

Emergency Funding Emergency Funding Award



Weavers Adventure Playground Association
Total award - £9,722.00

Organisation Details

**Emergency Funding
Award:**
£9,722.00

Date Applied:
16th March 2022

Date Awarded:
24th March 2022

Background

Weavers Adventure Playground Association (WAPA) was a recipient of LBTH Mainstream Grants (MSG) funding. When MSG was replaced by the Local Community Fund WAPA submitted a bid for this funding stream, but was unsuccessful in its bid. During this period the organisation attempted to form a consortium with the other adventure playgrounds in the borough and put together a joint bid for funding which was unsuccessful. The impact of COVID and increased competition for funding has contributed to WAPA's current financial situation.

Defined Emergency

The Emergency Fund Award is primarily focused on funding the salaries of six staff members to keep WAPA open to deliver services for local children and families. Staff are required to deliver and monitor play provision at the playground. It is important that the quality of service, staff and standards in delivering outdoor play for local children and young people in Tower Hamlets is maintained.

Award Conditions

WAPA works with the council and partners to explore diversifying its income by crowdfunding.

The organisation is required to have/develop a funding strategy that sets out its plans in sustaining and becoming financially viable and secure in the coming years.



Account 3

Total award - £10,000

Organisation Details

Emergency Funding Award:
£10,000.00

Date Applied:
6th April 2022

Date Awarded:
10th May 2022

Background

Account 3 has been operating in Tower Hamlets since 1991 and has supported Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) women in education, training, and employment since then. Fundraising has been difficult for the organisation since the COVID-19 pandemic, more so as funding for women-led programmes has also been significantly reduced. In response to this the organisation started to diversify its income by hiring out space in its building – this covered the organisation’s on-going core costs. However, in December 2021 the organisation was notified by its landlord that its building needed essential upgrades, which would result in limited space and increased rates which would impact on the organisation’s ability to remain open.

Defined Emergency

The emergency funding, if successful, would allow the organisation to work towards either restructuring or folding - by September 2022 the organisation will know which route to pursue, following the advice received from its insolvency practitioner, whose services would be covered by the Emergency Fund.

Award Conditions

Account3 to work with Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service for additional support, particularly under theme 6 of the Infrastructure and Capacity Building Grant – Developing resilience and supporting organisations through periods of transition.