

Equality Assessment of MSG Roll-Over Funding Proposals 2015: Funding Stream

Arts, Sports & Environmental Services (ASES): Proposal to extend or discontinue Main Stream Grant (MSG) beyond 31st March 2015.

Section 1

Service Area	Culture, Learning and Leisure, CLC
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<p>Priorities/Objectives <i>State how the funding stream relates to tackling inequality (for example, advice services can help mitigate impact of deprivation; lunch clubs reduce social isolation, sports increase health and wellbeing etc);</i></p>	<p>There are 2 strands within this budget area: Arts and Events - Organisations have demonstrated outreach and community initiatives which have increased the usage of specialist arts facilities for young people and families as well as increased participation in celebratory events. Sports and Open Spaces - Organisations have demonstrated pathways to excellence in sports for young people and are working improve the capacity of local sports clubs. Some have shown that they have raised the level of physical activity amongst residents, particularly those who were inactive and have enhanced sporting opportunities for people with physical disabilities.</p>
<p>Background</p>	<p>The Equalities Assessment undertaken in 2012/13 identified the need to improve the access to, and availability of, good quality green, spaces, sports and play provision through its Local Development Framework, associated Development Planning Documents. The LDF has a substantial underlying evidence base which is available for public scrutiny.</p> <p>The ASES MSG funding allocations support projects and activities which contribute towards meeting these needs and which are also complementary to the Council’s strategic objectives.</p> <p>Particular consideration was been made to the applications that offer beneficial services or activities to those within the community who may otherwise find it difficult to access these. This can be for a variety of reasons including physical and perceptual barriers or economic constraint. Measures that break down barriers such as language, lack of confidence, generational or cultural differences are a key to encouraging social integration. The arts are particularly effective in transcending social categorisation and divisions whilst sports and play activities encourage active healthy lifestyles and access to nature is an essential element in ensuring personal well-being.</p> <p>Although there is overall borough data for sports participation this isn’t statistically significant at ward levels, so units of identified need in local areas are not available.</p>

Section 2

<p>Reasons for Change <i>In brief please explain the proposal and the reasons for this change (Summary)</i></p>	<p>This equality assessment refers only to those projects not recommended for extended funding (see detail in section 6).</p>
<p>Impact</p>	

Funding Stream Assessment Outcome	
Total no of Projects funded	51
Number of projects recommended for roll-over funding:	45
Number of projects not recommended for roll-over funding	4
Number of projects now closed – Grant Terminated	2

Impact Summary

Summarise any overall impact of the assessment on the various groups with protected characteristics

Decision



Red/Amber/Green

None of the projects that are identified to not receive extended funding are evidencing performance and impact for service users. Therefore it is difficult to assess as to whether there will be an impact if the projects do not receive extended funding. That said, given the attempts to contact and visit organisations, it is highly likely the projects are having very little benefit to service users and target groups.

More importantly, the initial programme provided a wide range of cross borough sporting, arts and cultural provision with both universal offering and targeted toward Bengali service users. There is also mainstream provision. Therefore it is not thought that there would be any adverse impact of not funding these projects to service users. It is difficult to ascertain as to whether there may be an organisational impact given the lack of contact with these groups.

Section 3

Equality Impact Assessment

Target Groups	Impact ✓ - Positive ✗ - Adverse 0 = Neutral What impact will the proposal have on specific groups of service users or staff?	Reason(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add a narrative to justify your claims around impacts and, • Describe the analysis and interpretation of evidence to support your conclusion as this will inform decision making
Race	0 = Neutral	Two projects (ASES – 43 and ASES 19) are not recommended to receive extended funding specifically target Bangladeshi young people. However, neither project has provided monitoring information therefore there is no evidence of delivery and positive impact to service users. As the majority of the programme is universal in target groups and service users, there is opportunity for Bengladeshi service users to access different programmes and we do not feel that there has been a ‘gap’ in service provision via these projects failure to deliver. Therefore there is no adverse impact for this group.
Disability	0 = Neutral	Across the span of approvals there are many projects that have a universal offer inclusive to people with disabilities. A number of projects within the extended funding programme have specific targets and offers for disabled users.
Gender	0 = Neutral	The majority of applicants and those being funded are for projects which are open to both genders. Five of the projects specifically targeting women in areas where they are under-represented and lacking confidence in participation. None of these projects are recommended to not receive extended funding. There remains a balance of funding across genders.
Gender Reassignment	0 = Neutral	All projects will be required to demonstrate that they will be accessible and inclusive of people of different gender identities. There were no projects which were designed specifically for transgender people.
Sexual Orientation	0 = Neutral	All projects will be required to demonstrate that they will be accessible and inclusive of people of different

		sexual orientation. There are no projects currently which were designed specifically for lesbian, gay or bisexual people.
Religion or Belief	0 = Neutral	All projects will be required to demonstrate that they will be accessible and inclusive of people of different faiths. There are no projects which were designed specifically for particular faith communities.
Age	0 = Neutral	One project targeted at young people and people over 50 (ASES 72) has been recommended to not receive extended funding. The initial target was 40 young people and 40 people over 50 participating in acting workshops and various events. As a proportion of the overall young people who could access the various cultural and sporting opportunities provided by the theme, this was very small. There was also significant proportion for adult men and women (although not much specific provision for over 50's). It must also be noted that the project failed to deliver any evidenced outcomes. Therefore there is no adverse impact of this project not receiving further funding.
Marriage and Civil Partnerships.	0 = Neutral	There are no projects which were specific designed to support this category. All the projects recommended for funding other than those specifically targeting children are available to people within marriage, civil partnerships and outside both institutions the service provision is universal and marital/ civil partnership status is not a barrier to participation. It is not thought that any of the projects recommended to not receive extended funding currently have a positive impact on characteristic.
Pregnancy and Maternity	0 = Neutral	There are no projects which are designed specifically for pregnant women or those with young babies. All the projects recommended for funding other than those specifically targeting children are available to women who are pregnant or on maternity leave.
Other Socio-economic Carers	0 = Neutral	N/A

Section 4: Equality Impact Assessment Action Plan

Please list in the table below any adverse impact identified and, where appropriate, steps that could be taken to mitigate this impact.

If you consider it likely that your proposal will have an adverse impact on a particular group (s) and you cannot identify steps which would mitigate or reduce this impact, you will need to demonstrate that you have considered at least one alternative way of delivering the change which has less of an adverse impact.

Adverse impact	Please describe the actions that will be taken to mitigate this impact
N/A – No adverse impact has been identified.	

If an adverse impact cannot be mitigated please describe an alternative option, its costs and the equality impact.

Section 5: Future Review and Monitoring

<p>Please explain how and when the actual equality impact of these changes will be reviewed and monitored.</p> <p>There has been no adverse impact identified.</p>
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Section 6 – Project Information**A. Overview of all projects funded 2013-20-15 (No.31)***(* indicates organisation was assess as not meeting the quality criteria)*

No	Beneficiary Target Group	Geographic Area/s of Delivery
ASES-03	Young people, women and girls, people with disabilities	LAPS 1, 6, 7 & 8
ASES-05	Youth including NEETS	LAP 8
ASES-06	7 – 16 year olds plus adults Based LAP 8.	Based LAP 8 - Borough wide Coverage
ASES-07	Youth and adults Based LAP 2 Borough wide coverage	Based LAP 2 - Borough wide coverage
ASES-08	Youth and adults with hearing Problems Based LAP 3 borough wide coverage	Based LAP 3 - Borough wide coverage
ASES-11	Youth and adults	Based LAP 5 borough wide coverage
ASES-13	Children and Young People Lap 4 Shadwell	LAP 4 - Shadwell
ASES-14	Sports Clubs based in Tower Hamlets, coaches and prospective coaches working in the borough Borough-wide	Borough wide
ASES-15	Young People (8-19 years) & Women	LAPS 3 – St Dunstan’s and Stepney Green

No	Beneficiary Target Group	Geographic Area/s of Delivery
ASES-16	Young People (8-19 years) & Women	LAPS 3, 5 and 6 (Stepney Green, Mulberry school, Whitechapel)
ASES-17	Youth and older people. Cross generational project	LAP 1 Borough wide coverage
ASES-18	Young People, Parents & Families	St. Katherine's and Wapping
ASES-19	18 to 50 years Bangladeshi	LAP 2 Borough wide coverage
ASES-20	Young people Bangladeshi	Based LAP 1 also covers LAP 2
ASES-21	Refugee and vulnerable migrants, both adult and youth	Based LAP 2 borough wide coverage
ASES-25	Children and Young People	LAPS 3,2,4,5 and 7
ASES-27	Women	Laps 1 - 8
ASES-31	Young People, Adults	Borough Wide (LAPS 1-8)
ASES-32	Young People, Disabled Young People	Borough Wide
ASES-33	Young and adult Bangladeshi	LAP 4
ASES-35	Young People (8-19 years)	LAP 3
ASES-36	Young People (8-13 years)	LAP 4 (St.Katherine's and Wapping)
ASES-37	Young People	Blackwall and Cubitt Town
ASES-38	Lower skilled adults	LAP 2 Stepney

No	Beneficiary Target Group	Geographic Area/s of Delivery
ASES-40	Visually impaired young people	
ASES-41	Young People from BAME & disadvantaged communities	Weavers
ASES-43	Young Bangladeshi	LAP 3
ASES-45	Girl's Active Play & Sports Project	LAP 2 & 3
ASES-46	Children and Young People	Lap 8 Blackwall and Cubitt Town
ASES-47	Adults and Young People	Borough wide
ASES-48	Young People (7-13 years) from BAME & disadvantaged communities	Bethnal Green
ASES-52	BAME Women (Bangladeshi and Somali)	East India and Lansbury
ASES-53	Young People (Under 12s and U14's) & Girls Specific sessions (a condition of grant)	Bethnal Green
ASES-55	Young People (Boys & Girls*) *Girls provision a condition of grant	Whitechapel
ASES-56	Adults and Young People	Shadwell / LAP 4
ASES-57	Young People	LAP 1 (Weavers)
ASES-58	Adult Men & Women	LAP 7 & 8
ASES-60	Adults and Young People (Boys & Girls*) *Girls provision a condition of grant	Laps 1, 2, 3, 5 & 7 (Borough wide)
ASES-63	Older People (50 plus years) Harkness House, Berner Estate,	LAP 3 & Whitechapel
ASES-64	Disabled Somali Women	Mile End and Globe Town

No	Beneficiary Target Group	Geographic Area/s of Delivery
ASES-65	Adults and Young People	Bow West
ASES-66	Women	LAPS 1 -8
ASES-67	Young and adult	LAP 4 Borough wide coverage
ASES-69	Young and adult. Bangladeshi and 25% non-Bangladeshi	LAP 2 Borough wide coverage
ASES-71	Young People	Shadwell
ASES-72	School age children and over 55's	LAP 2 with a borough wide coverage
ASES-74	School age children	LAP 1 with boroughwide coverage
ASES-75	Children and Young People and families	LAP 2 Spitalfields and Banglatown
ASES-76	Young and adult	LAP 6 Borough wide remit

B. Overall summary of projects recommended for extension (45)

Ref	Beneficiary Target Group	Geographic Area/s of Proposed Delivery	Anticipated Output (Extension Period)
ASES-03	Young people, women and girls, people with disabilities	LAPS 1, 6, 7 & 8	
ASES-05	Youth including NEETS	LAP 8	
ASES-06	7 – 16 year olds plus adults Based LAP 8.	Based LAP 8 – Borough wide Coverage	
ASES-07	Youth and adults Based LAP 2 Borough wide coverage	Based LAP 2 - Borough wide coverage	
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ASES-13	Children and Young People Lap 4 Shadwell	LAP 4 - Shadwell	
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ASES-18	Young People, Parents & Families	St. Katherine's and Wapping	
ASES-20	Young people Bangladeshi	Based LAP 1 also covers LAP 2	
ASES-21	Refugee and vulnerable migrants, both adult and youth	Based LAP 2 borough wide coverage	
ASES-25	Children and Young People	LAPS 3,2,4,5 and 7	
ASES-27	Women	Laps 1 - 8	
ASES-31	Young People, Adults	Borough Wide (LAPS 1-8)	
ASES-32	Young People, Disabled Young People	Borough Wide	
ASES-33	Young and adult Bangladeshi	LAP 4	
ASES-35	Young People (8-19 years)	LAP 3	
ASES-36	Young People (8-13 years)	LAP 4 (St.Katherine's and Wapping)	
ASES-37	Young People	Blackwall and Cubitt Town	
ASES-38	Lower skilled adults	LAP 2 Stepney	
ASES-40	Visually impaired young people		Amber – 3 months
ASES-41	Young People from BAME & disadvantaged communities	Weavers	Amber – 3 months
ASES-45	Girl's Active Play & Sports Project	LAP 2 & 3	
ASES-46	Children and Young People	Lap 8 Blackwall and Cubitt Town	
ASES-48	Young People (7-13 years) from BAME & disadvantaged communities	Bethnal Green	
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ASES-56	Adults and Young People	Shadwell / LAP 4	
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ASES-64	Disabled Somali Women	Mile End and Globe Town	
ASES-65	Adults and Young People	Bow West	Amber – 3 months
ASES-66	Women	LAPS 1 -8	
ASES-67	Young and adult	LAP 4 Borough wide coverage	
ASES-69	Young and adult. Bangladeshi and 25% non- Bangladeshi	LAP 2 Borough wide coverage	
ASES-74	School age children	LAP 1 with boroughwide coverage	
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Commentary:			

C. Projects *not recommended* for extended funding (4)

No	Beneficiary Target Group	Key Considerations			
		Impact ✓ - Positive ✗ - Adverse 0 = Neutral What impact will the proposal have on specific groups of service users or staff?	Performance	Geographical	Mitigation
ASES-19	18 to 50 years Bangladeshi	0 = Neutral	No Q2 and 3 monitoring reports have been received from the organisation. Officers have sent an email reminder. No response has been received.	LAP 2 Borough wide coverage	None necessary – there is no evidence of delivery and there are other arts and events programmes targeted at the Bengali community funded by MSG within the borough (<i>specific</i>)
ASES-43	Young Bangladeshi	0 = Neutral	No monitoring reports have been received for this project. No payments have been released. Officers were unable to arrange a monitoring visit to elicit further information, as the project has no	LAP 3	None necessary – there is no evidence of delivery and there are other arts and events programmes targeted at young Bengali people

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			fixed operating base. On 03/10/14 Officers wrote to the organisation (letter sent via email) requesting that it responded by 15/10/14. No response has been received.		funded by MSG within the borough (<i>specific</i>)
ASES-47	Adults and Young People	0 = Neutral	No Q2 and 3 monitoring reports have been received from the organisation. Officers have sent an email reminder. No response has been received.	Borough wide	None necessary – there is no evidence of delivery and there are sufficient sports programmes with universal access funded by MSG within the borough (<i>specific</i>)
ASES-72	School age children and over 55's	0 = Neutral	No monitoring reports have been received for this project. Officers	LAP 2 with a borough wide	None necessary – there

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			were unable to arrange a monitoring visit to elicit further information, as the project has no fixed operating base. On 03/10/14 Officers wrote to the organisation (letter sent via email) requesting that it responded by 15/10/14. No response has been received.	coverage	is no evidence of delivery and there are other arts and events programmes with universal access funded by MSG within the borough (specific)
<p>Commentary: Given none of the above projects are evidencing performance and impact for service users, it is difficult to assess as to whether there will be an impact if the projects do not receive extended funding. That said, given the attempts to contact and visit organisations it is highly likely the projects are having very little benefit to service users. More importantly, the initial programme provided a wide range of cross borough sporting, arts and cultural provision with both universal offering and targeted toward Bengali service users. There is also mainstream provision. Therefore it is not thought that there would be any adverse impact of not funding these projects to service users. It is difficult to ascertain as to whether there may be an organisational impact given the lack of contact with these groups.</p>					

D. Projects that gave notice to terminate their Grant Agreement and are now closed (2)

No	Beneficiary Target Group	Geographic Area/s of Proposed Delivery	Anticipated Output/Users per annum
ASES – 23	Whitehorse Adventure Playground – disabled service users.	LAP 1 & 2	Not included within initial EA. The organisation declined the grant offer of £40,000 over a 27-month period, as being too low to operate a viable project. No payment has been released for this project.
ASES-58	Adult Men & Women	LAP 7 & 8	<p>No monitoring reports have been received for this project despite repeated requests by Officers.</p> <p>2 unscheduled visits were made on 13/8 and 13/9 2014 to the organisation's project delivery address but Officers found the premises (Hind Community Centre) closed. Therefore, no contact could be established with this organisation.</p> <p>According to companies house this organisation has been dissolved.</p>

Commentary:

ASES- 23 declined funding and therefore was not considered within the scope of the initial EA and the impact of it not being undertaken is not being considered here.

ASES- 58 – there is no evidence of delivery of sports event or benefits to target users. Also, whilst there is no 'like for like' alternate provision – there is sufficient accessible sports provision available within the borough.