



TOWER HAMLETS

# **Grants Determination Sub-Committee**

**1 May 2019**

# **Local Community Fund and Small Grants**



# Local Community Fund

- Developed through co-production with VCS
- Five themes sub-divided into 15 schemes
  - Inclusion, health & wellbeing
  - Digital inclusion
  - Information and advice
  - Employment and skills
  - Community safety
- £2.66m pa from 1 Oct 19 to 31 Mar 23



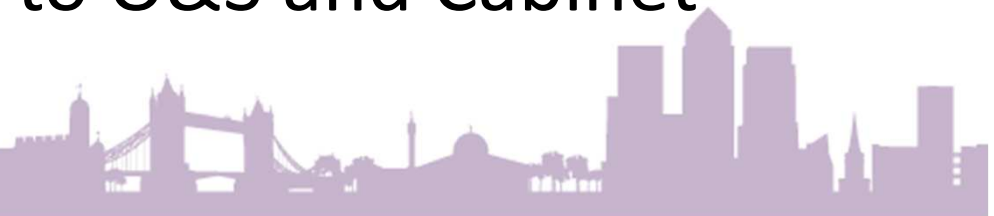
# LCF – Principles

- Outcomes focus
- Proportionate process
- Full cost – no requirement for match funding
- Locally based
- Continuing co-design of activities
- ‘Light touch’ contracts
- Outcomes based monitoring



# LCF – Process

- Deadline noon 17 May
- Open and transparent bidding process
- Support & training provided
- External assessment
- Equality impact and risk assessment
- Decisions made by Chief Executive
- Reported for endorsement to Cabinet
- Annual impact report to O&S and Cabinet



# Engagement - Development

- 131 organisations (312 individual attendances) have engaged in the development of the final programme.
- Similar numbers participated in the development of the framework in 2018.



# Engagement - Bidding

- LBTH sessions with THCVS support
  - Five sessions (3x daytime, 1x evening & 1x weekend)
  - 100+ organisations attended
- THCVS
  - Three sessions delivered
  - Three further sessions planned – longer workshop/surgery sessions



# Current bids

- Bids in progress 74
  - Bids from non-MSG orgs 35
  - Partnership bids 2



# Information and Support

**Council** – [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lcf](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lcf)

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## **THCVS**

Events and training: <https://thcvs.org.uk/training/>

Information: <https://thcvs.org.uk/projects/local-community-fund>

**VCTH** are also providing support through their Voluntary Sector Children and Young People's Network,  
[https://www.vcth.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=49&Itemid=69](https://www.vcth.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=49&Itemid=69)



# Small Grants Programme

- Single programme for all Council grants
- Five themes
- Outcomes based funding
- Common eligibility criteria
- Proportionate levels of funding
- Externally administered by EECF
- Funding begins 1 October 2019



# Funding themes

- **Innovation**

to encourage innovation or pilot something new, especially where there is a gap;

- **Prevention**

to promote grass roots activity to reduce the need for statutory services;

- **Neighbourhood action**

to promote local neighbourhood initiatives

- **Community cohesion**

to develop community resilience, promote cultural opportunities and reduce social isolation, and

- **Partnership working**

making the sector more effective through closer partnership working within the sector and across sectors.



# Eligibility

- No restriction on size (priority small group)
- Local leadership
- Local area of benefit
- Include communities of interest
- Proportionate standards of governance and management – non-constituted groups supported by established organisations
- Not open to individuals



# Levels of Funding

1. Up to £500 – one off micro funding
2. Over £500 up to £5,000 – one off or up to one year with potential extension for second year
3. Community cohesion up to £20,000



# Timetable

- 1 May First round launched
  - 24 June Deadline for first round
  - 1 Sept First round notifications
  - 1 Oct New projects begin
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- Four rounds per year



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