

# MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING

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Wednesday, 12 February 2014

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Mayor's Decision Log No. 49


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1. **COMMUNITY CHEST AND COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND - ROUND 5  
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<p><b>Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma</b></p> <p>Decision Log No: 49</p>	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<p><b>Recommendation of:</b> Corporate Grants Programme Board</p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted</p>
<p><b>Community Chest and Community Events Fund – Round 5</b></p>	

<b>Is this a Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Decision Notice Publication Date:</b>	Individual notice
<b>General Exception or Urgency Notice published?</b>	Not required
<b>Restrictions:</b>	N/A

## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks approval of the Community Events Fund awards which were recommended by the Corporate Grants Programme Board at its meeting of 5 December 2013.
- 1.2 Since the launch of the Community Chest and Community Events funds, the Corporate Grants Programme Board has held a number of meetings at which funding applications have been presented and recommendations made for Mayoral consideration. These recommendations - relating to rounds 1 to 4 - have now been approved by the Mayor.
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		money will be used to fund entertainment for the event.				
CE-112	Vision for Globetown, 1 Bevin House, Butler Street, London E2 ORW	<p>The applicant wants to hold a community gathering with specific aim of bridging the intergenerational gap in the community.</p> <p>The organisation estimates that the event will be attended by about 300 to 400 people. The event will be structured to provide a platform for young and old people to share their views on wider community issues and celebrate the Community's achievements.</p> <p>The event will also give an opportunity for all attendees to communally break-fast and participate in the holy month of Ramadan.</p>	£4,025	4,000	Intergenerational activities are well recognised approaches of breaking down barriers between the generations.	£4,000
CE-113	Young and Talented Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, Bethnal Green E2 6HG	<p>The event is the launch of the Pop video created by Y&amp;T students based on the Rights of the child.</p> <p>This will be their way of communicating that every child must be allowed to enjoy their childhood.</p> <p>The video will have a strong narrative story and will explore the fulfilment of children's rights to survival, health and education.</p> <p>The event is intended to benefit the students by building their confidence and increasing their</p>	£5,000	£4,500	A very well presented event. Additionally the work leading up to the event is likely to be extremely beneficial to participants.	£4,500

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		<p>awareness of people's perception of them. They will feel a sense of achievement by sharing their work with peers, family and the wider community.</p> <p>The grant will be used to pay for printing and publicity, event staff, costumes, venue hire and related costs.</p>				
CE-114	<b>Locksley Estate Cultural Association &amp; Mosque</b> 24 Norbitton Road E14 7TF	<p>The centre has been established for just over a year. After refurbishment of some of the facilities, the organisation wants to invite neighbours and welcome them to the centre.</p> <p>Currently, the centre is mainly used for men and children but the organisation wants to have an 'open day/launch event' to encourage wider community use. It is anticipated that in the region of 300 people will attend the event.</p> <p>The event will be in two parts: (1) Open day for the whole community; (2) Awards ceremony for the students.</p>	£3,200	£2,000	<p>Whilst the proposed event is likely to be helpful in breaking down barriers between the Centre and the local community. It appears that the costs are slightly on the high side.</p>	£2,000
CE-115	<b>Betar Bangla</b> 10-14 Hollybush Gardens, E2 9QP	<p>The organisation wishes to hold an 'anniversary event' to celebrate its third year of operation a Community Radio Station.</p> <p>The event will include a cultural show involving established and new media professionals, the</p>	£5,000	£4,000	<p>This application lacks clarity. The need is not well evidenced and the overall proposal is not as strong as it could have been.</p> <p>Given that the applicant is an established community</p>	£4,000



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CE-116	<b>Ping Works Ltd, old Limehouse Town Hall E14</b>	<p>The event - to take place at the end of January 2014 - will trace the social and economic history of the Chinese Community in Chinatown from its beginnings in Limehouse to the present.</p> <p>The organisation will screen a half hour film-documentary produced by volunteer Chinese youth.</p> <p>This film-documentary will be a legacy for the community on a local, regional and national level.</p> <p>The applicant also plans to showcase other talents including art, photography exhibition and/or performance from the Chinese community commemorating The Chinese New Year.</p> <p>The film-documentary will be the main focus of the day and any additional showcasing will depend on the level of grant secured.</p>	£5,000	£4,000	<p>The group provided a clear description of what the money will be used for.</p> <p>The proposed project has many merits and there is a need for it as this community is normally not highly supported in terms of grant from the Council</p>	£4,000
CE-117	<b>East London Mosque Evening Madrasah, 82 Whitechapel Road E1 1JQ</b>	Primary use of funding will be to advertise, administer and buy prizes for a Citizenship Essay competition. The organisation needs to produce leaflets, posters and wish to reward as many children as possible	£1,250	£1,200	It is proposed that funding is awarded to assist with the purchase of prizes and certificates	£1,200

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		<p>for their participation</p> <p>The organisation wants the 270+ girls and boys who attend Evening Madrasah to understand and express the teachings of Islam must make them responsible citizens of the place they live in. It will encourage them to engage with their school mates and neighbours of different backgrounds.</p> <p>This competition is also intended to further reinforce the organisation's vision to educate children to become a benefit for whole of society and instil in them responsibility for their society.</p>				
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>£42,899</b>	<b>£21,700</b>		<b>£21,700</b>

**NON KEY DECISION**

I have considered the above information and advice on the award of Community Events grants as detailed in the report.

I have deliberated as to whether or not this is a Key Decision under Article 13 of the Constitution. In making this decision it is clear that:

- An individual application for the Community Events fund is a maximum of £5,000.
- The total funding decision for this round is not of such importance to result in substantial public interest.
- The total funding for these awards represents significantly less than 2% of grant awards in the current year.


In light of the above and taking all other considerations into account, I am content that the decision to make the awards as recommended by the Corporate Grants Programme Board is a non-key decision.

I have decided to accept the recommendation of the Corporate Grants Programme Board and I agree that the awards as detailed in the Appendix to the report are made to the stated organisations.

I have asked officers to ensure that arrangements are in place to support organisations through increased due diligence, requests for clarification or additional information. Additionally, issues may be dealt with through the Grant Agreement negotiation process, whereby appropriate conditions are placed on both the release and use of the funding.

My decision is based on the following reasons:

- The applications have been assessed in accordance with the agreed processes for Corporate Grants and are recommended by the Corporate Grants Programme Board.
- The projects represent benefits to a good cross section of the Tower Hamlets community.

Signed  .....

Executive Mayor

Dated .....12/2/14.....

**APPROVALS**

**Recommendation of the Corporate Grants Programme Board**

**1. Chief Finance Officer or his/her deputy**

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

*of 5<sup>th</sup> December*  
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Signed ..... *C. Lloyd* ..... Date ..... *11/2/14* .....

**2. Monitoring Officer or his/her deputy**

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

(For Key Decision only – delete as applicable)

I confirm that this decision:-


- (a) has been published in advance on the Council's Forward Plan OR
- (b) is urgent and subject to the 'General Exception' or 'Special Urgency' provision at paragraph 18 or 19 respectively of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

Signed ..... *J. Bell* ..... Date ..... *11/12/14* .....

**3. Mayor**

I agree the decision proposed in paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 above for the reasons set out in paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 in the attached report.

Signed ..... *DA* ..... Date ..... *12/2/14* .....

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<b>Report of:</b> Corporate Director (Development & Renewal)  Originating Officers: Dave Clark (Interim Service Head Resources D&R) Everett Haughton (Third Sector Programmes Manager)	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Community Chest Fund &amp; Community Events Fund – Round 5</b>	

<b>Lead Member</b>	<b>Alibor Choudhury</b>
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	A Prosperous Community/ A Safe and Cohesive Community/A Healthy and Supportive Community

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## **3. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 3.1 The decisions on proposed grant allocations are required in order that the Council is able to meet its commitment to make available to local community organisations small grants of up to £5,000 through the Community Events Fund.
- 3.2 Once the decisions have been made, organisations that have applied can be notified of the outcome of their applications and that payments can be initiated for applications that have been recommended for funding awards.

## **4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 4.1 An alternative option would be to decide not to fund any of the organisations who have applied for grants and to use the funds for other purposes, for example the larger types of project typically associated with Main Stream Grants.
- 4.2 However, because opportunities to bid into the Community Chest Fund and Community Events Fund have been widely advertised, expectations have been raised and to cancel these programmes after a number of organisations have submitted applications in good faith would lead to wide disappointment.

## **5. BACKGROUND**

- 5.1 The Community Chest Fund and the Community Events Fund were considered at a meeting of MABSARP on 7th July 2012 at which a report dated 4th July 2012 was also presented setting out the scope of the proposed programme.
- 5.2 The report proposed that a Community Chest programme be run from 2012/13 to 2013/14, designed specifically to support organisations based and working in Tower Hamlets to assist them in developing their capacity in order to become more effective and more sustainable.
- 5.3 This programme is a successor to the previous Community Chest programme from 2010. It was confirmed that the Community Chest pot would total £250k in 2012/13 growing to £338k from 2013/14 onwards. Organisations would be able to apply for small grants up to £10,000.
- 5.4 The report also explained that a one-off £100,000 budget had been identified for the Community Events Fund. Grants of up to £5,000 would be available and applications could be submitted at any time up March 2013. It is acknowledged that any unallocated grant from 2012/13 will be rolled forwards in 2013/14.

## **6. BODY OF REPORT**

- 6.1 Since the launch of the two funds, the Corporate Grants Programme Board and subsequently the Mayor, has approved funding for a number of projects for which total funding is as set out in the table at paragraph 1.6 above.

### **Community Events – Round 5**

- 6.2 Officers have now assessed round 5 applications for the Community Events Fund. 12 applications have been received for this round. These have gone through the agreed eligibility and assessment process and

awards with a total value of £21,700 proposed against a total requested amount of £42,899.

- 6.3 Were the proposed awards to be approved, an available budget of £58,195 would remain available in this fund.
- 6.4 Application details including the organisation name, amount requested, an outline description of the event/activities for which grant is requested, the proposed award and the related rationale are set out in Appendix 1.

## **7. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

- 7.1 Funding was set aside as part of the budget process to establish a Community Chest Fund of £250,000 in 2012-13 and £338,000 in 2013-14. In addition, a Community Events Fund was also set up, with total "one-off" funding of £100,000. In the case of both funds, resources were carried forward between 2012-13 and 2013-14 to meet outstanding commitments relating to the grants awarded.
- 7.2 This report is the fifth to be considered by the Corporate Grants Programme Board to allocate funding from the Community Chest and the Community Events resources.
- 7.3 It was agreed by the Corporate Grants Programme Board on 11 June 2013 that the Community Chest programme be temporarily suspended and that the residual funds be transferred to the Community Events budget. This had the effect of revising the total Community Chest budget to £426,305 and the Community Events budget to £261,695.
- 7.4 To date the Board has approved grant awards totalling £426,305 which has now fully allocated the Community Chest Fund and £181,100 for Community Events Fund leaving a balance of £79,895. This can be utilised for future grant awards.
- 7.5 The various bids received subsequently have been independently assessed by the Council's Third Sector Team and the recommended awards, based on officer assessment, are outlined in Appendix 1. The recommended bids for Community Events total £21,700.
- 7.6 The overall financing summary is shown in the table in paragraph 1.3. As can be seen, this will leave uncommitted resources of £58,195 which will all be available for allocation to Community Events.
- 7.7 The first 50% of the grant will be made upon the signing of the Grant Agreement. The remaining grant will be paid upon receipt of evidence that the outputs / activity has been delivered or achieved. It is essential that the targets and grant criteria are met to ensure that the Council's resources are protected.



## **8. COMMENTS OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL SERVICES)**

- 8.1 The Council offered community chest funding to assist organisations which are based in Tower Hamlets and delivering services in Tower Hamlets to develop capacity and become more effective and sustainable. The Council offers community events funding to assist in the planning and staging of community focused events and initiatives.
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## **9. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS**

- 9.1 The contribution of Third Sector organisations to delivering One Tower Hamlets is explicitly recognised in the Council's Third Sector Strategy. Organisations play a key role in delivering services that address inequality, improve cohesion and increase community leadership: the deliveries of these services are real examples of 'One Tower Hamlets' in practice.
- 9.2 The opportunities offered through the Community Chest and Community Events Funds will therefore play a key role in delivering the aims of One Tower Hamlets.

## **10. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT**

- 10.1 The funding priorities outlined in this report support the spirit of SAGE. The Council as a funder of third sector proposals that meet these priorities assists in the implementation of the strategic aims of SAGE along with its community and voluntary sector partners.

## **11. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 A number of different risks arise from any funding of external organisations.
- 11.2 The key risks are:

- The funding may not be fully utilised i.e. allocations remain unspent or outcomes are not maximised;
- The funding may be used for purposes that have not been agreed e.g. in the case of fraud;
- The organisations may not be able to secure additional funding necessary to deliver the agreed activities;
- The organisation may not have the capacity to achieve the outputs and outcomes required.

## **12. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

12.1 The services that will be provided through these funding streams cover a broad spectrum of activities, some of which are key drivers in contributing to the reduction in crime and disorder, in particular, improving community cohesion.

## **13. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT**

13.1 The commissioning framework provides greater transparency and clarity in the delivery of desired outcomes along with cost of providing those outcomes to facilitate more efficient alignment of funding allocations.

13.2 The proposed funding priorities which are clearly linked to delivering outcomes as set out in the Strategic Plan and Community Plan will deliver better outcomes for local people within existing resources, through for example:

- Giving priority to organisations and schemes, that promote social inclusion by reducing social exclusion
- Supporting service providers who deliver cost effective services that benefit the local community and meet the needs of the area.

## **14. APPENDICES**

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<b>Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma</b>  Decision Log No: 49	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Recommendation of:</b> Corporate Grants Programme Board	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Community Chest and Community Events Fund – Round 5</b>	

<b>Is this a Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Decision Notice Publication Date:</b>	Individual notice
<b>General Exception or Urgency Notice published?</b>	Not required
<b>Restrictions:</b>	N/A

## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Mayor is recommended to:

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## Appendix 1

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**NON KEY DECISION**

I have considered the above information and advice on the award of Community Events grants as detailed in the report.

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- The total funding for these awards represents significantly less than 2% of grant awards in the current year.

In light of the above and taking all other considerations into account, I am content that the decision to make the awards as recommended by the Corporate Grants Programme Board is a non-key decision.

I have decided to accept the recommendation of the Corporate Grants Programme Board and I agree that the awards as detailed in the Appendix to the report are made to the stated organisations.

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My decision is based on the following reasons:

- The applications have been assessed in accordance with the agreed processes for Corporate Grants and are recommended by the Corporate Grants Programme Board.
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Signed .....

Executive Mayor

Dated .....

**APPROVALS**

**Recommendation of the Corporate Grants Programme Board**

**1. Chief Finance Officer or his/her deputy**

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

Signed ..... Date .....

**2. Monitoring Officer or his/her deputy**

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(For Key Decision only – delete as applicable)

I confirm that this decision:-

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(b) is urgent and subject to the ‘General Exception’ or ‘Special Urgency’ provision at paragraph 18 or 19 respectively of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

Signed ..... Date .....

**3. Mayor**

I agree the decision proposed in paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 above for the reasons set out in paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 in the attached report.

Signed ..... Date .....

<b>Individual Mayoral Decision</b> <b>Corporate Grants Programme Board</b> 5 December 2013	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Corporate Director (Development & Renewal)  Originating Officers: Dave Clark (Interim Service Head Resources D&R) Everett Haughton (Third Sector Programmes Manager)	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Community Chest Fund &amp; Community Events Fund – Round 5</b>	

<b>Lead Member</b>	<b>Alibor Choudhury</b>
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	A Prosperous Community/ A Safe and Cohesive Community/A Healthy and Supportive Community

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## **3. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

3.1 The decisions on proposed grant allocations are required in order that the Council is able to meet its commitment to make available to local community organisations small grants of up to £5,000 through the Community Events Fund.

3.2 Once the decisions have been made, organisations that have applied can be notified of the outcome of their applications and that payments can be initiated for applications that have been recommended for funding awards.

## **4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 4.1 An alternative option would be to decide not to fund any of the organisations who have applied for grants and to use the funds for other purposes, for example the larger types of project typically associated with Main Stream Grants.
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## **5. BACKGROUND**

- 5.1 The Community Chest Fund and the Community Events Fund were considered at a meeting of MABSARP on 7th July 2012 at which a report dated 4th July 2012 was also presented setting out the scope of the proposed programme.
- 5.2 The report proposed that a Community Chest programme be run from 2012/13 to 2013/14, designed specifically to support organisations based and working in Tower Hamlets to assist them in developing their capacity in order to become more effective and more sustainable.
- 5.3 This programme is a successor to the previous Community Chest programme from 2010. It was confirmed that the Community Chest pot would total £250k in 2012/13 growing to £338k from 2013/14 onwards. Organisations would be able to apply for small grants up to £10,000.
- 5.4 The report also explained that a one-off £100,000 budget had been identified for the Community Events Fund. Grants of up to £5,000 would be available and applications could be submitted at any time up March 2013. It is acknowledged that any unallocated grant from 2012/13 will be rolled forwards in 2013/14.

## **6. BODY OF REPORT**

- 6.1 Since the launch of the two funds, the Corporate Grants Programme Board and subsequently the Mayor, has approved funding for a number of projects for which total funding is as set out in the table at paragraph 1.6 above.

### Community Events – Round 5

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awards with a total value of £21,700 proposed against a total requested amount of £42,899.

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## **7. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

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- 7.6 The overall financing summary is shown in the table in paragraph 1.3. As can be seen, this will leave uncommitted resources of £58,195 which will all be available for allocation to Community Events.
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## **8. COMMENTS OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL SERVICES)**

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- 8.2 The support of community organisations in this way may help to deliver the Tower Hamlets Community Plan, which sets out the Council's sustainable community strategy for the purposes of section 4 of the Local Government Act 2000. Section 9 of the report provides information relevant to this consideration, as do the appendices.
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- 8.7 It is reasonable for the Council to issue Grant Agreements for Community Event Funds as recommended in paragraph 2.2 of the report. This provides a means to ensure that public funds are utilised for purposes which have been approved by the Council..
- 8.8 When determining what support to provide to community organisations, the Council must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful conduct under the Equality Act 2010, the need to advance equality of opportunity and the need to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who don't.
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## **9. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS**

- 9.1 The contribution of Third Sector organisations to delivering One Tower Hamlets is explicitly recognised in the Council's Third Sector Strategy. Organisations play a key role in delivering services that address inequality, improve cohesion and increase community leadership: the deliveries of these services are real examples of 'One Tower Hamlets' in practice.
- 9.2 The opportunities offered through the Community Chest and Community Events Funds will therefore play a key role in delivering the aims of One Tower Hamlets.

## **10. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT**

- 10.1 The funding priorities outlined in this report support the spirit of SAGE. The Council as a funder of third sector proposals that meet these priorities assists in the implementation of the strategic aims of SAGE along with its community and voluntary sector partners.

## **11. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 A number of different risks arise from any funding of external organisations.
- 11.2 The key risks are:

- The funding may not be fully utilised i.e. allocations remain unspent or outcomes are not maximised;
- The funding may be used for purposes that have not been agreed e.g. in the case of fraud;
- The organisations may not be able to secure additional funding necessary to deliver the agreed activities;
- The organisation may not have the capacity to achieve the outputs and outcomes required.

## **12. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

12.1 The services that will be provided through these funding streams cover a broad spectrum of activities, some of which are key drivers in contributing to the reduction in crime and disorder, in particular, improving community cohesion.

## **13. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT**

13.1 The commissioning framework provides greater transparency and clarity in the delivery of desired outcomes along with cost of providing those outcomes to facilitate more efficient alignment of funding allocations.

13.2 The proposed funding priorities which are clearly linked to delivering outcomes as set out in the Strategic Plan and Community Plan will deliver better outcomes for local people within existing resources, through for example:

- Giving priority to organisations and schemes, that promote social inclusion by reducing social exclusion
- Supporting service providers who deliver cost effective services that benefit the local community and meet the needs of the area.

## **14. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1: Community Events Fund

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Community Events - Round 5					Rationale	CGPB Recommendation £
Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
CE-107	<b>Creative Visions</b> 40 Dingle Gardens E14 0DN	The applicant aims to provide educational, sports and recreational activities for young people and to include children from different backgrounds and faiths to join the events in order to enhance community cohesion.  Planned activities include indoor and outdoor games and day trips out of London.	£5,000	£0	This programme of activities is not recommended for support from this funding pot.	£0
CE-108	<b>Film Skool Deluxe</b> 69 Durnsford Road N11 2EN	The applicant wants to run a practical film training workshop for young people in Tower Hamlets.  Attendees will learn a number of practical skills which will culminate in them producing their own films under the guidance of professional film makers.  The finished films will be 'showcased' at a West end cinema attended by family and friends of the students as well as members of the general public.	£2,960	£0	The proposal is not recommended for support from this funding stream	£0
CE-109	<b>Theatre Temoin</b> C/O Ali Campbell, School of English and Drama, Drama Department, QMUL, Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS	The applicant wishes to deliver a series of theatre workshops (8 sessions) for 40 young tower Hamlets' artists that will explore the relationship between memory and trauma.  These will be designed and facilitated by a team of 4 professional theatre artists from	£4,014	£0	The proposal is not recommended for support from this funding stream	£0

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		Temoin in partnership with Ali Campbell and 15 of his students. The workshops will culminate in a final performance for participants, their families and friends.				
CE-110	<b>Tower Hamlets Student Welfare Association</b> Unit: G:7 East London Business Centre, 93-101 Greenfield Rd E1 1EJ	The applicant wishes to undertake an annual study tour involving local and international students. The study tour The fund will be used to cover a range of associated costs including travel, food, artist, administrative and equipment expenses.	£4,900	0	It is totally unclear what activities and services will be provided as part of the planned study tour.  It should also be noted that this application was previously submitted (round 3) and was not recommended for funding	£0
CE-111	<b>Legal Advice Centre</b> 104 Roman Road, Bethnal Green, E2 0RN	This is an event organised by the Tower Hamlets Community Advice Network (TCAN). This is an event to celebrate the work of the advice sector in Tower Hamlets.  THCAN felt it extremely important for the sector to have an event whereby staff, trustees and volunteers could get together and acknowledge the work of the sector.  The grant will be used to present awards for volunteers who significantly supported work with advice agencies in helping residents navigate the current challenging environment Some of the money will be used to fund entertainment for the event.	£2,550	£2,000	A clearly presented event proposal. Both the need and longer term benefits of recognising and celebrating the many volunteers who are the backbone of the advice Sector is clear.  The applicant has secured other funding for the event which makes the proposal good value for money in terms of the LBTH contribution.	£2,000

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CE-112	<b>Vision for Globetown,</b> 1 Bevin House, Butler Street, London E2 0RW	<p>The applicant wants to hold a community gathering with specific aim of bridging the intergenerational gap in the community.</p> <p>The organisation estimates that the event will be attended by about 300 to 400 people. The event will be structured to provide a platform for young and old people to share their views on wider community issues and celebrate the Community's achievements.</p> <p>The event will also give an opportunity for all attendees to communally break-fast and participate in the holy month of Ramadan.</p>	£4,025	4,000	Intergenerational activities are well recognised approaches of breaking down barriers between the generations.	£4,000
CE-113	<b>Young and Talented</b> Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, Bethnal Green E2 6HG	<p>The event is the launch of the Pop video created by Y&amp;T students based on the Rights of the child.</p> <p>This will be their way of communicating that every child must be allowed to enjoy their childhood.</p> <p>The video will have a strong narrative story and will explore the fulfilment of children's rights to survival, health and education.</p> <p>The event is intended to benefit the students by building their confidence and increasing their</p>	£5,000	£4,500	A very well presented event. Additionally the work leading up to the event is likely to be extremely beneficial to participants.	£4,500

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		<p>awareness of people's perception of them. They will feel a sense of achievement by sharing their work with peers, family and the wider community.</p> <p>The grant will be used to pay for printing and publicity, event staff, costumes, venue hire and related costs.</p>				
CE-114	<p><b>Locksley Estate Cultural Association &amp; Mosque</b> 24 Norbitton Road E14 7TF</p>	<p>The centre has been established for just over a year. After refurbishment of some of the facilities, the organisation wants to invite neighbours and welcome them to the centre.</p> <p>Currently, the centre is mainly used for men and children but the organisation wants to have an 'open day/launch event' to encourage wider community use. It is anticipated that in the region of 300 people will attend the event.</p> <p>The event will be in two parts: (1) Open day for the whole community; (2) Awards ceremony for the students.</p>	£3,200	£2,000	<p>Whilst the proposed event is likely to be helpful in breaking down barriers between the Centre and the local community. It appears that the costs are slightly on the high side.</p>	£2,000
CE-115	<p><b>Betar Bangla</b> 10-14 Hollybush Gardens, E2 9QP</p>	<p>The organisation wishes to hold an 'anniversary event' to celebrate its third year of operation a Community Radio Station.</p> <p>The event will include a cultural show involving established and new media professionals, the</p>	£5,000	£4,000	<p>This application lacks clarity. The need is not well evidenced and the overall proposal is not as strong as it could have been.</p> <p>Given that the applicant is an established community</p>	£4,000

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		introduction of a new community model for Batar Bangla; and networking between Betar Bangla members			radio station it is felt that a significant level of the required funding can be sourced through sponsorship from advertisers etc.	
CE-116	<b>Ping Works Ltd</b> , old Limehouse Town Hall E14	<p>The event - to take place at the end of January 2014 - will trace the social and economic history of the Chinese Community in Chinatown from its beginnings in Limehouse to the present.</p> <p>The organisation will screen a half hour film-documentary produced by volunteer Chinese youth.</p> <p>This film-documentary will be a legacy for the community on a local, regional and national level.</p> <p>The applicant also plans to showcase other talents including art, photography exhibition and/or performance from the Chinese community commemorating The Chinese New Year.</p> <p>The film-documentary will be the main focus of the day and any additional showcasing will depend on the level of grant secured.</p>	£5,000	£4,000	<p>The group provided a clear description of what the money will be used for.</p> <p>The proposed project has many merits and there is a need for it as this community is normally not highly supported in terms of grant from the Council</p>	£4,000
CE-117	<b>East London Mosque Evening Madrasah</b> , 82 Whitechapel Road E1 1JQ	Primary use of funding will be to advertise, administer and buy prizes for a Citizenship Essay competition. The organisation needs to produce leaflets, posters and wish to reward as many children as possible	£1,250	£1,200	It is proposed that funding is awarded to assist with the purchase of prizes and certificates	£1,200



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		<p>for their participation</p> <p>The organisation wants the 270+ girls and boys who attend Evening Madrasah to understand and express the teachings of Islam must make them responsible citizens of the place they live in. It will encourage them to engage with their school mates and neighbours of different backgrounds.</p> <p>This competition is also intended to further reinforce the organisation's vision to educate children to become a benefit for whole of society and instil in them responsibility for their society.</p>				
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>£42,899</b>	<b>£21,700</b>		

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