

Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee

Wednesday, 9 November 2022 at 5.30 p.m.

Committee Room One - Town Hall Mulberry Place

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Report of: Sharon Godman, Director of Strategy, Improvement and Transformation	Classification: Unrestricted
VCS Funding Awarded Under Delegated Authority	

Lead Member	Cllr Saied Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living
Originating Officer(s)	Afazul Hoque, Head of Corporate Strategy & Communities Mark Waterman, Senior VCS Development Officer
Wards affected	All wards
Key Decision?	No
Reason for Key Decision	N/A
Forward Plan Notice Published	
Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome	All

Executive Summary

This report provides an update on funding awarded to Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations under delegated authority since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee.

Recommendations:

Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the update on funding awarded to Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations under delegated authority since their last meeting.

1 REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 There are a number of funding programmes to support VCS organisations in the borough where decisions are made under delegated authority by officers following evaluation of applications by Council officers or the East End Community Foundation on the Council's behalf.. These decisions are presented to the Sub-Committee for noting in line with the Sub-committee's terms of reference.

2 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The Council could decide not to provide funding to VCS organisations through its various programmes. However, to do this would be contrary to the agreed policy to support VCS activities in the borough set out in the VCS Strategy 2020-2024.

3 DETAILS OF THE REPORT

3.1 Small Grants Programme and Older People's Services Fund

- (a) The Small Grants Programme was established to ensure that local people and community groups will continue to be able to get funding to support community initiatives – people getting together to get things done. The programme is intended to make funds available to support grass roots activity in local communities that will help make life better in Tower Hamlets and achieve the changes set out in the Tower Hamlets Plan and the Strategic Plan. By establishing a single grants programme with different themes or activities to be funded, the Council is trying to make sure local groups seeking funds will have a one stop shop to get to the funds best suited to their needs.
- (b) The programme has five themes that constitute the main programme and four that are focused themes as detailed below:

Main themes

1. **Innovation** - to encourage innovation or pilot something new, especially where there is a gap;
2. **Prevention** - to promote grass roots activity to reduce the need for statutory services;
3. **Neighbourhood action** - to promote local neighbourhood initiatives
4. **Community cohesion** - to develop community resilience, promote cultural opportunities and reduce social isolation, and
5. **Partnership working** - making the sector more effective through closer partnership working within the sector and across sectors.

Focussed Themes

6. **Loneliness** - Reducing the impact of loneliness and isolation.
7. **Access and Participation** – to establishing access and participation schemes to provide referral gateways for people from BAME communities.
8. **Community Support Services for Older People** – to combat social isolation of older people through the provision of community based support services. This theme is administered separately from the other Small Grants Programme themes as an **Older People’s Services Fund**.
9. **Cohesion Events** – to fund street parties and other events focusing on community cohesion and bringing communities together to address issues of loneliness and isolation – This is one off funded by the Covid Recovery Funding the Council established in 2021.

(c) The Council conducted tender exercises in:

- January-February 2022 for the Management of the Small Grants Programme 2022-2023. This contract was awarded to East End Community Foundation (EECF).
- April 2022 for the Administration of the Older People’s Services Fund. This contract was also awarded to EECF.

(d) EECF conducted a grants application process for Round 3 of Small Grants Programme 2021-2022 in March-April 2022. Funding has been approved for the following projects:

- Small Grants Fund Themes 1 to 5: 16 projects with total grant award of £63,509
- Theme 6 Loneliness: 4 projects with a total grant award of £18,559
- Theme 7 Access and Participation: 3 projects with total value of £15,000
- Theme 9 Cohesion Events: 10 projects with total value of £37,914

(e) Please see **Appendix A – Small Grants Programme Grants Awarded Round 3 2021-2022** for information on individual Small Grants Programme projects approved in Round 3 2021-2022.

(f) EECF conducted a grants application process for Round 1 of Small Grants Programme 2022-2023 between May-June 2022. Funding has been approved for the following projects:

- Small Grants Fund Themes 1 to 5: 13 projects with total grant award of £60,671
- Theme 6 Loneliness: 4 projects with a total grant award of £15,264
- Theme 7 Access and Participation: 1 project with total value of £4,984
- Theme 8 Older People’s Services Fund: 5 projects with total value of £72,443
- Theme 9 Cohesion Events: 2 projects with total value of £8,825.

- (g) Please see **Appendix B – Small Grants Programme Grants Awarded Round 1 2022-2023** for information on individual Small Grants Programme projects approved in Round 1 2022-2023.
- (h) EECF conducted a grants application process for Round 2 of Small Grants Programme 2022-2023 between July-August 2022. Funding has been approved for the following projects:
- Small Grants Fund Themes 1 to 5: 15 projects with total grant award of £66,702
 - Theme 6 Loneliness: 4 projects with a total grant award of £19,840
 - Theme 7 Access and Participation: 1 project with total value of £14,300
 - Theme 8 Older People’s Services Fund: 2 projects with total value of £27,567.
- (i) Please see **Appendix C – Small Grants Programme Grants Awarded Round 2 2022-2023** for information on individual Small Grants Programme projects approved in Round 2 2022-2023.

3.3 Innovation Fund

- (a) The Council is keen to encourage and support innovation in the sector and acknowledged that this would require some funding to enable the sector to pilot new initiatives and approaches to service delivery and support.
- (b) The Innovation Fund supports VCS organisations to "test and learn" new ways of working, new initiatives and new delivery models that if successful could be scaled up and commissioned more formally.
- (c) Decisions on the awarding of the Innovation Fund have been made by the Director of Strategy Improvement and Transformation in consultation with the Cabinet Member, based on recommendations of an advisory panel which consists of the Chief Executive of the East End Community Foundation, the Head of Corporate Strategy and Communities and officers from within that service.
- (d) The Council has an agreement with the crowdfunding portal, Spacehive, to support local VCS organisations to crowdfund for projects. This contract was renewed with Spacehive for May 2022-September 2023 following a council tender that was conducted in March-April 2022. The Innovation Fund budget is £60,000 per annum with a total budget to date of £240,000. Total awards to date are £155,437 with a remaining balance of £84,563.
- (e) VCS organisations that crowdfund through the Our Tower Hamlets page of the Spacehive portal have an opportunity to pitch for up to £10,000 (or a maximum of 50 per cent of an organisation’s crowdfunding target) in match funding for their projects.

- (f) Further details can be found on the [Spacehive Tower Hamlets](#) and the [Tower Hamlets Innovation Fund](#) web pages with more information available in the [factsheet](#).
- (g) Since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee there have been no additional awards of funding from the Innovation Fund under delegated authority.

3.4 Emergency Funding

- (a) The Emergency Funding is grant support from the Council to local VCS organisations based in Tower Hamlets who are facing a significant loss of council funding. Organisations can apply for one-off grants up to £10,000. Applicants must clearly demonstrate the need for the funding and the fact that they are facing an unforeseen emergency.
- (b) Since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee one organisation has been assessed and awarded funding from the Emergency Fund budget for April 2022-March 2023, under delegated authority.

Organisation	Total Emergency Funding Approved
Wadajir Somali Community Centre	£7569.76

- (c) Further details of the organisations awarded are set out in Appendix D

3.5 Community Benefit Rent Reduction

- (a) The Community Benefit Rent Reduction (CBRR) scheme was set up by the Council to acknowledge the value of the work carried out by voluntary and community organisations leasing its premises through a reduction in the rent payable. The council charges an appropriate 'market' level rent for its premises and organisations can apply for up to 80% of this as a rent reduction.
- (b) CBRR is only available for short leases of three to five years. To qualify, organisations need to meet a number of criteria relating to governance, management and quality standards. Full details of the scheme are set out on the council's website at the [CBRR page](#).
- (c) Decisions are made by the Director of Strategy Improvement and Transformation in consultation with the Cabinet Member based on recommendations of an advisory panel which consists of the Head of Revenues (Chair), Head of Corporate Strategy and Communities and the Chief Executive of Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service.
- (d) CBRR has been approved to 12 VCS organisations and the funding is subject to the completion of their leases and an annual review. There have been no further leases agreed since the last Sub-Committee meeting.

4 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 All grants awarded need to demonstrate how they meet the needs of our diverse communities and support the council's Public Sector Equality Duty. Equalities data is collected as part of the monitoring process and this will be reported as part of the annual reporting process.

5 OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:

- Best Value Implications,
- Consultations,
- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.
- Data Protection / Privacy Impact Assessment.

6 COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 6.1 This report notes the update on funding awarded to voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations under delegated authority. The total of grants awarded and agreed rent reductions are contained within approved budgets.

7 COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 7.1 The grants and information noted in this report are in line with approvals previously made and the terms of reference for this sub-committee. There are no other legal implications in this report.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- NONE

Appendices

- Appendix A – Small Grants Programme Grants Awarded Round 3 2021-2022
- Appendix B - Small Grants Programme Grants Awarded Round 1 2022-2023
- Appendix C – Small Grants Programme Grants Awarded Round 2 2022-2023

Appendix D – Emergency Funding

Background Documents – Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

- NONE.

Officer contact details for documents:

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Appendix A – Small Grants Programme Grants Awarded Round 3 2021-2022

Themes 1 to 5					
No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
1	Sisters in Business	Innovation	The delivery of a start-up accelerator course	25	4,000
2	Coffee Afrik CIC	Innovation	The delivery of mental-wellbeing and career support sessions for BAME young people	35	5,000
3	ASRA Club	Prevention	The delivery of bi-weekly intergenerational walks across parks	50	4,491
4	St Peters Community Wellbeing Projects	Prevention	Outreach and befriending support for elderly BAME women	50	5,000
5	St Andrews Community Development Trust	Prevention	The delivery of sporting activities across three estates for children and young people	70	4,600
6	True You Today	Prevention	An arts-based programme supporting survivors of gender-based violence	126	4,950
7	Vallance Community Sports Association	Prevention	The delivery of multi-sport sessions for young people with disabilities	80	5,000

Themes 1 to 5					
No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
8	The Blair Academy	Prevention	Hip-Hop sessions for older people and their carers	144	4,270
9	YourStance	Prevention	The delivery of eight life-saving first-aid sessions for young people at risk of experiencing knife crime/violence	50	4,200
10	Platform Cricket	Prevention	To set up a pop-up youth cricket club on the Isle of Dogs	600	4,500
11	Island House Community Centre	Prevention	The delivery of free Yoga and Boxercise classes for local residents	50	5,000
12	Sunny Jar Eco Hub CIC	Neighbourhood Action	A project encouraging local people to reduce their reliance on single-use plastic bags	3,000	4,968
13	The New Black Film Collective	Community Cohesion	The delivery of a monthly film screening and rave for those with a hearing disability	300	5,000
14	St Patrick's Church	Community Cohesion	Acting as an accountable body for a local bingo group	30	530
15	St Patrick's Church	Community Cohesion	The delivery of a pensioners tea party for Midsummer	50	1,000
16	United Arts London	Community Cohesion	The delivery of a 12-week arts-based project for a group of adults with learning disabilities	10	1,000
Totals				4,670	£63,509

Theme 6 - Loneliness

No	Organisation	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
1	Blossom Project	The delivery of a project working to tackle loneliness amongst older residents	40	4,986
2	Fast Fashion Therapy	The delivery of clothes-mending workshops for local residents	390	4,870
3	Toyhouse Libraries	A 12-month project designed to reduce the social isolation of local pregnant women and new parents	120	3,797
4	Stepney Community Trust	The delivery of the Life Begins with English project for those learning English	60	4,906
Totals			610	18,559

Theme 7 - Access & Participation

No	Organisation	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
1	Eastside Centre Limited	Advice sessions and the provision of activities for older BAME residents	40	5,000
2	The Bangladesh Youth Movement	Befriending, advice and guidance sessions for older BAME residents	60	5,000
3	Isle of Dogs Bangladeshi Association	A programme of social activities, befriending services, signposting and advice sessions	56	5,000
Totals			156	15,000

Theme 9 – Cohesion Events

No	Organisation	Project Summary	Grant Award (£s)
1	Eastside Youth Academy	A Black History Month Event with music from the Caribbean and a film screening	500
2	Bubble Club CIC	An inclusive club night organised and for local residents with learning disabilities	1,914
3	Babel Theatre	A programme of arts-based activities and events in celebration of Black History Month	5,000
4	Gossip Projects Limited	The delivery of the WISE Festival	3,000
5	Purple Moon Drama	To support the delivery of the play "Essentially Black," across local schools for Black History Month	5,000
6	Rainbow Film Society	The delivery of the 23rd Rainbow Film Festival	12,500
7	The Power Movement	The delivery of a careers information event for young BAME residents	3,500
8	KAYD Somali Arts and Culture	The delivery of the 14th Somali Week Festival	5,000
9	Udichi Shilpi Gosthi	To support the delivery of the 13th Bengali Book Fair	4,000
10	Grand Union Music Theatre Ltd	The delivery of cross-cultural music events in celebration of Black History Month	5,000
Total			37,914

Appendix B- Small Grants Programme Grants Awarded Round 1 2022-2023

Themes 1 to 5					
No	Organisation	Theme	Project Title and Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
1	Aip Community	Innovation	<u>Music and Mental Health</u> - 25-week piano project upskilling 20 (11–16-year-old) individuals to compose music, play the piano and become mental health ambassadors	25	£5,000
2	London Jaguars Community Association	Prevention	<u>Women's Only Fitness and Nutrition programme</u> - 45-week programme of various activities including Zumba and other fitness-based activities. Nutrition and well-being, seminars, and discussions.	40	£5,000
3	The Tower Hamlets Volunteer Police Cadets	Prevention	<u>Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme</u> - The Tower Hamlets Volunteer Police Cadets (VPC) aims to empower young people to develop their skills through activities like the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme.	40	£5,000
4	Olive Tree Education (OTE)	Prevention	<u>Sukoon Elderly Project</u> - The project is aimed at older people to improve physical and mental health where a range of services are available including advice, advocacy, counselling, low level exercise and social activities over a 3-month period.	25	£4,999
5	Canaan Project	Prevention	<u>Canaan Project</u> - The Canaan Project aims to deliver a youth club specifically for young women and girls between 5-18 to deliver weekly lunch clubs and after school clubs with a female-only space offering craft activities, games, snacks, and opportunities to make new friends. The project will set up Forums, trips and provide 1:1 mentoring support.	200	£5,000

Themes 1 to 5

No	Organisation	Theme	Project Title and Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
6	Al-Huda FC	Prevention	<u>Somali Youth Engagement</u> - The project offers free football sessions to young people aged 12-18 from disadvantaged backgrounds.	200	£5,000
7	Green Candle Dance Company	Prevention	<u>Remember 2 Dance</u> - The project aims to deliver online seated dance classes for older adults with dementia and their carers.	40	£5,000
8	Woodwork for Wellbeing	Prevention	<u>Woodwork for Wellbeing</u> - The project aims to deliver woodwork workshops for those facing mental health issues. The sessions (particularly men) engage in social, productive activities once a week supporting them to overcome mental health issues.	100	£4,256
9	YOUTH IN SPORT CIC	Prevention	<u>Estate- based Engagement</u> - Weekly sports activities on the Collingwood estate to improve the health and wellbeing of young people	80	£3,540
10	Bromley by Bow Community Organisation	Community Cohesion	<u>Made in Bromley by Bow</u> -The Project aims to capture the history of the local area and present through a photography project to showcase the diversity in the area. The activities will include research sessions, use of Camera Equipment, editing skills, group activities, creating collages and video stills with a week of celebratory presentation of work to the local community.	20	£3,150

Themes 1 to 5

No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
11	Theatreship C.I.C.	Community Cohesion	Hear Here -The Organisation is looking to deliver an audio-based story-telling and music installation on the Docklands Art Ship's top deck. The organisation will work with professional story- tellers and local residents to craft stories and soundscapes about features of the local environment, encouraging local pride and belonging. Working in partnership with other local organisations that support older people to share oral histories of life in the Docklands area and the perspectives of different communities.	2500	£4,740
12	InCommon Foundation	Community Cohesion	Connecting generations in Stepney -An Intergenerational project in Stepney Green at Lady Micro's Almshouses with St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Primary School. The project aims to deliver 10 intergenerational workshops throughout the year. Coffee/Information events for older volunteers and seasonal celebrations will also take place.	30	£5,000
13	Trapped in Zone One	Community Cohesion	Black History Month- Wapping Mural - This project is for Black History Month to create new cultural theme murals in Wapping and promoting a diverse borough. A short film will be created by young film makers from Wapping to showcase the creative talent of the borough's young people, with 2 hour creative workshops in October. Design will be created and painted in Wapping Woods.	30	£4,986
Totals				3,330	£60,671

Theme 6- Loneliness					
No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
1	SKILLSPOOL TRAINING CIC	Loneliness	<u>Connect Up-</u> A digital befriending service offering practical activities and information on technology to 24 disadvantaged members of the community. People aged 50-75 who have never used the internet and lack basic IT skills to take part in the programme. Participants will learn to create an E-mail account or social media account, how to use Zoom, Facetime to help them to keep in touch with friends and family.	24	£4,488
2	Thames Bengali Association	Loneliness	<u>Thames Families Together-</u> the project is designed to rebuild their lives through building parenting capacity and providing workshops to Bengali families on a range of topics including social integration, employment, housing, income, etc.	30	£5,000
3	Ocean Regeneration Trust	Loneliness	<u>Ocean Walkers & Cycling Hub-</u> Culturally appropriate walk and cycle hub for Ocean Estate residents. The organisation will train 5-6 residents to become volunteer walk leaders and lead weekly walks. There will also be weekly cycling sessions in partnership with Tower Hamlets Cycling Club. The organisation will train outdoor befrienders who will provide befriending service.	100	£4,976
4	Island House Craft Club	Loneliness	<u>Craft Club / Day Trips-</u> for older women who are interested in various crafts. The organisation is applying for funding to enjoy days, e.g., seaside's, garden centres. There will be social gatherings once a week for residents to socialise.	11	£800
	Totals		Totals	165	£15,264

Theme 7: Access & Participation

No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
1	Wapping Bangladesh Association	Access & Participation	Wapping Community Access Point- Weekly online Public Service Access Training programme to support residents to improve their basic keyboard and IT skills. Residents will learn how to access benefits, book a GP appointment online, etc. There will be drop-in surgery and participants will have access to organisation's devices.	70	£4,984
	Totals			70	£4,984

Theme 8: Older People's Services Fund

No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
1	Weavers Community Forum	Older People	<u>Weavers' Health Project</u> - The organisation aims to provide Yoga, light movement, a walking group, exercise sessions, coffee, and refreshments twice a week. The project will also include healthy eating workshops, workshops on managing chronic health conditions, advise and signposting	35	£14,990
2	The Ensign Youth Club	Older People	<u>UNITY</u> - Social services for local BAME elderly people through activities to promote physical and mental wellbeing to improve knowledge of nutrition, engaging older people in structured sports activities, increasing engagement amongst peers and wider community.	37	£14,995
3	Dorset Community Association	Older People	<u>Holistic Health</u> - Well-being support to 60 older residents through discussion sessions and advise on topics related to health and well-being. Home-visits, doorstep chats and regular check ins with participants.	60	£13,040
4	Aishah Help	Older People	<u>Mind the Gap</u> - Befriending programme for older people to connect the older and younger generation	18	£15,000
5	Wapping Bangladesh Association	Older People	<u>Wapping Bangladeshi Older Women and Pensioners Club</u> - The project aims to reengage vulnerable and disadvantaged Bangladeshi older women and pensioners aged 60 and over through social activities, information session, fitness/exercise classes and confidence building activities.	50	£14,418
Totals				200	£72,443

Theme 9: Cohesion Events

No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
1	London Jaguars Community Association	Cohesion events	<u>Jaguars Health and Wellness Festival-</u> The London Jaguars Community Association will host a one-day community event addressing aspects of the health, fitness and wellness including talks, workshops and practical classes concerning mental health and wellbeing.	117	4,840
2	Knock The Door Down	Cohesion events	<u>Community Theatre Experience-</u> Residents to work with residents with 5 professional artists on the organisations' upcoming theatre production, which is part of the Season of Bangla Drama Festival. The programme will give participants work experience on a stage show dealing with issues of race and equality.	117	3,985
	Totals			234	£8,825

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Appendix C- Small Grants Programme Grants Awarded Round 2 (2022-2023)

Themes 1 to 5					
No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
1	Artburst	Innovation	<u>Lockdown Babies at Toyhouse-</u> The project aims to deliver creative workshops for families with under 5's and their parents and carers at Toyhouse. Activities will include songs, interactive storytelling, craft making, Makaton (a type of sign language).	30	£5,000
2	Eat Club Limited	Prevention	<u>Partnership in action - Eat Club in Tower Hamlets-</u> Courses will be for two hours to cook and eat together, developing an awareness of cooking and eating for physical and mental health, and improving key life skills, like organisation, creativity, and improvisation. The sessions will be delivered by a trained Eat Club session leader in the kitchens of the partner organisations.	60	£5,000
3	Cycle Sisters	Prevention	<u>Cycle Sisters Tower Hamlets-</u> The project will recruit and train volunteers for the organisation's cycle group. This includes promotion of activities and recruiting participants through outreach, adding women to a monitored WhatsApp group, organising and delivering weekly rides. The group also signposts women to other local cycling opportunities including Bikeability training.	60	£5,000

Themes 1 to 5

No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
4	Young News	Prevention	<u>Women health and learning skill-</u> To deliver exercise classes and computer training classes for BAME women of Tower Hamlets. The exercise classes will be delivered by a trainer and will include free hand exercise, guidance, and advice on healthy living, managing long-term conditions including diabetes, blood pressure, weight management etc, other tips of exercise at home. The computer class will focus on basic skills such as typing skill including using software like word, visiting online to search and manage several day-to-day needs, making GP appointment etc.	45	£4,780
5	Canary Wharf Football Academy	Prevention	<u>Football on the Island-</u> The organisation will deliver bitesize healthy eating workshops to encourage young people to eat healthily whilst raising awareness around health issues that predominantly affect BAME communities such as high cholesterol and diabetes.	100	£4,978

Themes 1 to 5

No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
6	The Laurie Laken Way Schools Project	Neighbourhood Watch	<u>Laurie Laken Community Project-</u> The organisation will erect a second accessible outdoor table tennis, make table tennis bats and balls available to take home through seven schools on the Isle of Dogs, fund the paralympic table tennis gold medal winner to visit the schools and run coaching for all ages.	100	£4,910
7	BBPC CIC (British Bangladeshi Poetry Collective)	Community Cohesion	<u>Translation Circle 2.0-</u> The project will deliver workshops which use multilingual poetry and translation as a means of engaging older and younger residents of LBTH to tackle loneliness and to build community cohesion. The organisation will deliver translation circle workshops, the translation of the poems will enable a diverse group of people to come together in intergenerational, gender inclusive activities.	100	£4,000
8	Cranbrook Community Food Garden (CCFG)	Community Cohesion	<u>The Community Global Food Project-</u> Activities throughout the year hosted by the group include Children's garden club, The Globe Town Cooking Club and Recipe Collection, in partnership with Poets Corner Community Garden: A series cooking sessions to share recipes using food grown on-site in the gardens; cooking and eating together. Winter Socials will include Introducing local children from all backgrounds to food growing, cultural belonging and biodiversity in the inner city.	100	£9,520

Themes 1 to 5

No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
9	PTriple CiC	Community Cohesion	<u>“Home is where the heart is”</u> - Sessions would include beat making, writing a track, writing bars, singing, mixing tracks and performance skills. The final session will be a chance for the young people to perform their pieces, expressing their own experiences, as well as the history and culture of Tower Hamlets, by incorporating historical/cultural specifics of the area into their work throughout the sessions. The event will showcase the diverse range of cultures and identities found in Tower Hamlets.	15	£4,000
10	Real Crowd Noise CIC	Community Cohesion	<u>Art Is For All-</u> The organisation will deliver a series of collaborative mural workshops at the Rainbow Club, an arts club for adults with learning disabilities and older people. Sessions will consist of designing a mural which then be painted by an artist and participants onto a wall. There will be three workshops with participants (two planning and one painting the mural) and the remainder of the project will be focused on the lead artist's prep and evaluation work.	15	£1,470

Themes 1 to 5

No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
11	The Geezers	Community Cohesion	Activities for the Elderly- A trip to Eastbourne for older citizens of Bow and surrounding areas and other trips. The project is and has been run by residents since its inception in 2008 because of a Link Age Project run in conjunction with Age UK.	50	£500
12	JHERA - Jesus Hospital Estate Residents Association	Community Cohesion	Freedom Pass Group- The organisation is looking to deliver a home assistance service and social activities for older residents (over 65) of the Jesus Hospital Estate. Home assistance will include shopping, social calls, and delivery of seasonal treats (e.g., strawberries and cream in the summertime or fish and chips).	40	£2,000
13	The Shadwell Community Project	Community Cohesion	Our Time- The organisation is looking to deliver safe, tailored SEN play sessions on a weekly basis for local families and referred families with kids who have SEN. The organisation also plans to deliver intergenerational local community consultation sessions. The play sessions will be an opportunity for parents and families to come together and share experiences, and the community consultation sessions will offer participants an opportunity to provide feedback/express their needs and this will feed into the development of the organisation's other projects.	60	£4,961

Themes 1 to 5

No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
14	East London Music Group	Community Cohesion	<u>Matchgirls Strike Performance</u> - The project will create a new piece of music based on the story of the Matchgirls Strike of 1888. The project will bring together music groups including the East London Community Band and 150 singers from three community choirs. A new, open-access community children's choir will be established. The piece of music will be created in collaboration with community musicians, there will be rehearsals and workshops and the piece will be performed.	900	£4,963
15	SPLASHARTS C.I.C. (Was Ltd)	Community Cohesion	<u>Art, Craft and Sewing Skills and Essential Information for Older People</u> - Splasharts CIC is seeking funding to hire art and sewing tutors to deliver one session per week for older people. Participants' needs will be assessed by staff from Neighbours in Poplar, as the organisations (formerly connected) still work very closely together. Staff from Neighbours in Poplar will regularly visit the group to offer advice and to signpost participants to their services.	60	£5,620
	Totals			1,735	£66,702

Themes 6- Loneliness					
No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
1	Expressions Community Arts	Loneliness	Arts 4 all - the project aims to tackle social isolation, affected by mental health issues through painting, photography, creative writing, poetry and performing arts opportunities. monthly arts event which would either be organised at the venue or other locations in LBTH. 3 excursions will take place to arts venues/exhibitions. It is hoped the project will offer the chance for most new users to relieve social isolation, express themselves creatively and establish acquaintances/friendships to improve their mental wellbeing.	50	£5,000
2	Emmott Close Senior Citizen Club	Loneliness	Golden Age - Day to day drop-in sessions to encourage socialising, through light refreshments, light exercise, quarterly events will also take place. Some door-to-door engagement as well as reaching out through the telephone to users who are housebound.	70	£4,940
3	The Yoga for life Project CIC	Loneliness	Long Covid Virtual Wellbeing Programme - The continuation of long COVID virtual wellbeing programme for 12 weeks to support individuals through yoga, movement and breathing techniques facilitated by experienced instructors.	150	£5,000

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No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
4	SAMA Academy Ltd	Loneliness	Coffee morning- Coffee morning on market days and Friday afternoons, with focus on arts and crafts, samosa workshops, socialising to improve mental health and tackle isolation	250	£4,900
	Totals			520	£19,840

Theme 7 Access & Participation					
No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
1	Coffee Afrik CIC	Access & Participation	Coffee Afrik Project - peer to peer support for older BAME women through mental health therapists, advocacy support officers, 1-2-1 sessions, signposting to the appropriate services. Community lunches to bring participants together to respond to cost-of-living crisis.	75	£14,300
	Totals			75	£14,300

Theme 8 Older people					
No	Organisation	Theme	Project Summary	Estimated Number of Beneficiaries	Grant Award (£s)
1	The Bangladesh Youth Movement (BYM)	Older People	"Golden Year" Older BAMER People's Initiative- Befriending services to older people to get out of the house. The Project aims to set up an Elders Forum for older people to come together and share their needs with the organisation. Delivery of activities such as days out, coffee morning, events and advice sessions.	50	£14,033
2	Vallance Community Sports Association	Older People	HEALTHY-ACTIVE-NOW- Physical activity sessions for older people in the borough, which aims to provide healthy eating workshops once a month with an opportunity to get out of the house and improve mental and physical health while socialising with other older people.	50	£13,534
	Totals			100	£27,567

Emergency Funding Emergency Funding Award



Emergency Funding Award:
£7,569.76

Date Applied:
28th September 2022

Date Awarded:
6th October 2022

Wadajir Somali Community Association
Total award - £7,569.76

Organisation Details

Background

Wadajir Somali Community Association (WSCC) was registered as a company Ltd by Guarantee on 14th July 2005 and has been supporting and delivering services to Tower Hamlets residents since 2004. The organisation was a previous recipient of the Council's Mainstream Grant (MSG) 2015-2019. It was unsuccessful with its application in 2019 for funding for the successor Council funding programme to MSG, the Local Community Fund. Since the ending of the MSG funding WSCC has only been in receipt of the LBTH Small Grants Fund from the Older People's Theme. This funding was for two years from 2020-22 to run an Elderly Luncheon Club. It came to an end in October 2022.

Defined Emergency

WSCC submitted an application for Emergency Funding on 28th September 2022, requesting a total amount of £7,569.76 to pay for gas utilities previously used and to pay the gas utilities bill for the next three months. The organisation has been unable to keep on top of the utility bill due to the impact of COVID, as stated in its emergency funding application. The pandemic hindered WSCC's ability to balance its books and led to staff shortages, with resultant closure of service and loss of funding. It has attempted to negotiate a payment plan, but its gas supplier refused this and asked for the outstanding debt of £4,569.76 to be paid in full. It set a disconnection date of 10th October 2022 for WSCC's gas supply.

Award Conditions

- a) WSCC liaises with its gas provider to ensure that it is on a payment plan with this provider
- b) WSCC to work with Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets to secure an experienced fundraiser/bid writer that can submit funding bids for the organisation.
- c) WSCC to work with Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service to source training and support on financial management and planning.
- d) WSCC to work with LBTH officers to explore diversifying its income
- e) WSCC to obtain energy efficiency guidance and to refer to the Government's support for charities in relation to energy crisis. This information will be shared with the organisation by the Council.

