equipment that can be used by all ages</p> <p>Young people with additional support needs will be further integrated into the YMCA</p> <p>Development of a community kitchen</p>
<b>6. Who Benefits From The Project?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parents through developing a parents support project that meets monthly encouraging parents to share stories and strategies to help each other</li> <li>- Children though developing school partnerships allowing children to use the multi-sensory space during the school day.</li> <li>- Young people and community members with ASN and those without are encouraged to increase socialisation and develop positive peer relationships.</li> <li>- Young people with additional support needs have access to an environment that allows them to feel confident and stress free.</li> </ul>
<b>7. Fit With Local Partnership Priorities</b>	<p>This building work will meet the priority areas: Bringing Renfrew Town Centre to life, Making the most of public assets, Strengthening social connections. We are a town centre organisation this building work will allow us to develop more events and activities every day of the week. We will be developing needs led projects for the community taking isolation for all ages. Our building is a key asset to so many people of Renfrew and we are needing to get opened back up again to start supporting the community.</p>

## **8. Breakdown of Costs**

<b>Item of spend</b>	<b>Total cost</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
Structural engineer	£1,752	£1,752
building work to roof, steel and structural work	£11,500	£11,500

## **9. About The Organisation**

The organisation was established in 2011 and now has 1 fulltime employee, 8 part time employees, 18 volunteers and 16 members.

Renfrew YMCA is a Renfrew based youth charity providing a needs led service for all young people in the community. Providing opportunities that due to deprivation, family circumstances and confidence would not be possible. We aim to ensure each young person feels included, respected, welcome, supported and empowered to reach their fullest potential in society. We pride ourselves on our YMCA family.

## **10. Grant Funding Award History**

2019/20 Local Partnership Funding of £8368 to support youth work  
2018/19 Youth Challenge Fund of £3285.94 to support youth work  
2017/18 Youth Challenge Fund of £11,351 to support youth work

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