

Committee/Meeting: Grants Panel	Date: 25 th March 2010	Classification: Unrestricted	Report No: GP 10/0910
Report of: Helen Taylor, Corporate Director (Interim), Adults Health and Wellbeing Originating officer(s) Barbara Disney, Commissioning Manager - Older People		Title: Mainstream Grants 2010 – 13 Funding Recommendations for activities that contribute to the health and wellbeing of Tower Hamlets adult residents Wards Affected: All	

Lead Member	
Community Plan Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Safe and Supportive Community
Strategic Priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supporting Older People ▪ Healthier Communities ▪ Locally Focused Services Empowering Local People

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks the Grants Panel's decision on Mainstream Grant awards for the period 1st July 2010 to 31st March 2013.
- 1.2 On 2nd December 2009, Cabinet members agreed to extend the service agreements for non-lunch club projects funded by Mainstream Grants to the end of June 2010 to enable new arrangements to be implemented.
- 1.3 Cabinet also agreed funding, in principle for the period of two years and nine months, starting from 1st July 2010 to 31st March 2013, subject to agreement on budget settlements and the satisfactory delivery of agreed outputs and outcomes.
- 1.4 At the time of preparing this report the Council's budget settlement for 2010-11 has not been approved by Full Council, consequently awards are provisional at this stage.

2. DECISIONS REQUIRED

The Grants Panel is recommended to:-

- 2.1 Agree first year funding from June to end of the financial year 2010 for the ten organisations which have been successful in the commissioning process and met the priorities agreed by Cabinet on 2nd December 2010. Funding for subsequent year will be subject to budget.

3. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 3.1 In relation to the Mainstream Grant funded projects, decisions are being sought to agree funding for a range of organisations who met the eligibility criteria for Adult Health and Wellbeing Grant funding, provide services that meet the diverse needs of Tower Hamlets residents and provide value for money, within the parameters of the Mainstream Grants budget.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 Officers have recommended services for funding that have best evidenced their ability to provide local services within available funding and best meet a broad range of needs.

5. BACKGROUND

- 5.1 Cabinet in August 2007 took a decision to adopt a commissioning approach for the allocation of Mainstream Grant funding to the third sector. There are two funding streams within the Grant programme for Adults Health and Wellbeing: lunch club provision and non lunch club provision.
- 5.2 Lunch club provision was the first of the two funding streams to adopt the new model and a 3 year funding arrangement from April 2009 was agreed by the Grants Panel on 19th March 2009. This report is about the other funding stream: "non lunch club" provision.
- 5.3 Members agreed that the current non-lunch club Service Agreements would be extended to the end of June 2010 to allow local organisations adequate time to access Officer support in the application process. 19 organisations were represented at the three training/workshop sessions offered this year.

6. FUNDING PRIORITIES

- 6.1 Members agreed funding priorities which contribute to services that:
- respond to health and wellbeing issues experienced by the borough's adult residents;
 - have flexibility to meet new and emerging needs;
 - support service users to be healthy and independent;
 - give service users genuine choice, control and dignity; and

- keep vulnerable adults safe from abuse, harm or neglect.

We would also give consideration to funding language, gender and culturally specific services where evidence of the need for the service is demonstrated.

- 6.2 Subject to budget agreements, there is £250,206 per year allocated for non-lunchclub provision. Of this £10,000 per year is allocated as Adult Health and Wellbeing contribution to Community Transport and, for 2010-11 only, £60,051 was held back to fund the three month Service Agreement extension period ending 30th June 2010 as noted above. This leaves £179,090 to be allocated in year one and £237,790 in years 2 and 3.
- 6.3 The funding priorities were advertised on the Council's website, in East End Life, and Officers contacted currently funded organisations to ensure local organisations were aware of the process. Following the training/workshop sessions, Adult Health and Wellbeing received applications from 33 projects.
- 6.4 The total funding requested from these applications was £720,380 for the first year, some of which was for 9 months and some for the full year. For the full three years, the total funding requested was for £2,176,855. Details of these applications is set out in the appendix to this report.
- 6.5 Following Officer assessment and moderation by Service Managers, the ten projects detailed below are recommended:

	Year 1 (9 months)	Year 2	Year 3
Green Candle Dance Studio	22,000	29,335	29,335
Tower Hamlets Friends and Neighbours	21,000	28,000	28,000
Toynbee Hall Surma Club	6,770	9,025	9,025
Toynbee Hall Dignify Project	22,500	30,000	30,000
Womens Health and family (Health for Somali Elders)	22,000	29,335	29,335
London Buddhist Centre	16,320	21,760	21,760
Alzheimers Society - BME	32,000	40,000	40,000
Metropolitan Society for the Blind	22,000	29,335	29,335
Tower Hamlets MENCAP (Tower Hamlets Gateway Club)	12,000	18,000	18,000
Dekhtay Chai (Bengali talking newspaper)	2,500	3,000	3,000
Sub-Total before transport	179,090	237,790	237,790
Community Transport contribution	10,000	10,000	10,000
	189,090	247,790	247,790

- 6.6 These projects will offer a range of activities and support to a wide range of our service users within the available budget.

- 6.7 The Panel is asked to approve the first year of funding for these projects totalling £179,090 (excluding Community Transport).

7. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- 7.1 The budgets for Adult Health and Wellbeing will need to be reviewed in the years 2011/12 to 2013/14 to reflect the need to make budget reductions required at a national level. The grants budgets for year 2 and 3 set out in paragraph 6.5 will be subject to that review and cannot be confirmed until that review is concluded.

8. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL SERVICES)

- 8.1 The organisations will be obliged to enter into contracts setting out the performance targets and inputs. These contracts will have to confirm a break clause that allows the Council to stop the service or amend the grant if funding is not agreed in future year's Council budgets

9. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 The purpose of the Mainstream Grant programme within Adults Health and Wellbeing is to tackle a broad range of health and social care issues within the borough. All commissioned/contracted projects and activities are designed to ensure that services contribute to delivering the Council's agreed policies, strategies and action plans in relation to One Tower Hamlets by reducing inequalities between the different sections of the community.

10. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 10.1 Where appropriate, Service Agreements with successful projects include requirements to ensure compliance with the Council's agreed sustainability action plans.

11. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 A number of different risks arise from any funding of external organisations. The key risks being:
- Funding not fully utilised and therefore allocations remain unspent;
 - Funding used for purposes other than those agreed;
 - Organisations not able to secure all the necessary funding required to deliver the project as planned; or,
 - Organisations failing to deliver the agreed outputs/outcomes.

- 11.2 Part of the appraisal process evaluates and takes into consideration the above and other related risks in relation to both the organisation and the project.
- 11.3 Additionally, to ensure that action is taken to minimise risks, funded organisations will need to comply with the requirements of the Council's Service. All organisations are monitored against agreed targets with periodic monitoring visits by officers.

12. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 A number of contracted projects work with individuals who are within or deemed to be 'at risk' of becoming involved in the criminal justice system, or, are involved in petty crime/anti-social behaviour. The projects in question work with clients providing a range of diversionary activities including developing a range of social and employability skills, delivering accredited training or getting individuals into further education.

13. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT

- 13.1 The projects recommended for funding in the report have been selected on the basis that the commissioned work will deliver against the agreed Service Delivery Standards and Priorities. Projects will be monitored to ensure that they are delivering agreed outputs and benefits which contribute measurably to meeting targets including efficiency and value for money.

14. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – MSG Non-lunchclub organisations applications for 2010-13

**Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)
List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report**

Brief description of "background papers"	Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection.
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None

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