


Individual Mayoral Decision	 TOWER HAMLETS
Decision Log No: (To be inserted by Democratic Services) ³⁷	
Report of: Anne Canning, Interim Corporate Director, Education, Social Care and Well Being	Classification: [Unrestricted or Exempt]
Jaganori Women's Educational Resource Centre – 'End It' – Domestic Abuse Project	

Is this a Key Decision?	No
Decision Notice Publication Date:	N/A as not a key decision The approval sought is not regarded as a key decision for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amount of funds being proposed in this round of awards is insufficient compared with the overall amount of third sector grant giving. In the current financial year, total grants awarded by the Council amount to £6.8m. • The project currently proposed together totals some £60k in grant funding. This represents less than 1% of grant awards in the current year.
General Exception or Urgency Notice published?	Not required
Restrictions:	Unrestricted

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Jagonari 'End It' - Domestic Abuse Project is an evidence-based project that was piloted in Tower Hamlets during 2012-13 through Home Office – Crime Innovation Funding. The project is innovative as it aims to target both victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse.

The aim of the project is:

- To offer a safe haven and provide multi-disciplinary support to victims of Domestic Violence in partnership with external agencies/organisations.
- Deliver education workshops across the community to raise awareness of Domestic Violence and its consequences and the impact this has on children and families. In particular it aims to target men and equip

them with adequate tools to become active participants in the fight against violence.

- Deliver a publicity campaign in venues across the borough to reach out and raise awareness to the wider community to help women and men recognise domestic abuse in all its strands – sexual, emotional, financial and physical.

The outcomes delivered through the awareness raising activities have increased the number of victims accessing services at the same time as reducing the levels of domestic violence in the borough.

The domestic abuse pilot is currently being evaluated and early indications suggest that the project is valued by the community particularly because individuals are able to self-refer into the service and because they are offered an holistic package of support which is on-going. During the pilot 60 women self-referred into the service. In addition, through partnership work with East London Mosque, they have been able to reach out to a significant number of men in the borough to support the drive to put an end to domestic abuse in Tower Hamlets.

As this has been a successful pilot which links closely with the Mayors Priorities and as the original source of funding has come to an end it is proposed that grant funding be approved for a further year to support the project through the Council's Mainstream Grants Programme. The annual cost of the project is £65k of which it is proposed the Council provides £60k.

The funding will be conditional on it being drawn down against a detailed project plan and binding legal agreement with the Council and it being set against the evidenced delivery outputs and outcomes contained therein and that these agreements are in place before any funds are released. The above being subject to any clarifications from the applicants considered necessary by the Council to further establish value for money, measurable outputs and outcomes and any necessary referral pathway protocols or other requirements specific to safeguarding.

The programme will be monitored through the Council's internal MSG processes.

The Corporate Grants Programme Board agreed on 11th June 2013 to recommend to the Mayor that the End It – Domestic Abuse Project, run by Jaganori Women's Educational Resource Centre proposal (with running costs of £65k) be granted £60k of MSG funding.

DECISION

The Mayor is asked to approve the award of £60k to Jaganori to support the continuation of the above project.

APPROVALS

1. (If applicable) Corporate Director proposing the decision or his/her deputy

I approve the attached report and proposed decision above for submission to the Mayor.

Signed *Alice Cannon* Date 01/07/13

2. Chief Finance Officer or his/her deputy

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

Signed *C. Bell* Date 3/7/13

3. Monitoring Officer or his/her deputy

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

(For Key Decision only – delete as applicable)

I confirm that this decision:-

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

Signed *J. Bell* Date 10/7/13

4. (If the proposed decision relates to matters for which the Head of Paid Service has responsibility) Head of Paid Service

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

Signed Date

5. Mayor

I agree the decision proposed above for the reasons set out in the attached report.

Signed *Alice Cannon* Date 16/7/13