

MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING


Friday, 1 August 2014

Mayor's Decision Log No. 64

1. **MAYOR'S COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND - ROUND 6 (Pages 1 - 52)**

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<p>Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma</p> <p>Decision Log No: 64</p>	 TOWER HAMLETS
<p>Recommendation of: Corporate Grants Programme Board</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Community Chest Events Fund – Round 6</p>	

Is this a Key Decision?	Yes
Decision Notice Publication Date:	Individual notice
General Exception or Urgency Notice published?	Not required
Restrictions:	N/A

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks approval of the Community Events Fund awards which were considered by the Corporate Grants Programme Board at its meeting of 8 April 2014.

- 1.2 Since the launch Events Funds, the Corporate Grants Programme Board (CGPB) 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 5 - have now been approved by the Mayor.

- 1.3 For the current phase of the Community Events Fund 21 applications have been received. These were assessed using the agreed procedure and award proposals presented to the CGPG.

- 1.4 Details of the applications received and the level of awards recommended by the Corporate Grants Programme Board are summarised in the following table. Additionally, the full report as presented to the CGPB is attached as Appendix 1.

- 1.5 Decisions on these applications are now required in order that the Council is able to meet its commitment to making grants available to successful organisations in a timely manner, to enable all applicants to be notified of the outcome of their applications, to enable the processing of Grant Agreements and for initial stage payments to be processed for successful applicants.

Table of projects recommended for funding - Community Events - Round 6				
Ref	Organisation	Grant Request £	Proposal £	CGPB Recommendation £
CE-118	Al Isharah Ltd	5,000	2,500	2,500
CE-120	Associates of Community Trust UK (ACTUK)	4,915	1,000	1,000
CE-121	Broadening Horizons	3,900	3,000	3,000
CE-122	Sylhet Bawl Shangith Ghosti	4,990	1,000	1,000
CE-123	Tower Hamlets Cricket Club	5,000	1,000	1,000
CE-124	Tower Hamlets Chinese School	4,730	2,000	2,000
CE-125	St George's Estate Residents Association	2,360	2,000	2,000
CE-126	Teviot Bangladeshi Cultural Community Group	4,778	1,000	1,000
CE-128	Redcoat Elders Club	5,000	4,000	4,000
CE-129	Pearl Advertising UK Ltd	3,749	1,000	1,000
CE-130	Alpha Grove Centre	3,230	2,500	2,500
CE-131	Shanghati Literary Society	4,747	2,000	2,000
CE-132	Children of Jannah	5,000	2,000	2,000
CE-133	Wadajir Somali Community Centre	4,800	2,500	2,500
CE-134	Tower Hamlets Parents Centre	2,500	2,000	2,000
CE-135	Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets	4,827	3,000	3,000
CE-136	Mile End Community Project	5,000	3,500	3,500
CE-137	Mulberry School For Girls	3,557	3,000	3,000
TOTALS		78,083	£39,000	£39,000

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Mayor is recommended to:

- 2.1 Agree the proposed awards for Community Events Funding totalling £39,000 as set out in the above table.
- 2.2 Authorise officers to issue Grant Agreements for the Community Events Fund in line with established procedures and to implement the agreed payment and monitoring arrangements.

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 28/7/14

2. Monitoring Officer or his/her deputy

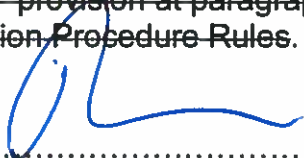
I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

(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  Date 28/07/14

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  Date 30/07/14

APPENDIX 1

<p>Individual Mayoral Decision</p> <p>Corporate Grants Programme Board</p> <p>8 April 2014</p>	 TOWER HAMLETS
<p>Report of: Corporate Director (Development & Renewal)</p> <p>Originating Officers: Dave Clark (Interim Service Head Resources D&R) Everett Haughton (Third Sector Programmes Manager)</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Community Events Fund - Round 6</p>	

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

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.6 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. Awards for round 5 have recently been approved by the Mayor.
- 1.7 For the current phase of the Community Events Fund (Round 6), 21 applications have been received. The following table provides a summary of the financial position to date.

	Community Events
Budget 2012-13	£100,000
Budget 2013-14	
Transfer of funds from Community Chest to Community Events (CGPB 17 Sept decision)	£161,695
Total 2012-14	£261,695
Approved awards round 1 - April 2013	£68,150
Approved awards round 2 - June 2013	£66,450

	Community Events
Approved awards round 3 - September 2013	£33,500
Approved awards round 4 - October 2013	£12,700
Approved awards round 5 - December 2013	£21,700
Remaining funds available 2013-14	£59,195
Proposed Awards Round 6	£39,000
Balance available for remaining (if proposed awards agreed)	£20,195

- 1.3 Details of applications received for which awards are proposed are summarised below in **Appendix 1**. Decisions on these applications are now required in order that the Council is able to meet its commitment to making grants available to successful organisations, to enable all applicants to be notified of the outcome of their applications, to enable the processing of Grant Agreements and for initial stage payments to be processed for successful applicants.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Mayor is recommended to:

- 2.3 Agree the proposed awards for Community Events Funding totalling £39,000 as set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.4 Authorise officers to issue Grant Agreements for the Community Events Fund in line with established procedures and to implement the agreed payment and monitoring arrangements.

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.
- 5.5 The Corporate Grants Programme Board of 11 June 2013 recommended that the Community Chest be suspended pending a review and that funding be transferred to the Community Events programme. The meeting of 17 September confirmed the final amount to be transferred to the Community Events fund. This resulted in a revised budget of £261,695 for the Community Events fund up to March 2014.
- 5.6 A separate report contains the review of the Community Chest and options for small grants funding from April 2014 onwards.

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. The total funding for Community Events is as set out in the table at paragraph 1.2 above.

Community Events – Round 6

6.2 Officers have now assessed Round 6 applications for the Community Events Fund. 21 applications have been received for this round. These have gone through the agreed eligibility and assessment process and awards with a total value of £39,000 are proposed.

6.3 Were the proposed awards to be approved, an available budget of £20,195 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**.

6.5 Where known, the proposed event dates and locations are also provided.

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 6th 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 £202,500 for Community Events Fund leaving a balance of £59,195. 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, and due diligence verification, are

outlined in Appendix 1. The recommended bids for Community Events total £39,000.

- 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 £20,195 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 offers community events funding to assist in the planning and staging of community focused events and initiatives. The events which have been proposed for funding in this report are varied in nature. Each grant should only be made where there is a relevant source of statutory power to support it.
- 8.2 The proposed grants may be supported under a variety of the Council's statutory powers. For example, the Council has power -
- To support the provision of entertainment in the borough under section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972.
 - To secure sufficient educational and recreational leisure-time activities for young people in the borough under section 507B of the Education Act 1996
- 8.3 Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 gives the Council a general power of competence to do anything that individuals generally may do, subject to specified restrictions and limitations imposed by other statutes. This power may support the giving of grants to community groups, provided there is a good reason to do so.
- 8.4 There may be a good reason for giving a grant if it is likely to further the Council's sustainable community strategy under section 4 of the Local Government Act 2000. The Council's strategy is set out in the Tower Hamlets Community Plan, which includes "One Tower Hamlets" as a cross-cutting theme. One Tower Hamlets is the Council's aspiration to reduce poverty and inequality, bring local communities closer together, and provide strong leadership by involving and empowering people and giving them the tools and support to improve their lives. Many of the proposed grants may be viewed as supporting this aspiration. There are other objectives in the Community Plan which may be supported by the grants, such as the objective of achieving a Prosperous Community in Tower Hamlets.

- 8.5 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. There is information provided in section 9 of the report relevant to these considerations.

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 – Round 6

APPENDIX 1 - Community Events Fund – April 2014

Community Events - Round 6					Rationale	CGPB Recommendation £
Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
CE-118	<p>Al Isharah Ltd</p> <p>Office 102, East London Business Centre, 93-101 Greenfield Road, London, E1 1EJ</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: 1st February 2014</p> <p>Event Location: Royal Regency, E12 6TH</p> <p>The applicant is planning an event titled 'Deaf Dinner 2014: The Believers Dream, an event for the deaf community in Tower Hamlets.</p>	£5,000	£2,500	<p>The proposed project is clearly set out. The group addressed the need for the project and how it represents good value for money.</p> <p>The proposed project has many merits and it is proposed it is supported but with reduced funding.</p>	
CE-119	<p>Arebyte Unit 4a 49 White Post Lane London E9 5EN</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: 19th to 20th July 2014</p> <p>Event Location: Various</p> <p>The applicant would like financial support for a two day festival titled: Spontaneous Combustion Festival. This would be the 4th year of organising the festival, which offers two days of performances and dance workshops, free-of-charge and open to all</p> <p>It is planned that the festival will take place in various outdoor and indoor public spaces in Tower Hamlets offering free activities including workshops in tango, African, Indian dance and Blind-drawing.</p> <p>A 2-week artist residency programme will be offered in Arbeit Gallery. A marketing campaign will encourage the audience of approximately 300.</p>	£4,491	£0	<p>The group provided clear description of what the grant would be used for.</p> <p>The group have secured additional financial support totalling 35% of the budgeted project cost.</p> <p>Financial support may be available from the Council's arts and events fund.</p>	

Community Events - Round 6					Rationale	CGPB Recommendation £
Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
CE-120	<p>Associates of Community Trust UK (ACTUK)</p> <p>c/o: 8 Culpin House, Turin Street, London E2 6BZ</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: 23th Feb 2014</p> <p>Event Location: Wodeham Community Centre, Whitechapel</p> <p>The group is planning an award ceremony at Wodeham Community Centre in Whitechapel for the young people who have attended the organisation's study support classes.</p>	£4,915	£1,000	<p>This application lacks clarity; in particular the budget appears inflated, is confusing and includes items not related to the event, such as salaries for sessional worker.</p> <p>The applicant wants to spend</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £1,950 on sessional worker (£13 p/h X 6hr wk X25wks) 2. £1,200 on Publicity, Stationary and Gifts for Children. 3. £1,545 on refreshment, Travel and Volunteer costs. <p>Propose contribution to the Publicity and Gifts element.</p>	
CE-121	<p>Broadening Horizons</p> <p>3B Brayford Sq Summer Court Road, Stepney, London E1 1BS</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: 21 February 2014</p> <p>Event Location: Exmouth Estate, E1</p> <p>The group is planning to hold a multicultural Women's Family Day on Exmouth Estate, E1 on 21 February 2014 to celebrate and commemorate Bangladesh Language Day.</p> <p>The money will be used towards organising the event and entertainment costs. The event will be open to Women of all ages and provide an opportunity for them to meet, socialise,</p>	£ 3,900	£3,000	<p>The proposed event has many merits. The group provided clear description of what the money will be used for.</p>	

Community Events - Round 6					Rationale	CGPB Recommendation £
Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
		share stories over cakes and other small snacks.				
CE-122	Sylhet Bawl Shangith Ghosti 17 Horwood House, Pott Street E2 0EH	Proposed Date of Event: 15 April 2014 Event Location: 1A Hollybush Place, Bethnal Green, London, E2 9QX Purpose of the project is to hold a Musical Event to celebrate Culture and history about Bengali to local diverse communities. The applicant argues that the event will help local Bangladeshi children to better understanding of their own history and background, increase their self-confidence and self-esteem.	£4,990	£1,000	The proposed project has some good merits but could have been articulated better. The group did not address the need for the project and the benefit it brings to participants. The budget also appears inflated and unjustified. It is proposed that the project is supported with reduced grant of no more than £1,000.	
CE-123	Tower Hamlets Cricket Club THCC c/o Bangla Town Cash & Carry, 67-77 Hanbury St, London E1 5JP	Proposed Date of Event: February Half Term Holiday 2014 Event Location: Stepney Green School Sports Hall The group proposes to use the grant to organise 4 indoor sports competition – football, cricket, badminton, and multisport. The event will be targeting local people across the borough with wide target age group, under -11, under -16, 16+ year olds as well as a women's	£5,000	£1,000	This is a well presented application and carefully thought through project. It is proposed that a contribution to the event is made.	

Community Events - Round 6					Rationale	CGPB Recommendation £
Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
		<p>multisport festival.</p> <p>The group outline the intended outcomes to include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased community cohesion 2. Increased confidence and reduced isolation 3. Improved health 4. Increased civic participation 				
CE-124	<p>Tower Hamlets Chinese School</p> <p>Raine Foundation School Old Bethnal Green Road E2 9 RG</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: 1 February 2014.</p> <p>Event Location: TBC</p> <p>This group is applying for an event to celebrate the Chinese New Year and to give the Chinese residents of Tower Hamlets a chance to experience a culture event of their own. The event will be open to all members of the community.</p> <p>The event aims to increase social participation of Chinese residents in Tower Hamlets and give them an opportunity to enjoy an event which celebrates their culture; increase integration in Tower Hamlets and reduce the social tension.</p>	£4,730	£2,000	<p>The proposed project has some good merits, however some of the proposed expenditure items are unjustified, as the total project costs of £4730 includes payments to members of the organisation and students participating as well as various administration expenses.</p> <p>It is suggested that we contribute towards the costs of:</p> <p>Food and drink £920 Decoration £380 Venue hire £150 Insurance £350 Red pocket £200</p>	

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Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
CE-125	St George's Estate Residents Association c/o 46 Hatton House, Hindmarsh Close E1 8JJ	<p>Proposed Date of Event: 22nd March 2014</p> <p>Event Location: St George's Estate</p> <p>The group are planning to hold a Community Planting Day as a part of a project to regenerate the outdoor spaces of St George's Estate and enhance community engagement and participation. The applicants assert that the proposed project will create a new natural play space for children, adding that the Community Planting days will be the culmination of months of community engagement activities.</p> <p>The grant will be used for hiring specialist professionals to advise and devise plans for planting the area and creating a festive community atmosphere, which will transform the estate from a barren dilapidated space to a natural playground complete with trees and will leave a long term legacy for residents.</p>	£2,360	£2,000	<p>The applicant provided clear description of what the grant will be used for. The proposed project represents good value for money and the project costs are modest.</p> <p>The group demonstrated a clear need for the project and set out the impact and benefits of the proposed project.</p> <p>The proposed project has many merits and with a long legacy.</p>	

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Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
CE-126	<p>Teviot Bangladeshi Cultural Community Group</p> <p>181 Teviot Street, Poplar, E14 6PY</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: 23 February 2014</p> <p>Event Location: Teviot neighbourhood Poplar HARCA centre. Wyvis Street E14 6QD</p> <p>The group are planning an achievement Award Ceremony acknowledging achievements of their students on their Education project</p> <p>The event will have 2 workshops, with representation from Social Service, PCT, GP, local community leaders, local councillor, faith leaders, local role model and community members to have open discussion on the smoking agenda.</p>	£4,778	£1,000	<p>The Council already supports the organisation's Education Project community languages and supplementary educational and study support.</p> <p>The submitted budget is confusing and includes sessional workers over a number of weeks and arts and crafts materials. It does not clearly relate to the proposed activities.</p> <p>However some costs are in line with the event: venue hire, publicity, refreshment costs and gifts for children.</p>	
CE-127	<p>Setting The Milestone Limited</p> <p>Trussler Community Hall, 78 Grundy Street, London E14 6DR</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: TBC</p> <p>Event Location: TBC</p> <p>The group are seeking a grant to organise an event marking their first year of operation showcasing their work and to celebrate young people's achievement on their Study Support classes, Employment & Training and Youth Engagement Programmes.</p>	£4,918	£0	<p>The proposed project is clearly described but is not well costed as the budget includes items that clearly do not relate to a launch ceremony or workshops.</p>	

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Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
CE-128	<p>Redcoat Elders Club</p> <p>166 Stepney Way, London E1 3ED</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: 21 February 2014</p> <p>Event Location: Redcoat Elders Club</p> <p>Redcoat Elders Club (REC) aims to provide facilities for recreation and leisure with the object of improving the conditions of life by providing advice and information on areas such as health and fitness issues.</p> <p>REC plans to hold a Language Movement Day event.</p> <p>It will be an opportunity for the users to share stories and memories of life during the Bengali Language Movement of 1952.</p>	£5,000	£4,000	<p>The proposed project including the need for the planned activities is well articulated.</p> <p>However some of the items in the breakdown of expenditure provided do not appear to represent good value for money and it is therefore recommend not to fully fund the proposal to the level requested.</p>	
CE-129	<p>Pearl Advertising UK Ltd</p> <p>G1 Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, Bethnal Green, E2 6HG</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event 9th March 2014 or Saturday 15th March 2014</p> <p>Event Location Ecology Pavilion Mile End Park</p> <p>The International Women's Day Bazaar</p> <p>The event will be a free to enter event for all the community.</p> <p>It will be an event to celebrate women's achievements and will start off with a four minute story</p>	£3,749	£1,000	<p>The proposed project is well described with clearly set out benefits to its participants.</p> <p>The group could have better articulated how the proposed event represents good value for money.</p>	

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		<p>of why International Women's Day (IWD) is marked on March 8th every year.</p> <p>There will be 5 inspirational women from Tower Hamlets from different sectors talking about their job, how they balance family life and career.</p> <p>The event will consist of four sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Live entertainment and storytelling > Stalls > Best dessert competition > Children's area – staffed by CRB checked teachers and a hire person with the bouncy castle for extra safety. 				
CE-130	<p>ALPHA GROVE CENTRE</p> <p>ALPHA GROVE, ISLE OF DOGS, LONDON E14 8LH</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event 16/08/2014, 2- 6pm</p> <p>Event Location Alpha grove centre</p> <p>The applicant is seeking funding support to organise a Community Fun Day at Alpha Grove Centre.</p> <p>The proposed event has two objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen the relationship between local residents, tackle social isolation and improve engagement in the community. 	£3,230	£2,500	This is a well described project, the group clearly set out the impact and benefits of the proposed event and will be using own premises, which reduces the overall project costs. They established the need for the project.	

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		<p>2. The second objective is the delivery of "Letters: Cartas" live performance and workshops, which will explore the possibilities of the powerful, tactile nature of the handwritten letter within our culture of digital media.</p> <p>The grant will be spent on BBQ, games and arts and crafts activities. There will be balloons, face painting, a bouncy castle, arcade games, popcorn and candy floss and various other fun activities.</p>				
CE-131	Shanghati Literary Society	<p>Proposed Date of Event 13-14 September 2014</p> <p>Event Location Perrin Lecture Theatre, Whitechapel campus of Queen Mary, University of London.</p> <p>Shanghati Literary Society will hold its next an annual poetry festival.</p> <p>The event will start at the Altab Ali Park with a procession by children and members of the local diverse communities with art banners, displays and colourful dresses which will go through Whitechapel High Street to the University of London campus.</p> <p>It is anticipated that over</p>	£4,747	£2,000	<p>The proposed event is clearly described and the group provided clear explanation of how the grant will be used. The group did not provide clear and adequate explanation of how the represents good value for money.</p> <p>They also did not demonstrate how the need was established or provide an explanation of how the need was established. The group stated that they will use own resources as a match funding to the event; however the venue and associated costs are high.</p> <p>Propose that a contribution of no more than £2,000 be awarded.</p>	

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Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
		1000 individuals will benefit from the event.				
CE-132	<p>Children of Jannah</p> <p>119 Woodseer Street, London E1 5HG</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event 01/05/2014</p> <p>Event Location Price Waterhouse Coopers, Embankment</p> <p>The group intend to hold an event to raise awareness about its child bereavement services for local people.</p> <p>The event aims to promote cohesion between the local community and the charity and other organisations in a number of ways.</p> <p>These include; improved co-ordination of existing services and raising awareness of the different services/provisions within and outside the borough for the deaf community.</p> <p>An information stall area will allow other charities and services to showcase their products and services.</p> <p>Beneficiaries will also have the chance to sign-up to training days as well as creating a cohesion of how they can all get together to help bereaved parents in our community.</p>	£5,000	£2,000	<p>The applicant provided clear description of what the grant will be used for. The grant will be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs of projectors, Screens, • Sound System, • Stage • Photographer • Video Team • Printing and Digital Material • Crockery and waiters • Food <p>The group demonstrated a clear need for the project and set out the impact and benefits of the proposed project. However, the group did not sufficiently explain how the proposed project represents good value for money.</p> <p>The group submitted financial breakdown, however the overall project costs are slightly high.</p> <p>Propose that a contribution of no more than £2,000 be awarded.</p>	

Community Events - Round 6					Rationale	CGPB Recommendation £
Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
CE-133	<p>Wadajir Somali Community Centre</p> <p>2 Follett Street, London, E14 6LX</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event 15/4/14</p> <p>Event Location Poplar Boys & Girls Club 75 Chrisp Street, E14 6LP</p> <p>The group wish to apply for a grant to organise an event celebrating their 10th anniversary, evaluate their services and achievements to help improve future activities.</p> <p>Additionally, the event is also intended to serve as an information session that will introduce the residents to their news services, including new courses and register new potential students whose lives could be improved by the courses on offer.</p> <p>Information about new courses/training will be available.</p> <p>The group will promote the event in local media in an effort to maximise attendance.</p>	£4,800	£2,500	<p>The proposed event has many merits.</p> <p>The group provided clear description of what the money will be used for, the need for the project and the benefits to participants.</p>	
CE-134	<p>Tower Hamlets Parents Centre</p> <p>Unit 1, Links Yard, 29 Spelman Street, London E1 5LX</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: Early April 2014</p> <p>Event Location: TBC</p> <p>The group are organising a "Health Promotion Day" in partnership with "Splash" Youth Project.</p>	£2,500	£2,000	<p>This is a well thought through application, which has clear community benefits, meets a local need and delivered in partnership with another community group as well as inviting Service Providers to distribute health related information.</p>	


Community Events - Round 6					Rationale	CGPB Recommendation £
Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
		The programme of the day will include organising competitive football matches for up to 16 teams, presentations on Health Issues and inviting different Service Agencies to provide information on Health and available services.				
CE-135	Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets Norvin House, 45-55 Commercial Street, London, E1 6BD	Proposed Date of Event: Wk. commencing 2/6/14 Event Location: Toynbee Hall or York Hall Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets is applying to run a borough-wide Speed Volunteering Fair during national Volunteers' Week to promote volunteering widely, and provide immediate matches between residents and local charities seeking volunteers. The event will be open to all Tower Hamlets residents. VCT's Speed Volunteering Fair will bring together potential volunteers (residents) and Volunteer Involving Organisations with vacancies. Up to 40 organisations with volunteering roles to exhibit, and at least 350 residents to attend the event, resulting in many starting volunteering quickly.	£4,827	£3,000	The proposed project is clearly described, the group provided clear description of what the grant will be used for. The researched and articulated the need for the project. The provided clear explanation of how the project represents good value for money. The group also demonstrated the need for the project, the impact or benefit of the project to participants and provided clear costings for the event.	

Community Events - Round 6					Rationale	CGPB Recommendation £
Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
CE-136	<p>Mile End Community Project</p> <p>111 Eric Street, Mile End, London E3 4TL</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: TBC</p> <p>Event Location: TBC</p> <p>Project aims: The project aims to connect residents of Mile End through celebrating the achievements of the area. The project will work with established and new communities by exploring and celebrating the past and future of Mile End via:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Welcome to Mile End DVD 2) Community event <p>Project objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established and new communities/residents to get to know each other • To promote community cohesion in the borough • To develop 'meaningful interaction' between people of different backgrounds • To engage with hard to reach groups and communities • To encourage individual and social responsibility in the community <p>Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 x outreach session – engaging and recruiting target audience 	£5,000	£3,500	<p>The proposed project has a clear description, but the group did not address how the project represents good value for money.</p> <p>The need for the project could have been better articulated and the group did not provide sufficient information of the benefit the project will bring to participants.</p> <p>It is proposed that the application is supported with reduced funding.</p>	

Community Events - Round 6					Rationale	CGPB Recommendation £
Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 x workshops – interviews and filming/photo shoot • 10 x volunteers supporting DVD production and community event • 2 x review/editing sessions • 1 x end of project event 				
CE-137	<p>Mulberry School For Girls</p> <p>Richard Street London E1 2JP</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: 17/05/2014</p> <p>Event Location: Mulberry Bigland Green Centre</p> <p>The applicant is planning to raise money for the Mulberry and Bigland Green Centre.</p> <p>The building project is a collaborative venture between Mulberry School for Girls (secondary) and the neighbouring primary school - Bigland Green. The purpose of the centre is to provide opportunities for adult and family learning, health and employment support as well as providing meeting facilities.</p> <p>The event is a charity fundraising gathering involving about 150 guests from the local community, students and adult learners.</p>	£3,557	£3,000	This is a well described project and though the group could have articulated how the proposed event represents food value for money; they established the need for the project and its benefit to participants.	

Community Events - Round 6					Rationale	CGPB Recommendation £
Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
CE-138	<p>Vallance Community Sports Association</p> <p>2nd Floor, 20 Club Row, London E2 7EY</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: July 5th-Aug 2nd 2014</p> <p>Event Location: Weavers Field</p> <p>The money will be used to pay for 2 Qualified Sports Coaches and equipment for the planned project. The project initiative will consist of the following components: -5 weekly structured Sports coaching sessions during weekends at Weavers Field offered free of charge to children aged 10-16 so that they have regular access to structured sports coaching and physical activities.</p> <p>Sessions will be delivered by qualified coaches and volunteers with the possibility of the children/young people moving onto other levels of participation (e.g., engagement in competitions, further development of skills etc.); -Bite-sized focused football and multi sports training that seeks to develop the skills of the children/young people and provides an incentive to pursue health and sports related career paths. -Partnership with local schools a range of after-school sports clubs will be established and continued. This is to</p>	£1,000	£0	<p>The proposed application is not for an event - and does not therefore meet the criteria.</p> <p>The vast majority of the requested grant (£800) is budgeted to be used for paying the Coaches.</p>	

Community Events - Round 6					Rationale	CGPB Recommendation £
Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
		promote health and sports focused activities as extra-curricular activities; and utilise the school as a platform for safe and consistent access to sports and physical activities.				
TOTALS			£88,492	£39,000		

Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma Decision Log No: 64	
Recommendation of: Corporate Grants Programme Board	Classification: Unrestricted
Community Chest Events Fund – Round 6	

Is this a Key Decision?	Yes
Decision Notice Publication Date:	Individual notice
General Exception or Urgency Notice published?	Not required
Restrictions:	N/A

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks approval of the Community Events Fund awards which were considered by the Corporate Grants Programme Board at its meeting of 8 April 2014.
- 1.2 Since the launch Events Funds, the Corporate Grants Programme Board (CGPB) 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 5 - have now been approved by the Mayor.
- 1.3 For the current phase of the Community Events Fund 21 applications have been received. These were assessed using the agreed procedure and award proposals presented to the CGPG.
- 1.4 Details of the applications received and the level of awards recommended by the Corporate Grants Programme Board are summarised in the following table. Additionally, the full report as presented to the CGPB is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.5 Decisions on these applications are now required in order that the Council is able to meet its commitment to making grants available to successful organisations in a timely manner, to enable all applicants to be notified of the outcome of their applications, to enable the processing of Grant Agreements and for initial stage payments to be processed for successful applicants.

Table of projects recommended for funding - Community Events - Round 6				
Ref	Organisation	Grant Request £	Proposal £	CGPB Recommendation £
CE-118	Al Isharah Ltd	5,000	2,500	2,500
CE-120	Associates of Community Trust UK (ACTUK)	4,915	1,000	1,000
CE-121	Broadening Horizons	3,900	3,000	3,000
CE-122	Sylhet Bawl Shangith Ghosti [?][?][?]	4,990	1,000	1,000
CE-123	Tower Hamlets Cricket Club	5,000	1,000	1,000
CE-124	Tower Hamlets Chinese School	4,730	2,000	2,000
CE-125	St George's Estate Residents Association	2,360	2,000	2,000
CE-126	Teviot Bangladeshi Cultural Community Group	4,778	1,000	1,000
CE-128	Redcoat Elders Club	5,000	4,000	4,000
CE-129	Pearl Advertising UK Ltd	3,749	1,000	1,000
CE-130	Alpha Grove Centre	3,230	2,500	2,500
CE-131	Shanghati Literary Society	4,747	2,000	2,000
CE-132	Children of Jannah	5,000	2,000	2,000
CE-133	Wadajir Somali Community Centre	4,800	2,500	2,500
CE-134	Tower Hamlets Parents Centre	2,500	2,000	2,000
CE-135	Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets	4,827	3,000	3,000
CE-136	Mile End Community Project	5,000	3,500	3,500
CE-137	Mulberry School For Girls	3,557	3,000	3,000
TOTALS		78,083	£39,000	£39,000

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Mayor is recommended to:

- 2.1 Agree the proposed awards for Community Events Funding totalling £39,000 as set out in the above table.
- 2.2 Authorise officers to issue Grant Agreements for the Community Events Fund in line with established procedures and to implement the agreed payment and monitoring arrangements.

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

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 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

APPENDIX 1

<p>Individual Mayoral Decision</p> <p>Corporate Grants Programme Board</p> <p>8 April 2014</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Corporate Director (Development & Renewal)</p> <p>Originating Officers: Dave Clark (Interim Service Head Resources D&R) Everett Haughton (Third Sector Programmes Manager)</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Community Events Fund - Round 6</p>	

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

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.6 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. Awards for round 5 have recently been approved by the Mayor.
- 1.7 For the current phase of the Community Events Fund (Round 6), 21 applications have been received. The following table provides a summary of the financial position to date.

	Community Events
Budget 2012-13	£100,000
Budget 2013-14	
Transfer of funds from Community Chest to Community Events (CGPB 17 Sept decision)	£161,695
Total 2012-14	£261,695
Approved awards round 1 - April 2013	£68,150
Approved awards round 2 - June 2013	£66,450

	Community Events
Approved awards round 3 - September 2013	£33,500
Approved awards round 4 - October 2013	£12,700
Approved awards round 5 - December 2013	£21,700
Remaining funds available 2013-14	£59,195
Proposed Awards Round 6	£39,000
Balance available for remaining (if proposed awards agreed)	£20,195

- 1.3 Details of applications received for which awards are proposed are summarised below in **Appendix 1**. Decisions on these applications are now required in order that the Council is able to meet its commitment to making grants available to successful organisations, to enable all applicants to be notified of the outcome of their applications, to enable the processing of Grant Agreements and for initial stage payments to be processed for successful applicants.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Mayor is recommended to:

- 2.3 Agree the proposed awards for Community Events Funding totalling £39,000 as set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.4 Authorise officers to issue Grant Agreements for the Community Events Fund in line with established procedures and to implement the agreed payment and monitoring arrangements.

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.
- 5.5 The Corporate Grants Programme Board of 11 June 2013 recommended that the Community Chest be suspended pending a review and that funding be transferred to the Community Events programme. The meeting of 17 September confirmed the final amount to be transferred to the Community Events fund. This resulted in a revised budget of £261,695 for the Community Events fund up to March 2014.
- 5.6 A separate report contains the review of the Community Chest and options for small grants funding from April 2014 onwards.

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. The total funding for Community Events is as set out in the table at paragraph 1.2 above.

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6.2 Officers have now assessed Round 6 applications for the Community Events Fund. 21 applications have been received for this round. These have gone through the agreed eligibility and assessment process and awards with a total value of £39,000 are proposed.

6.3 Were the proposed awards to be approved, an available budget of £20,195 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**.

6.5 Where known, the proposed event dates and locations are also provided.

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 6th 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 £202,500 for Community Events Fund leaving a balance of £59,195. 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, and due diligence verification, are

outlined in Appendix 1. The recommended bids for Community Events total £39,000.

- 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 £20,195 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 offers community events funding to assist in the planning and staging of community focused events and initiatives. The events which have been proposed for funding in this report are varied in nature. Each grant should only be made where there is a relevant source of statutory power to support it.
- 8.2 The proposed grants may be supported under a variety of the Council's statutory powers. For example, the Council has power -
- To support the provision of entertainment in the borough under section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972.
 - To secure sufficient educational and recreational leisure-time activities for young people in the borough under section 507B of the Education Act 1996
- 8.3 Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 gives the Council a general power of competence to do anything that individuals generally may do, subject to specified restrictions and limitations imposed by other statutes. This power may support the giving of grants to community groups, provided there is a good reason to do so.
- 8.4 There may be a good reason for giving a grant if it is likely to further the Council's sustainable community strategy under section 4 of the Local Government Act 2000. The Council's strategy is set out in the Tower Hamlets Community Plan, which includes "One Tower Hamlets" as a cross-cutting theme. One Tower Hamlets is the Council's aspiration to reduce poverty and inequality, bring local communities closer together, and provide strong leadership by involving and empowering people and giving them the tools and support to improve their lives. Many of the proposed grants may be viewed as supporting this aspiration. There are other objectives in the Community Plan which may be supported by the grants, such as the objective of achieving a Prosperous Community in Tower Hamlets.

- 8.5 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. There is information provided in section 9 of the report relevant to these considerations.

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 – Round 6

APPENDIX 1 - Community Events Fund – April 2014

Community Events - Round 6					Rationale	CGPB Recommendation £
Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
CE-118	<p>Al Isharah Ltd</p> <p>Office 102, East London Business Centre, 93-101 Greenfield Road, London, E1 1EJ</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: 1st February 2014</p> <p>Event Location: Royal Regency, E12 6TH</p> <p>The applicant is planning an event titled 'Deaf Dinner 2014: The Believers Dream, an event for the deaf community in Tower Hamlets.</p>	£5,000	£2,500	<p>The proposed project is clearly set out. The group addressed the need for the project and how it represents good value for money.</p> <p>The proposed project has many merits and it is proposed it is supported but with reduced funding.</p>	
CE-119	<p>Arebyte Unit 4a 49 White Post Lane London E9 5EN</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: 19th to 20th July 2014</p> <p>Event Location: Various</p> <p>The applicant would like financial support for a two day festival titled: Spontaneous Combustion Festival. This would be the 4th year of organising the festival, which offers two days of performances and dance workshops, free-of-charge and open to all</p> <p>It is planned that the festival will take place in various outdoor and indoor public spaces in Tower Hamlets offering free activities including workshops in tango, African, Indian dance and Blind-drawing.</p> <p>A 2-week artist residency programme will be offered in Arbeit Gallery. A marketing campaign will encourage the audience of approximately 300.</p>	£4,491	£0	<p>The group provided clear description of what the grant would be used for.</p> <p>The group have secured additional financial support totalling 35% of the budgeted project cost.</p> <p>Financial support may be available from the Council's arts and events fund.</p>	

Community Events - Round 6					Rationale	CGPB Recommendation £
Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
CE-120	Associates of Community Trust UK (ACTUK) c/o: 8 Culpin House, Turin Street, London E2 6BZ	Proposed Date of Event: 23 th Feb 2014 Event Location: Wodeham Community Centre, Whitechapel The group is planning an award ceremony at Wodeham Community Centre in Whitechapel for the young people who have attended the organisation's study support classes.	£4,915	£1,000	This application lacks clarity; in particular the budget appears inflated, is confusing and includes items not related to the event, such as salaries for sessional worker. The applicant wants to spend 1. £1,950 on sessional worker (£13 p/h X 6hr wk X25wks) 2. £1,200 on Publicity, Stationary and Gifts for Children. 3. £1,545 on refreshment, Travel and Volunteer costs. Propose contribution to the Publicity and Gifts element.	
CE-121	Broadening Horizons 3B Brayford Sq Summer Court Road, Stepney, London E1 1BS	Proposed Date of Event: 21 February 2014 Event Location: Exmouth Estate, E1 The group is planning to hold a multicultural Women's Family Day on Exmouth Estate, E1 on 21 February 2014 to celebrate and commemorate Bangladesh Language Day. The money will be used towards organising the event and entertainment costs. The event will be open to Women of all ages and provide an opportunity for them to meet, socialise,	£ 3,900	£3,000	The proposed event has many merits. The group provided clear description of what the money will be used for.	

Community Events - Round 6					Rationale	CGPB Recommendation £
Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
		share stories over cakes and other small snacks.				
CE-122	Sylhet Bawl Shangith Ghosti [?][?][?] 17 Horwood House, Pott Street E2 0EH	Proposed Date of Event: 15 April 2014 Event Location: 1A Hollybush Place, Bethnal Green, London, E2 9QX Purpose of the project is to hold a Musical Event to celebrate Culture and history about Bengali to local diverse communities. The applicant argues that the event will help local Bangladeshi children to better understanding of their own history and background, increase their self-confidence and self-esteem.	£4,990	£1,000	The proposed project has some good merits but could have been articulated better. The group did not address the need for the project and the benefit it brings to participants. The budget also appears inflated and unjustified. It is proposed that the project is supported with reduced grant of no more than £1,000.	
CE-123	Tower Hamlets Cricket Club THCC c/o Bangla Town Cash & Carry, 67-77 Hanbury St, London E1 5JP	Proposed Date of Event: February Half Term Holiday 2014 Event Location: Stepney Green School Sports Hall The group proposes to use the grant to organise 4 indoor sports competition – football, cricket, badminton, and multisport. The event will be targeting local people across the borough with wide target age group, under -11, under -16, 16+ year olds as well as a women's	£5,000	£1,000	This is a well presented application and carefully thought through project. It is proposed that a contribution to the event is made.	

Community Events - Round 6					Rationale	CGPB Recommendation £
Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
		<p>multisport festival.</p> <p>The group outline the intended outcomes to include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased community cohesion 2. Increased confidence and reduced isolation 3. Improved health 4. Increased civic participation 				
CE-124	<p>Tower Hamlets Chinese School</p> <p>Raine Foundation School Old Bethnal Green Road E2 9 RG</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: 1 February 2014.</p> <p>Event Location: TBC</p> <p>This group is applying for an event to celebrate the Chinese New Year and to give the Chinese residents of Tower Hamlets a chance to experience a culture event of their own. The event will be open to all members of the community.</p> <p>The event aims to increase social participation of Chinese residents in Tower Hamlets and give them an opportunity to enjoy an event which celebrates their culture; increase integration in Tower Hamlets and reduce the social tension.</p>	£4,730	£2,000	<p>The proposed project has some good merits, however some of the proposed expenditure items are unjustified, as the total project costs of £4730 includes payments to members of the organisation and students participating as well as various administration expenses.</p> <p>It is suggested that we contribute towards the costs of:</p> <p>Food and drink £920 Decoration £380 Venue hire £150 Insurance £350 Red pocket £200</p>	

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Ref	Organisation Details	Outline of Proposed Event	Grant Request £	Proposal £		
CE-125	St George's Estate Residents Association c/o 46 Hatton House, Hindmarsh Close E1 8JJ	<p>Proposed Date of Event: 22nd March 2014</p> <p>Event Location: St George's Estate</p> <p>The group are planning to hold a Community Planting Day as a part of a project to regenerate the outdoor spaces of St George's Estate and enhance community engagement and participation. The applicants assert that the proposed project will create a new natural play space for children, adding that the Community Planting days will be the culmination of months of community engagement activities.</p> <p>The grant will be used for hiring specialist professionals to advise and devise plans for planting the area and creating a festive community atmosphere, which will transform the estate from a barren dilapidated space to a natural playground complete with trees and will leave a long term legacy for residents.</p>	£2,360	£2,000	<p>The applicant provided clear description of what the grant will be used for. The proposed project represents good value for money and the project costs are modest.</p> <p>The group demonstrated a clear need for the project and set out the impact and benefits of the proposed project.</p> <p>The proposed project has many merits and with a long legacy.</p>	

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CE-126	<p>Teviot Bangladeshi Cultural Community Group</p> <p>181 Teviot Street, Poplar, E14 6PY</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: 23 February 2014</p> <p>Event Location: Teviot neighbourhood Poplar HARCA centre. Wyvis Street E14 6QD</p> <p>The group are planning an achievement Award Ceremony acknowledging achievements of their students on their Education project</p> <p>The event will have 2 workshops, with representation from Social Service, PCT, GP, local community leaders, local councillor, faith leaders, local role model and community members to have open discussion on the smoking agenda.</p>	£4,778	£1,000	<p>The Council already supports the organisation's Education Project community languages and supplementary educational and study support.</p> <p>The submitted budget is confusing and includes sessional workers over a number of weeks and arts and crafts materials. It does not clearly relate to the proposed activities.</p> <p>However some costs are in line with the event: venue hire, publicity, refreshment costs and gifts for children.</p>	
CE-127	<p>Setting The Milestone Limited</p> <p>Trussler Community Hall, 78 Grundy Street, London E14 6DR</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: TBC</p> <p>Event Location: TBC</p> <p>The group are seeking a grant to organise an event marking their first year of operation showcasing their work and to celebrate young people's achievement on their Study Support classes, Employment & Training and Youth Engagement Programmes.</p>	£4,918	£0	<p>The proposed project is clearly described but is not well costed as the budget includes items that clearly do not relate to a launch ceremony or workshops.</p>	

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CE-128	<p>Redcoat Elders Club</p> <p>166 Stepney Way, London E1 3ED</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: 21 February 2014</p> <p>Event Location: Redcoat Elders Club</p> <p>Redcoat Elders Club (REC) aims to provide facilities for recreation and leisure with the object of improving the conditions of life by providing advice and information on areas such as health and fitness issues.</p> <p>REC plans to hold a Language Movement Day event.</p> <p>It will be an opportunity for the users to share stories and memories of life during the Bengali Language Movement of 1952.</p>	£5,000	£4,000	<p>The proposed project including the need for the planned activities is well articulated.</p> <p>However some of the items in the breakdown of expenditure provided do not appear to represent good value for money and it is therefore recommend not to fully fund the proposal to the level requested.</p>	
CE-129	<p>Pearl Advertising UK Ltd</p> <p>G1 Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, Bethnal Green, E2 6HG</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event 9th March 2014 or Saturday 15th March 2014</p> <p>Event Location Ecology Pavilion Mile End Park</p> <p>The International Women's Day Bazaar</p> <p>The event will be a free to enter event for all the community.</p> <p>It will be an event to celebrate women's achievements and will start off with a four minute story</p>	£3,749	£1,000	<p>The proposed project is well described with clearly set out benefits to its participants.</p> <p>The group could have better articulated how the proposed event represents good value for money.</p>	

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		<p>of why International Women's Day (IWD) is marked on March 8th every year.</p> <p>There will be 5 inspirational women from Tower Hamlets from different sectors talking about their job, how they balance family life and career.</p> <p>The event will consist of four sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Live entertainment and storytelling > Stalls > Best dessert competition > Children's area – staffed by CRB checked teachers and a hire person with the bouncy castle for extra safety. 				
CE-130	<p>ALPHA GROVE CENTRE</p> <p>ALPHA GROVE, ISLE OF DOGS, LONDON E14 8LH</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event 16/08/2014, 2- 6pm</p> <p>Event Location Alpha grove centre</p> <p>The applicant is seeking funding support to organise a Community Fun Day at Alpha Grove Centre.</p> <p>The proposed event has two objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen the relationship between local residents, tackle social isolation and improve engagement in the community. 	£3,230	£2,500	This is a well described project, the group clearly set out the impact and benefits of the proposed event and will be using own premises, which reduces the overall project costs. They established the need for the project.	

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		<p>2. The second objective is the delivery of “Letters: Cartas” live performance and workshops, which will explore the possibilities of the powerful, tactile nature of the handwritten letter within our culture of digital media.</p> <p>The grant will be spent on BBQ, games and arts and crafts activities. There will be balloons, face painting, a bouncy castle, arcade games, popcorn and candy floss and various other fun activities.</p>				
CE-131	Shanghati Literary Society	<p>Proposed Date of Event 13-14 September 2014</p> <p>Event Location Perrin Lecture Theatre, Whitechapel campus of Queen Mary, University of London.</p> <p>Shanghati Literary Society will hold its next an annual poetry festival.</p> <p>The event will start at the Altab Ali Park with a procession by children and members of the local diverse communities with art banners, displays and colourful dresses which will go through Whitechapel High Street to the University of London campus.</p> <p>It is anticipated that over</p>	£4,747	£2,000	<p>The proposed event is clearly described and the group provided clear explanation of how the grant will be used. The group did not provide clear and adequate explanation of how the represents good value for money.</p> <p>They also did not demonstrate how the need was established or provide an explanation of how the need was established. The group stated that they will use own resources as a match funding to the event; however the venue and associated costs are high.</p> <p>Propose that a contribution of no more than £2,000 be awarded.</p>	

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		1000 individuals will benefit from the event.				
CE-132	<p>Children of Jannah</p> <p>119 Woodseer Street, London E1 5HG</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event 01/05/2014</p> <p>Event Location Price Waterhouse Coopers, Embankment</p> <p>The group intend to hold an event to raise awareness about its child bereavement services for local people.</p> <p>The event aims to promote cohesion between the local community and the charity and other organisations in a number of ways.</p> <p>These include; improved co-ordination of existing services and raising awareness of the different services/provisions within and outside the borough for the deaf community.</p> <p>An information stall area will allow other charities and services to showcase their products and services.</p> <p>Beneficiaries will also have the chance to sign-up to training days as well as creating a cohesion of how they can all get together to help bereaved parents in our community.</p>	£5,000	£2,000	<p>The applicant provided clear description of what the grant will be used for.</p> <p>The grant will be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs of projectors, Screens, • Sound System, • Stage • Photographer • Video Team • Printing and Digital Material • Crockery and waiters • Food <p>The group demonstrated a clear need for the project and set out the impact and benefits of the proposed project. However, the group did not sufficiently explain how the proposed project represents good value for money.</p> <p>The group submitted financial breakdown, however the overall project costs are slightly high.</p> <p>Propose that a contribution of no more than £2,000 be awarded.</p>	

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CE-133	Wadajir Somali Community Centre 2 Follett Street, London, E14 6LX	<p>Proposed Date of Event 15/4/14</p> <p>Event Location Poplar Boys & Girls Club 75 Chrisp Street, E14 6LP</p> <p>The group wish to apply for a grant to organise an event celebrating their 10th anniversary, evaluate their services and achievements to help improve future activities.</p> <p>Additionally, the event is also intended to serve as an information session that will introduce the residents to their news services, including new courses and register new potential students whose lives could be improved by the courses on offer.</p> <p>Information about new courses/training will be available.</p> <p>The group will promote the event in local media in an effort to maximise attendance.</p>	£4,800	£2,500	<p>The proposed event has many merits.</p> <p>The group provided clear description of what the money will be used for, the need for the project and the benefits to participants.</p>	
CE-134	Tower Hamlets Parents Centre Unit 1, Links Yard, 29 Spelman Street, London E1 5LX	<p>Proposed Date of Event: Early April 2014</p> <p>Event Location: TBC</p> <p>The group are organising a "Health Promotion Day" in partnership with "Splash" Youth Project.</p>	£2,500	£2,000	<p>This is a well thought through application, which has clear community benefits, meets a local need and delivered in partnership with another community group as well as inviting Service Providers to distribute health related information.</p>	

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		The programme of the day will include organising competitive football matches for up to 16 teams, presentations on Health Issues and inviting different Service Agencies to provide information on Health and available services.				
CE-135	Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets Norvin House, 45-55 Commercial Street, London, E1 6BD	Proposed Date of Event: Wk. commencing 2/6/14 Event Location: Toynbee Hall or York Hall Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets is applying to run a borough-wide Speed Volunteering Fair during national Volunteers' Week to promote volunteering widely, and provide immediate matches between residents and local charities seeking volunteers. The event will be open to all Tower Hamlets residents. VCT's Speed Volunteering Fair will bring together potential volunteers (residents) and Volunteer Involving Organisations with vacancies. Up to 40 organisations with volunteering roles to exhibit, and at least 350 residents to attend the event, resulting in many starting volunteering quickly.	£4,827	£3,000	The proposed project is clearly described, the group provided clear description of what the grant will be used for. The researched and articulated the need for the project. The provided clear explanation of how the project represents good value for money. The group also demonstrated the need for the project, the impact or benefit of the project to participants and provided clear costings for the event.	

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CE-136	<p>Mile End Community Project</p> <p>111 Eric Street, Mile End, London E3 4TL</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: TBC</p> <p>Event Location: TBC</p> <p>Project aims: The project aims to connect residents of Mile End through celebrating the achievements of the area. The project will work with established and new communities by exploring and celebrating the past and future of Mile End via:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Welcome to Mile End DVD 2) Community event <p><u>Project objectives include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established and new communities/residents to get to know each • To promote community cohesion in the borough • To develop 'meaningful interaction' between people of different backgrounds • To engage with hard to reach groups and communities • To encourage individual and social responsibility in the community <p><u>Deliverables:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 x outreach session – engaging and recruiting target audience 	£5,000	£3,500	<p>The proposed project has a clear description, but the group did not address how the project represents good value for money.</p> <p>The need for the project could have been better articulated and the group did not provide sufficient information of the benefit the project will bring to participants.</p> <p>It is proposed that the application is supported with reduced funding.</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 x workshops – interviews and filming/photo shoot • 10 x volunteers supporting DVD production and community event • 2 x review/editing sessions • 1 x end of project event 				
CE-137	<p>Mulberry School For Girls</p> <p>Richard Street London E1 2JP</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: 17/05/2014</p> <p>Event Location: Mulberry Bigland Green Centre</p> <p>The applicant is planning to raise money for the Mulberry and Bigland Green Centre.</p> <p>The building project is a collaborative venture between Mulberry School for Girls (secondary) and the neighbouring primary school - Bigland Green. The purpose of the centre is to provide opportunities for adult and family learning, health and employment support as well as providing meeting facilities.</p> <p>The event is a charity fundraising gathering involving about 150 guests from the local community, students and adult learners.</p>	£3,557	£3,000	This is a well described project and though the group could have articulated how the proposed event represents food value for money; they established the need for the project and its benefit to participants.	

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CE-138	<p>Vallance Community Sports Association</p> <p>2nd Floor, 20 Club Row, London E2 7EY</p>	<p>Proposed Date of Event: July 5th-Aug 2nd 2014</p> <p>Event Location: Weavers Field</p> <p>The money will be used to pay for 2 Qualified Sports Coaches and equipment for the planned project. The project initiative will consist of the following components: -5 weekly structured Sports coaching sessions during weekends at Weavers Field offered free of charge to children aged 10-16 so that they have regular access to structured sports coaching and physical activities.</p> <p>Sessions will be delivered by qualified coaches and volunteers with the possibility of the children/young people moving onto other levels of participation (e.g., engagement in competitions, further development of skills etc.); -Bite-sized focused football and multi sports training that seeks to develop the skills of the children/young people and provides an incentive to pursue health and sports related career paths. -Partnership with local schools a range of after-school sports clubs will be established and continued. This is to</p>	£1,000	£0	<p>The proposed application is not for an event - and does not therefore meet the criteria.</p> <p>The vast majority of the requested grant (£800) is budgeted to be used for paying the Coaches.</p>	

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		promote health and sports focused activities as extra-curricular activities; and utilise the school as a platform for safe and consistent access to sports and physical activities.				
TOTALS			£88,492	£39,000		