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| <p align="center">Grants Determination Cabinet Sub-Committee</p> <p align="center">3rd February 2021</p> |  |
| <p>Report of: Sharon Godman, Divisional Director Strategy, Policy and Performance</p> | <p>Classification: Unrestricted or Exempt</p> |
| <p align="center">VCS Funding Awarded Under Delegated Authority</p> | |

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| Lead Member | John Biggs, the Mayor Councillor Candida Ronald, Cabinet Member for Resources |
| Originating Officer(s) | Emily Fieran-Reed, Senior Strategy and Policy Manager Awo Ahmed, Programme Assessment & Monitoring Officer |
| Wards affected | All wards |
| Key Decision? | No |
| Forward Plan Notice Published | 4 th January 2021 |
| Reason for Key Decision | This report has been reviewed as not meeting the Key Decision criteria. |
| Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome | All |

Executive Summary

This report provides an update on funding awarded to voluntary and community sector organisations under delegated authority since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee.

Recommendations:

The Sub-Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the update on funding awarded and available to voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations under delegated authority since their last meeting
2. Note the Innovation Fund Report Update focusing on highlights of the programme since its inception.

1 REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 There are a number of funding programmes to support voluntary and community sector organisations in the borough where decisions are made under delegated authority either by officers or, in the case of the Small Grants Programme, the East End Community Foundation. These decisions are presented to the Sub-Committee for noting.

2 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The council could decide not to provide funding to VCS organisations through its various programmes. However, to do this would be contrary to the agreed policy to support the VCS in the borough set out in the VCS Strategy.

3 DETAILS OF THE REPORT

Small Grants Programme

- 3.1 The Small Grants Programme was established to ensure that local people and community groups will continue to be able to get funding from the council to support community initiatives – people getting together to get things done. The programme is intended to make funds available to support grass roots activity in local communities that will help make life better in Tower Hamlets and achieve the changes set out in the Tower Hamlets Plan and the council's Strategic Plan. By establishing a single grants programme with different themes or activities to be funded, the council is trying to make sure local groups seeking funds will have a one stop shop to get to the funds best suited to their needs.

3.2 The programme has eight themes. The five themes that constitute the main programme have been open for projects commencing from 1st October 2019 and three more targeted themes set up during 2019/20 have funded projects commencing from 1st April 2020.

3.3 An additional Covid-19 Outreach and Engagement theme was agreed at Grants Determination Sub Committee on the 9th September 2020.

Main themes

1. **Innovation** - to encourage innovation or pilot something new, especially where there is a gap;
2. **Prevention** - to promote grass roots activity to reduce the need for statutory services;
3. **Neighbourhood action** - to promote local neighbourhood initiatives
4. **Community cohesion** - to develop community resilience, promote cultural opportunities and reduce social isolation, and
5. **Partnership working** - making the sector more effective through closer partnership working within the sector and across sectors.

Focussed Themes

6. **Community Support Services for Older People** – to combat social isolation of older people through the provision of community based support services.
7. **Access and Participation** – to establishing access and participation schemes to provide referral gateways for people from BAME communities.
8. **Loneliness** - Reducing the impact of loneliness and isolation.
9. **Covid-19 Outreach and Engagement** - to support the dissemination of key messages around Covid-19

3.4 Details of the last round of small grant awards for 2020/21 are set out at **Appendices A to C**

3.5 A geographical map of the small grants applications is set out in **Appendix D**.

3.6 Applications to this round of the small grants programme were received in September 2020 and have all been submitted with Covid-19 Contingency plans and agreed for funding in December 2020 for a January 2021 start date.

3.7 The Public Health Covid -19 Outreach & Engagement theme of the small grants programme opened for applications for VCS organisations to apply for funding to help disseminate local public health messaging around Covid-19 and improving the uptake of Test and Trace in priority communities.

3.8 The priorities of the fund are to support projects that take a culturally sensitive and responsive approach to enable communities to proactively engage with local Public health initiatives around COVID-19 information, advice and guidance.

- 3.9 Identified priority groups for this theme are; Young People, Carers, Homeless people, New migrants, Students, People experiencing domestic violence, people experiencing digital exclusion and/or digital poverty.
- 3.10 The total budget for this theme is £30,000. Grants of up to £1,000 are available to un-constituted groups of residents and grants of up to £3,000 are available to constituted not-for-profit organisations. It is anticipated that this theme will fund 10 to 20 projects with a range of annual funding levels up to a maximum of £5,000 per annum.
- 3.11 This Public Health small grants theme had 16 applications since the launch of the funding in September 2020. One organisation has been awarded funding and commenced delivery in December 2020. Six applications have been recommended for funding with a further two referred to the council for comments and review. Seven applications were unsuccessful for this funding. Further information is set out in **Appendix E**.

Innovation Fund

- 3.12 The council is keen to encourage and support innovation in the sector and acknowledged that this would require some funding to enable the sector to pilot new initiatives and approaches to service delivery and support.
- 3.13 The Innovation Fund supports VCS organisations to "test and learn" new ways of working, new initiatives and new delivery models that if successful could be scaled up and commissioned more formally.
- 3.14 VCS organisations that crowdfund through the Our Tower Hamlets page of the Spacehive portal will have an opportunity to pitch for up to £10,000 (or a maximum of 50 per cent of an organisations crowdfunding target) in match funding for their projects.
- 3.15 Further details can be found on [SpaceHive Tower Hamlets](#) and the [Innovation Fund](#) pages with more information available in the [factsheet](#).
- 3.16 The Tower Hamlet's Food hub has been facing a significant shortage of food supplies to distribute to vulnerable residents in the borough since the start of the pandemic. The Emergency Food Appeal for Tower Hamlets was launched through SpaceHive Tower Hamlets on the 5th November 2020. The Tower Hamlet's Food Hub campaign page can be found here; [Emergency Food Appeal for Tower Hamlets](#)
- 3.17 The Innovation Fund Update report, celebrating highlights from some of the successful projects on the 'Our Tower Hamlets' Spacehive crowdfunding portal is detailed in **Appendix F**

- 3.18 The Tower Hamlet's Food Hub has fundraised a total of £16,410 to help the 31 Food Bank Partners feed vulnerable adults, children and families in Tower Hamlets.
- 3.19 Since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee there has been no further funding awarded in respect of the Innovation Funding.

Contingency Fund

- 3.20 The Contingency Fund was set up by the Sub-Committee to extend the existing Emergency Fund from being purely a fund to support organisations facing 'life and limb' emergencies to a fund that may also support organisations facing the impact of a significant loss of council funding.
- 3.21 At the meeting held on 29 July 2020, Cabinet agreed to close the transition element of the Contingency Fund and extend the Fund further to include support for organisations affected by Covid 19. The Covid Community fund opened for applications on the 5th Nov 2020. For a limited period, Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations in Tower Hamlets will be able to access funding and organisational support.
- 3.22 Awards are made from the Contingency Fund by the Divisional Director, Strategy, Policy and Performance in consultation with the Chair of this Sub-Committee.

4 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 All grants awarded need to demonstrate how they meet they need of our diverse communities and support the council's Public Sector Equality Duty. Equalities data is collected as part of the monitoring process and this will be reported as part of the annual reporting process.

5 OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Best Value

Recent legislation, particularly the Localism Act 2010, has emphasised the role of communities working in partnership with local authorities to help achieve more effective and less costly services to local people. The process of co-production of services delivered by local voluntary and community organisations is a tool now widely recognised as a means to achieving this outcome.

5.2 Risk Management

There is a risk that, by not publishing details of funding awarded to VCS organisations, the council could leave itself open to challenge that it is not fulfilling previous commitments to openness and transparency. This report is

one of a series that will provide updates on funding decisions made under delegated authority and the VCS Annual Report will provide more detailed analysis.

5.3 Crime Reduction

There are no specific crime reduction considerations arising from this report.

5.4 Safeguarding

There are no specific safeguarding implications arising from this report. However, ensuring appropriate consideration is given to safeguarding will be addressed in the monitoring of the Small Grants Programme.

6 **COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

6.1 This report notes the update on funding awarded to voluntary and community (VCS) organisations under delegated authority.

6.2 Appendix A details the grants awarded to date and are contained within the available budget, along with additional funding of £10k from the Community Benefit Fund (CBF) for the community cohesion theme application from the Outside Edge Theatre Company.

| Theme | Budget Available | Allocated @ December 2020* | Budget Remaining |
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| Main Programme 2020/21 Round Three (Appx A) | 73,374 | 72,424 | 950 |
| Loneliness (Appx B) | 13,170 | 12,900 | 270 |
| Access and Participation (Appx C) | 30,084 | 4,997 | 25,087 |
| Covid-19 Outreach & Engagement (Appx E) | 30,000 | 3,000 | 27,000 |
| | 146,628 | 93,321 | 53,307 |
| *As detailed in Appendices | | | |

7 **COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

7.1 The grants detailed in this report have been issued in line with the original delegations. The current recommended awards have been assessed in line with the relevant application criteria.

7.2 The Council will continue to monitor the grants to ensure the money is used for the purposes for which it was intended and thereby demonstrate compliance with the Council's statutory Best Value duty.

7.3 The Council continues to assess the scheme for the purposes of the Equality Act 2010 and to ensure that awarded grants comply with the Council's

Equality Duty as it applies across the whole scheme and as the scheme evolves with further awards.

7.4 On the above basis this report is compliant with the Council's legal duties.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- List any linked reports
- State NONE if none.

Appendices

- Appendix A-C Small Grants Awards 2020/21 themes 1-5, Loneliness, Access & Participation
- Appendix D Map of Small Grants applications and awards
- Appendix E Small Grants Covid-19 Awards 2020/21
- Appendix F Innovation Fund Report Update

Background Documents – Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

- NONE

Officer contact details for documents:

Or state N/A

Appendix A – Small Grants Programme Main Programme 2020/21 Round Three

1. This round of the Small Grants Programme closed in September 2020, 28 applications were submitted with an overall total of £151,668. requested against the £63,374 remaining in the September 2020 small grants budget. An additional £10,000 was added to the remaining budget by Locality with the total figure remaining of the small grants main programme set at £73,374.
2. 14 projects are recommended for funding amounting to £72,424 as set out in this appendix.

Locality Funding

One project has been recommended for funding through the LHC Community Benefit Fund, a scheme administered by Locality, the national community development organisation that the council has worked with previously on the development of community hubs.

LHC is public sector procurement consortium providing specialist technical and procurement services to its members throughout the UK. As a not-for-profit organisation, any surpluses generated from procurement activity is returned to members. As part of this a Community Benefit Fund (CBF) has been set up with funding available for each of the member local authority areas in which it works, which includes Tower Hamlets. The CBF is particularly interested in funding small projects that have the potential to link into its work on developing social outcomes.

Locality has been liaising with EECF to select small grants applications that would meet the CBF criteria. It is proposed the CBF will fund £10,00 for the community cohesion theme application from the Outside Edge Theatre Company.

The grants will be administered by EECF as part of the small grants programme with no additional administrative cost to the council.

Access and Participation Theme 2020/21 Round Three

1. The Access and Participation Theme of the Small Grants Programme was set up as one of the Local Community Fund Equality Analysis Action Plan (EAAP) mitigating actions to support the role of smaller BME community led organisations as a gateway for people from those communities to gain access to mainstream services through signposting and referral and to act as an advocate for those communities that might not otherwise have a collective voice. This is the first round of applications to this theme.
2. This round of the Small Grants Programme closed in September 2020. Two applications were considered with an overall total of £9,997 requested against

the £30.084 remaining in this theme. The one application awarded is set out in the table below.

| Organisation | Project Name | Amount recommended £ |
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| Families Support Group | African Families Guidance Project | 4,997 |
| Total | | 4,997 |

- The total budget for the theme is £50,000. There was £30.084 remaining in this theme. £4,997 has been allocated in this round, leaving £25,087 for the remaining funding rounds.

Loneliness Theme 2020/21 Round Three

- The Mayor's task force on Loneliness aims to stimulate and support a social movement of people across the borough that are engaged and encouraged to take their own actions, however small and local, that will make a difference and bring people together to increased social connectedness at street level, neighbourhood level and across the borough. To help this an additional theme in the small grants programme has been established that focuses around loneliness and social isolation specifically. This theme also allows applications from individuals for 'micro' grants (ie £1,000 or less) where the funding is granted through an accountable body that is a constituted VCS organisation. This approach has been used successfully in the past by public health to deliver small grants to support very local initiatives. This is the third round of applications to this theme.
- This round of the Small Grants Programme closed in September 2020. Nine applications were considered with an overall total of £37,900 requested against the £13,170 remaining for this funding round. The applications and the amounts recommended are set out in detail below. The total budget for the theme is £50,000. It is recommended that £12,900 is allocated in this round. This leaves £270 remaining. The three recommended applications are:

| Organisation | Project Name | Amount recommended £ |
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| My First 100 Days | Carers social Inclusion project | 2,900 |
| Somali Senior Citizens Club | Golden Connections": Somali Elders Befriending & Support Project | 5,000 |

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| The Bangladesh Youth Movement | Friends In Need” [Community Befriending & Support Initiative] | 5,000 |
| Total | | 12,900 |

Appendix A - Small Grants Awards 2020/21 Themes 1-5

| No. | Organisation | Project | Project Description | Contingency Plan | Theme | Comments | Amount awarded |
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| 1 | Our Time | Tower Hamlets KidsTime Workshop | <p>A project designed to support families with parents experiencing mental illness, with a focus on the children. The organisation will deliver 10 after school workshops for between four and 10 families, depending on government restrictions. Children and parents will attend together, allowing them a safe space in which to discuss their parent's mental health condition and any concerns they may have. Workshops will be creative in nature, including drama, which will allow facilitators to tease out the emotions, thoughts</p> | <p>If social distancing measures are in place the organisation will follow National Youth Agency guidelines, which currently allow indoor bubbles of up to 15 participants. This would mean working with three of four families per workshop whereas normal capacity would be 10 families. Our Time also have online versions of their programmes and a blend of face-to-face and online sessions could be delivered.</p> | Prevention | <p>The application demonstrates a very clear need for the project including consultation with families in Tower Hamlets and it is explained that there is currently a waiting list of six families, recruited through a partnership with the LBTH CHAMP team. The activities clearly align with the priorities and outcomes of the chosen theme and the application has been recommended for funding on this basis.</p> | £5,000 |

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| | | | and experiences of the young people in a safe space. | | | | |
| 2 | East India Over 50's Consortium (Consortium50) | The Wild Women Collective | A pilot project seeking to connect, inform, support and empower women that have had their health and wellbeing effected by the pandemic. The 12-week programme will consist of weekly three-hour long sessions delivered on site and simultaneously on Zoom. Sessions will combine sharing, information and 1-2-1 support and will cover topics such as anxiety, trauma, mindfulness, the benefits of exercise and good nutrition. Additionally, | The project will normally be delivered through a combination of socially distanced face to face sessions with simultaneous Zoom sessions. In the event of further government restrictions, everything will take place on Zoom. | Prevention | A strong application from an organisation that has clear experience of delivering similar projects locally and the relevant networks in place. The proposed activities align closely with the theme priorities and outcomes and the application makes a strong case for the realistic and relevant outcomes that will be achieved as a result of the project. It has been recommended for funding on this basis. | £4,510 |

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| | | | <p>individuals will be signposted to other support services outside of sessions. Beneficiaries will be recruited via social media and established links with other local health and community organisations. There will be an optional suggested donation of £2 per session for attendees.</p> | | | | |
| 3 | YourStance | YourStance | <p>A programme of 'zero responder' workshops showing young people, aged 13 to 25, how to deliver basic life support, CPR and haemorrhage control. 12 workshops will be delivered to students at Harpley Pupil Referral Unit and between 12 and 24 will be delivered at</p> | <p>COVID safety measures are in place, including preventative measures and ensuring staff and volunteers do not have symptoms. If activities are not be able to happen in person at all, YourStance have purchased a commercial Zoom account, allowing them to deliver the activities remotely.</p> | Prevention | <p>The application includes a strong project plan and details on local partnerships that are already in place. A good demonstration of need is provided and it is clear that the proposed activities would positively impact of the ability of young people to care for each others health and wellbeing in emergency situations. For this reason it closely aligns with the priorities and outcomes of the theme and it has been recommended for funding on this basis.</p> | £5,000 |

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| | | | Spotlight Youth Services to young carers or care leavers. 36 lead volunteers will deliver the sessions and a total of 100 beneficiaries will be reached. | | | | |
| 4 | ICM Foundation | Aerobic Sessions for Adults with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities | The organisation is proposing to deliver a programme of aerobics sessions for adults with learning difficulties and disabilities. The sessions will be delivered online and, if permitted, also from the Attlee Community Centre. The project will benefit 30 participants and the sessions will aim to improve health and wellbeing, reduce isolation and re-connect individuals with the local special needs | The organisation has chosen to start the project online, using a range of digital and printed resources and some participants will be provided with IT equipment. Should restrictions ease during the delivery period, then sessions will switch to the local community centre with appropriate safety measures in place. | Prevention | The application was originally made under the Community Cohesion theme but it is more closely aligned with Prevention. The project targets a particularly marginalised group, that the organisation has experience in working with, and this group generally has poor health outcomes. The project will address both mental and physical health issues and has been recommended for funding on this basis. | £4,760 |

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| | | | support community. The project will span over a 24-week period. | | | | |
| 5 | Community Psychotherapy Network | Community Psychotherapy Network | A six-month group therapy course for six individuals from BAME communities with complex symptomatology that has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Weekly sessions of 1.5 hours long will be targeted at those who have been on a waiting list for an extended period of time. In addition to self-referral, the organisation will receive referrals from GPs and other health care organisations in the borough such as Compass Wellbeing CIC and other secondary care | None specified. | Prevention | The application was originally made to the Westfield East Bank Creative Futures Fund but the activities align closely with the Prevention theme. The number of beneficiaries is relatively low but the programme of activities represent an intensive and targeted intervention for those with mental health issues. It has been recommended for funding on this basis. | £4,980 |

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| 6 | The Yoga For Life Project CIC | Yoga for long covid wellbeing programme | A 16-week 'Breathing Through Covid' programme for 20 people who report long-term health problems related to contracting Covid-19. Sessions will be delivered remotely via Zoom and will be supported by a Specialist Instructor and a Therapeutic Councillor who will provide clinical supervision and emotional support to participants. Sessions will include breathing exercises, strengthening of the respiratory system, and support with mental health issues that have | All sessions will be delivered remotely. | Prevention | The application was originally made to the Westfield East Bank Creative Futures Fund but the activities align closely with the Prevention theme. The programme is a response to health and wellbeing issues that have resulted from the pandemic and the organisation has demonstrated established links with social prescribers which will ensure that appropriate participants will be engaged. However, a number of budget elements, primarily related to staffing, appear to be disproportionately costly . On discussion with the applicant, it was agreed that a version of the programme would be viable to be delivered for less. Consequently, it has been recommended for funding with a reduced amount of £3,500. | £3,500 |

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| | | | <p>arisen as a result of contracting the disease.</p> <p>Participants will be recruited through social prescribers based at GP services in Bethnal Green, Bow, Poplar, Limehouse and Shadwell in addition to mutual aid groups serving those areas.</p> | | | | |
| 7 | Wapping Bangladesh Association | Step Up | <p>A physical activity programme for 30 older local residents, delivered indoors at Wapping Youth Centre and outdoors at Wapping Gardens. Separate sessions will be held for older men and older women and activities will include chair exercises, walking , light fitness and aerobics, and dancing. Participants will</p> | <p>The organisation will maintain social distancing at all times and will manage the arrival and departure of groups by staggering times and using different exits. The use of Zoom is mentioned however the details of this are not clear.</p> | Prevention | <p>The organisation is planning to deliver a programme of culturally appropriate exercise sessions to improve the health and wellbeing of older people from the Bangladeshi community. The need is well articulated and the organisation has done some community research in the form of group talks, one-to-one discussions and feedback from health care providers. The plan is realistic and achievable and in keeping with what the organisation offers. It has been recommended for funding on this basis.</p> | £4,940 |

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| | | | achieve at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity throughout each week, for a total of 26 weeks. To do this the organisation will recruit a male and a female activity leader for each group. | | | | |
| 8 | Walk East CIC | Dosh! Budget-friendly living in the East End | A grassroots journalism project that will result in the creation of a free 64-page booklet offering information on budgeting, accessing free items and services, and benefits and debt advice. The booklet will be developed in partnership with Debt Free London (Toynbee Hall), Made of Money (Quaker Social Action), Getting on | If necessary, the project can be run by participants at home and equally workshops can be delivered on Zoom or suitably physically distanced. Research can be done online or over the phone and the printing and dissemination of the document presents no risk. | Prevention | The organisation has evidenced a clear need with the impact of Covid-19 on income levels locally, and the need to increase awareness of budgeting, where to go for advice and how to access local services that are more economical. The organisation has strong local partnerships in place to provide relevant information, disseminate the booklet and gather case stories and feedback from partners. | £4,951 |

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| | | | <p>with Money (Bromley by Bow Centre) and Citizens Advice Bureaux in Whitechapel. 2,000 copies of the booklet will be distributed through those channels plus at 20 community centres, six housing associations, local community groups and online. Between six and eight volunteer journalists will create the booklet and four community workshops will be arranged to gather ideas. There will also be interviews with over 20 community workers.</p> | | | |
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| 9 | East London Cares | Connecting communities in crisis | <p>An intergenerational project designed to reach a total of 110 local older people and 120 younger residents. The project will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organisation of at least 48 social clubs that will take place across various venues in the borough and/or over Zoom. The sessions will range from monthly clubs such as Desert Island Discs at Toynbee Hall, to one off experiences like a Sourdough Baking Workshop with Breid Bakery. The clubs will provide the chance for older people to get to know their younger neighbours and to try new things. • The facilitation of 12 new one-to-one | Activities and clubs will be delivered remotely via Zoom. | Community Cohesion | <p>The organisation originally applied under the Loneliness theme and the project aligns closely with both that theme and the Community Cohesion theme. There is a strong intergenerational element that runs through the programme and connecting local people from different generations is very much a priority for the theme. It has been recommended for funding under Community Cohesion on this basis and due to limited budget available through the Loneliness theme.</p> | £5,000 |
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| | | | <p>friendships between older people and their younger neighbours. For those that struggle to leave their home due to health issues, younger neighbours will stay in touch through weekly home visits. The organisation will continue to support the 18 matches that have been made to date on the programme.</p> | | | | |
| 10 | Women's Inclusive Team | Somali Community Exchange project | <p>The organisation is proposing to deliver a project to address the lack of community understanding about Somali history and culture. This will include the creation of a permanent Somali heritage exhibition at their community centre in Bethnal Green and a guided</p> | <p>The project will be launched online with some elements delivered over social media or Zoom. The organisation would prefer the cookery class to be held within the community centre for limited numbers, as well as being streamed online. The exhibition could be delayed until government guidelines allow for it.</p> | Community Cohesion | <p>The project is focused on raising awareness of Somali culture and heritage both within the Somali and wider community. The organisation is well placed to reach out to diverse sections of the community and has demonstrated it's ability to do so with volunteering programmes and webinars during the pandemic. For this reason the project aligns well with the priorities and outcomes of the chosen theme and it has been recommended for funding on this basis.</p> | £5,000 |

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| | | | <p>tour every month. There will also be monthly events such as one marking International Women's Day and one teaching Somali cooking. The project will be launched with a Zoom session on cultural awareness and a celebration event will also be included. The organisation has already reached out to non Somali community members through webinar sessions and volunteering programmes during the pandemic</p> | | | | |
| 11 | Simple Gifts: Unitarian Centre for Social Action | Bethnal Green Social Action | <p>A volunteering programme offering six people the chance to organise and deliver a range of social action activities including:</p> | <p>Some activities can be delivered online if required, in particular the friendship forum and workshops. Other activities can still be carried out at the centre, with social distancing in place, as the organisation has access to three halls which means</p> | Community Cohesion | <p>The application was originally made under the Neighbourhood Action theme and, whereas it does align with the theme to a degree, it is more closely aligned with Community Cohesion. The project incorporates volunteering opportunities, bringing diverse groups together and sharing</p> | £4,924 |

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| | | | 12 community lunches; two workshops at which attendees will share aspects of their culture; and five friendship forums where local will come together and to exchange views and get to know each other. | participants can be safely spaced. | | cultural insights. It has been recommended for funding on this basis. | |
| 12 | Innercity Films | Let's Celebrate Tower Hamlets. | The organisation is proposing to deliver a community photography project which will include 12 workshops teaching young people photo editing and multi media skills. The young people will also interview local residents who will share their experiences and their photos and stories will be used to produce work to be exhibited This work will then be | Given that the project is digitally focussed, the switch to full online delivery can be achieved without any loss of benefits. Workshops can be delivered over group based social media and existing images can be used for the process of digital editing and ultimately the public display element can still go ahead as planned. | Community Cohesion | The project aims to improve community relations and resident involvement, as well as providing opportunities for young people to reflect on local diversity and develop new skills. It aligns with a number of the priorities and outcomes of the theme and has been recommended for funding on this basis. | £4,900 |

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| | | | put on public display around Tower Hamlets. The project will take place across the first six months of 2021. | | | | |
| 13 | Outside Edge Theatre Company | Tower Hamlets Drop-in Drama. | The organisation is proposing to deliver a series of 50 weekly group sessions, based around theatre and arts activities, in order to support 500 individuals who are affected by addiction. The drama sessions will be led by trained facilitators as well as volunteer peer mentors who are in recovery themselves. With the aim of preventing relapse for between 70 to 100 participants, the project will provide access to other organisational | Project delivery is currently online and has been since April this year. This will continue until such a time that group sessions can re-start. However, staying within the guidelines, the organisation are currently delivering a mix of digital and telephone support with some socially distanced face to face services. | Community Cohesion | The aims of the project do not clearly align with the priorities and outcomes of the Community Cohesion theme. It is much more suited to the Prevention theme, to which the organisation has also applied with the same project for a smaller amount. However, the project is soundly planned and the organisation has demonstrated that it will have clear outcomes for people suffering with addiction. Locality has selected the project for a grant of £10,000 on this basis. | £10,000 |

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| | | | activities and provide wraparound support over a 12-month period. | | | | |
| 14 | Dorset Community Association | Community Access and Inclusion | The organisation is proposing to work with 50 disadvantaged households who have little access to online resources. 12 tablets will be purchased and disseminated which will enable those with no IT equipment to take part. 50 essential resource packs will be created and disseminated which provide key information on the pandemic and local resources, how to access services online as well as activities for children and young people. Weekly online sessions will be delivered for | The project has been designed with current guidelines in mind, the organisation will deliver devices and creative support packs using the postal service and will use phone calls, internet and appropriately socially distanced doorstep support to facilitate delivery. | Community Cohesion | The overall aims of the project are to increase participation among disadvantaged Bangladeshi families and isolated adults, to support online connections between isolated residents to improve their sense of belonging and community connectedness. The organisation has a clear monitoring plan in place to gather feedback from participant families on their access to local services, wellbeing and knowledge and skills around digital access. | £4,959 |

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| | | | participants to join, which will be combined with telephone support, socially distanced in-person sessions on how to use the IT equipment, how to access different services online and how to access local support depending on individual needs. | | | | |
| | | | | | | TOTAL | £72,424 |
| | | | | | | TOTAL REMAINING 2020 BUDGET | £63,374 |
| | | | | | | ADDITIONAL BUDGET FROM LOCALITY | £10,000 |
| | | | | | | TOTAL REMAINING 2020 BUDGET | £950 |

Appendix B - Small Grants Awards 2020/21

Loneliness Theme

| No | Organisation | Project Name | Project Description | Contingency Plan | Comments | Amount awarded |
|----|-----------------------------|---|---|--|---|----------------|
| 1 | My First 100 Days | Carers social Inclusion project | <p>A 24-week programme comprising of three hour-long sessions per week for carers and families who are caring for dependents with high needs. The project will aim to reach between 50 and 55 beneficiaries in total and participants will be able to choose how many sessions per week they attend, free of charge. The activities delivered will be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A session at which support and advice will be given by key workers. • A yoga, mindfulness and meditation session. • A session of either exercise to music, dance or Zumba lessons. | The project will be adapted to work in smaller groups of six. | The applicant has identified a particularly marginalised group that is known to be at risk of loneliness and isolation and the project is a clear response to their needs. The organisation was established specially to work with this target group and are well placed to deliver such a project. The proposed activities align closely with the priorities and outcomes of the theme and it has been recommended for funding on this basis. | £2,900 |
| 2 | Somali Senior Citizens Club | Golden Connections ": Somali Elders Befriending & Support Project | <p>A year-long programme of support, primarily targeted at Somali elders, but also accommodating elders from other BAME communities. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers visiting older people to check in with them personally and assess their needs. • Volunteers connecting with older people and develop 'friends circles' via phone calls, Zoom, WhatsApp and social networks. • As restrictions ease, socially distanced group activities such as coffee mornings, visits to local cafes and exercise groups will be arranged. • The provision of online counselling and health advice to combat isolation and anxiety. • The delivery of nutritious meals and | The organisation will adapt their project to run activities online or following government social distancing guidelines. | The organisation has an established presence within the local Somali community and is well placed to deliver such a project for local elders. The project plan includes a range of activities that would have a positive impacting on reducing isolation and loneliness amongst this target group. Consequently, the proposed activities align closely with the priorities and outcomes of the theme and it has been recommended for funding on this basis. | £5,000 |

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| | | | shopping items. | | | |
| 3 | The Bangladesh Youth Movement | Friends In Need” [Community Befriending & Support Initiative] | <p>A 12-month programme of support for local Bangladeshi and BAME residents facing exclusion and isolation during the pandemic. The project will be led by a Community Befriending Officer, supported by a team of volunteers, and the activities will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Befriending via home visits, phone calls, social media, WhatsApp and email. • The organisation of social groups to take part in walking sessions, trips and other meetings. • Group exercise and hobby classes. • Health workshops addressing loneliness, anxiety and other mental health issues. • A home shopping delivery service. • The establishment of a community forum to engage people in the development of the programme. | All support will be delivered virtually and doorstep befriending will follow social distancing guidelines. | The organisation has a clear and well established connection with the local Bangladeshi community and is well placed to deliver the project, which targets a group that has been particularly severely impacted by the pandemic. The project will involve a range of activities that will address loneliness and isolation in the community and closely aligns with the priorities and outcomes of the theme. It has been recommended for funding on this basis. | £5,000 |
| | | | | | TOTAL | £12,900 |
| | | | | | TOTAL REMAINING 2020 BUDGET | £13,170 |
| | | | | | REMAINING BUDGET | £270 |

Appendix C - Small Grants Awards 2020/21

Access & Participation Theme

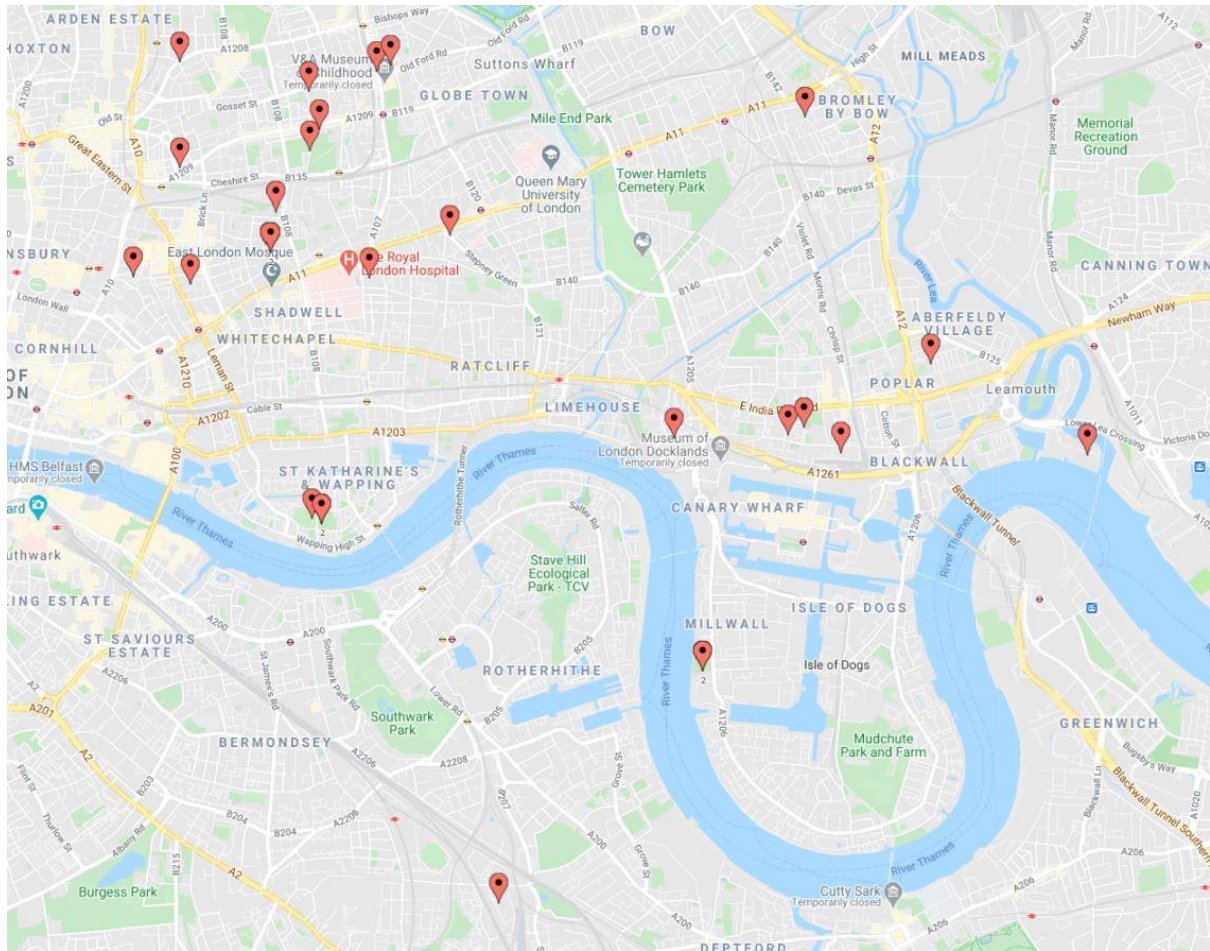
| No. | Organisation | Project Name | Project Description | Contingency Plan | No. of beneficiaries | Comments | Amount awarded |
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| 1 | Families Support Group | AFRICAN FAMILIES GUIDANCE PROJECT | <p>A four-month long information, advice and guidance service supporting 120 African Francophone and Lingala speaking families who face barriers to accessing mainstream support due to lack of English, poor education and the prevalence poverty in the community. The project will be delivered five days a week by a volunteer coordinator and two volunteer community support advisors and the activities will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviewing clients to ascertain what their problems are • Providing information on ways | The volunteer community support advisors will support the community through befriending phone calls and information, advice and guidance will be delivered remotely through apps such as Houseparty, Skype and WhatsApp. | 120 | The organisation has demonstrated that it is well placed to engage the African Francophone and Lingala speaking community in the borough and has done so as part of previous projects. The proposed activities align closely with the priorities and outcomes of the chosen theme and it has been recommended for funding on this basis. | £4,997 |

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| | | | <p>to access support and identifying further action the client can take.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance with filling in forms or writing letters • Referring or signposting clients to appropriate agencies and service providers | | | | |
| | | | | | | TOTAL | £4,997 |
| | | | | | | TOTAL REMAINING 2020 BUDGET | £30,084 |
| | | | | | | REMAINING BUDGET | £25,087 |

Appendix D - Small Grants Awards 2020/21

Map of Small Grants Applications and Awards.

Themes 1-5 (All applications)



Community Psychotherapy Network (E2 9PL)
Dash Arts (E1 6LA)
East India Over 50's Consortium (E14 0NU)
East London Cares (E1 5AR)
ICM Foundation CIC (E1 6RT)
Innercity Films (E1 5HU)
Our Time (E1 2EN)
Outside Edge Theatre Company (E1 5HU)
SimpleGifts E2 6LX
The Yoga For Life Project CIC (E2 6HG)
Wapping Bangladesh Association (E1W 2QD)
Women's Inclusive Team (E2 9LJ)

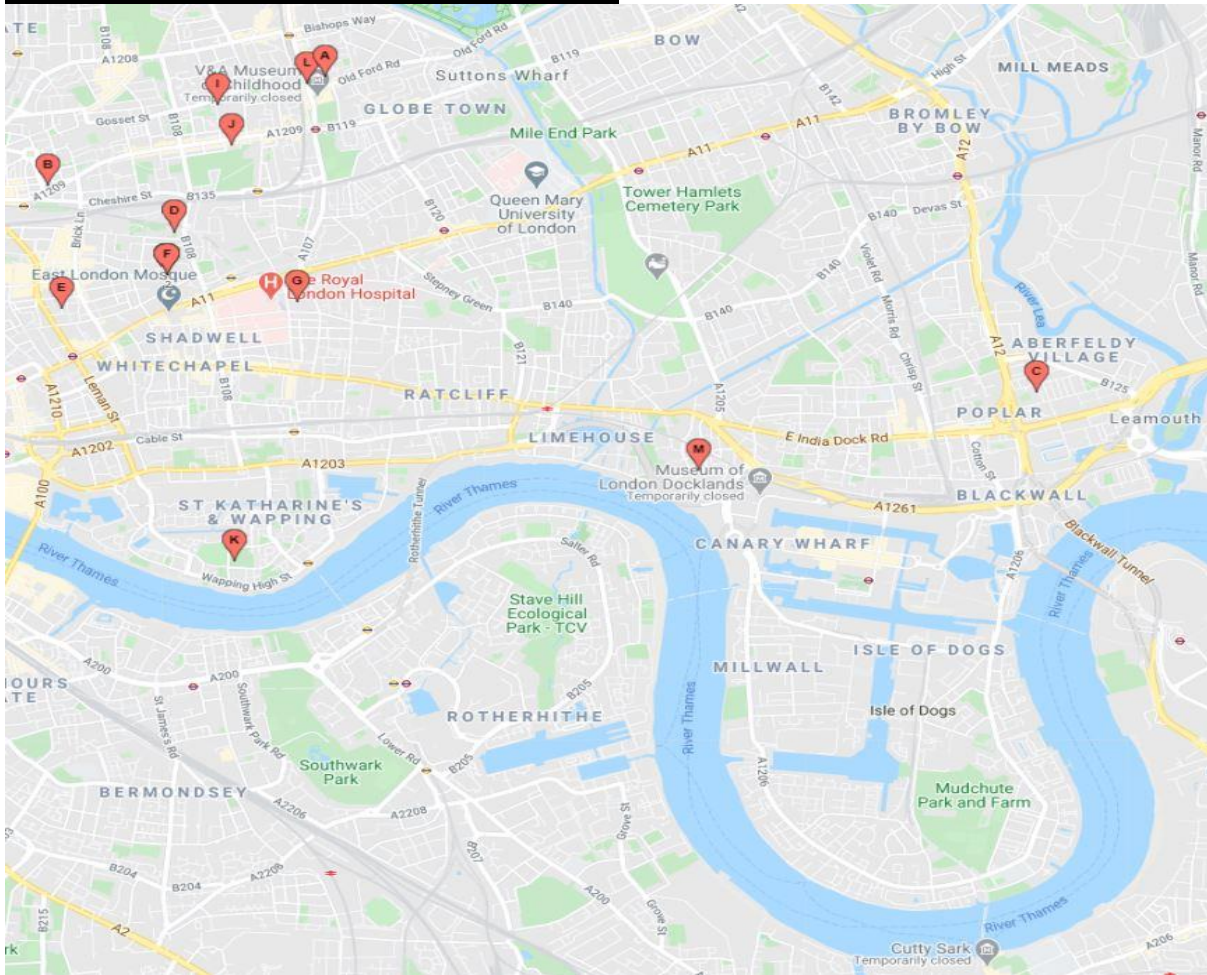
Canary Wharf Football Academy (E14 3SS)
Capital Kids Cricket (E2 6HD)
Colechi (E14 0UX)
Community Youth London (SE14 5RW)
Dorset Community Association (E2 7QX)
Laurie Laken Community Table Tennis Club (E14 3ST)
Rejuvenate UK 2016 CIC (E14 0FN)
Sandys Row Synagogue (E1 7HW)
St Katharine's Trust (E1W 2PA)
The Fabric Swatch (E14 0AP)
Walk East (E1 3JU)
Wapping Bangladesh Association (E1W 2QD)

YourStance (E14 8BN)

Will Crooks Tenants and Residents Association (E14 ODA)

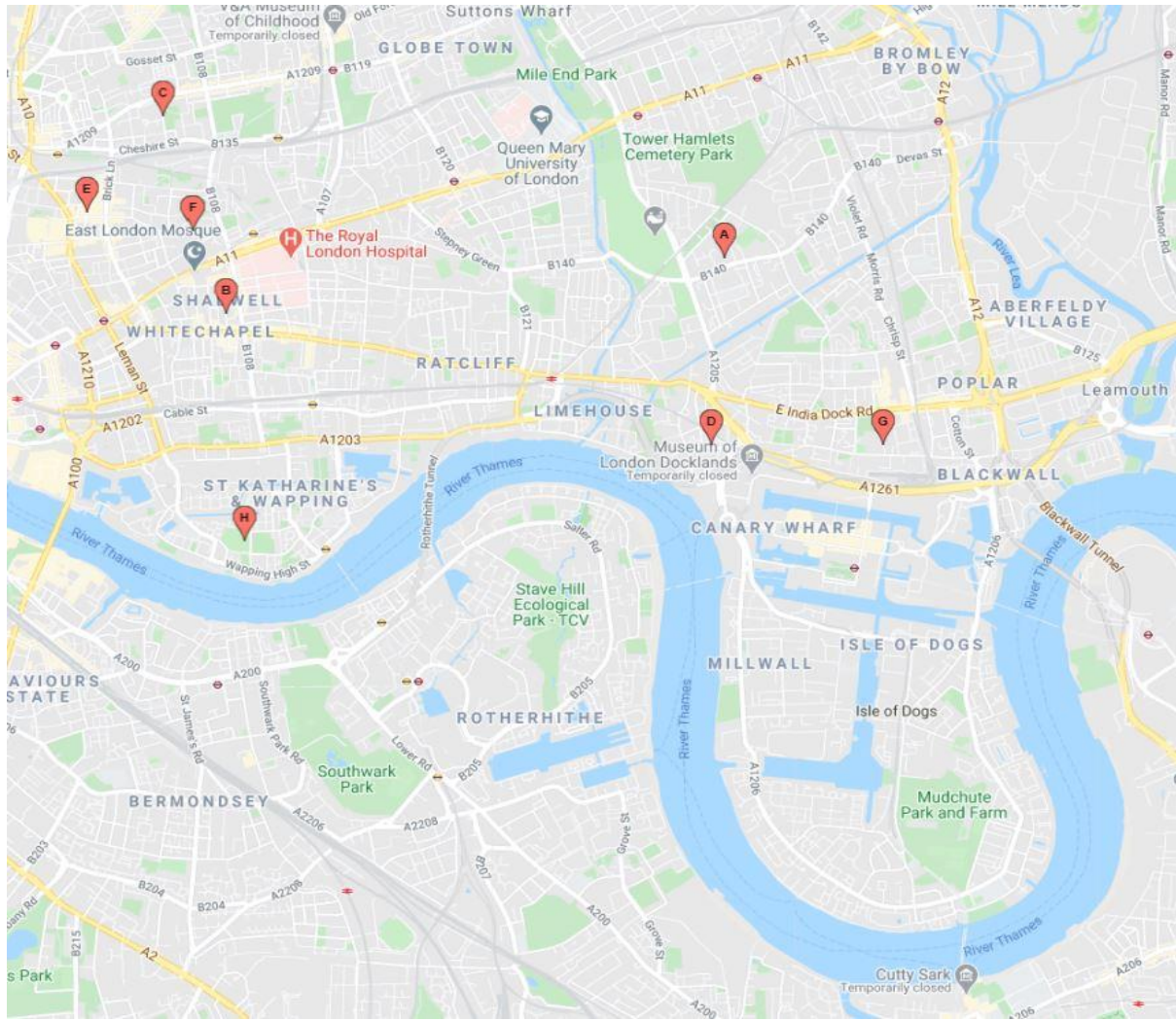
Bow Arts Trust (E3 3EW)

Themes 1-5 (Recommended for funding)



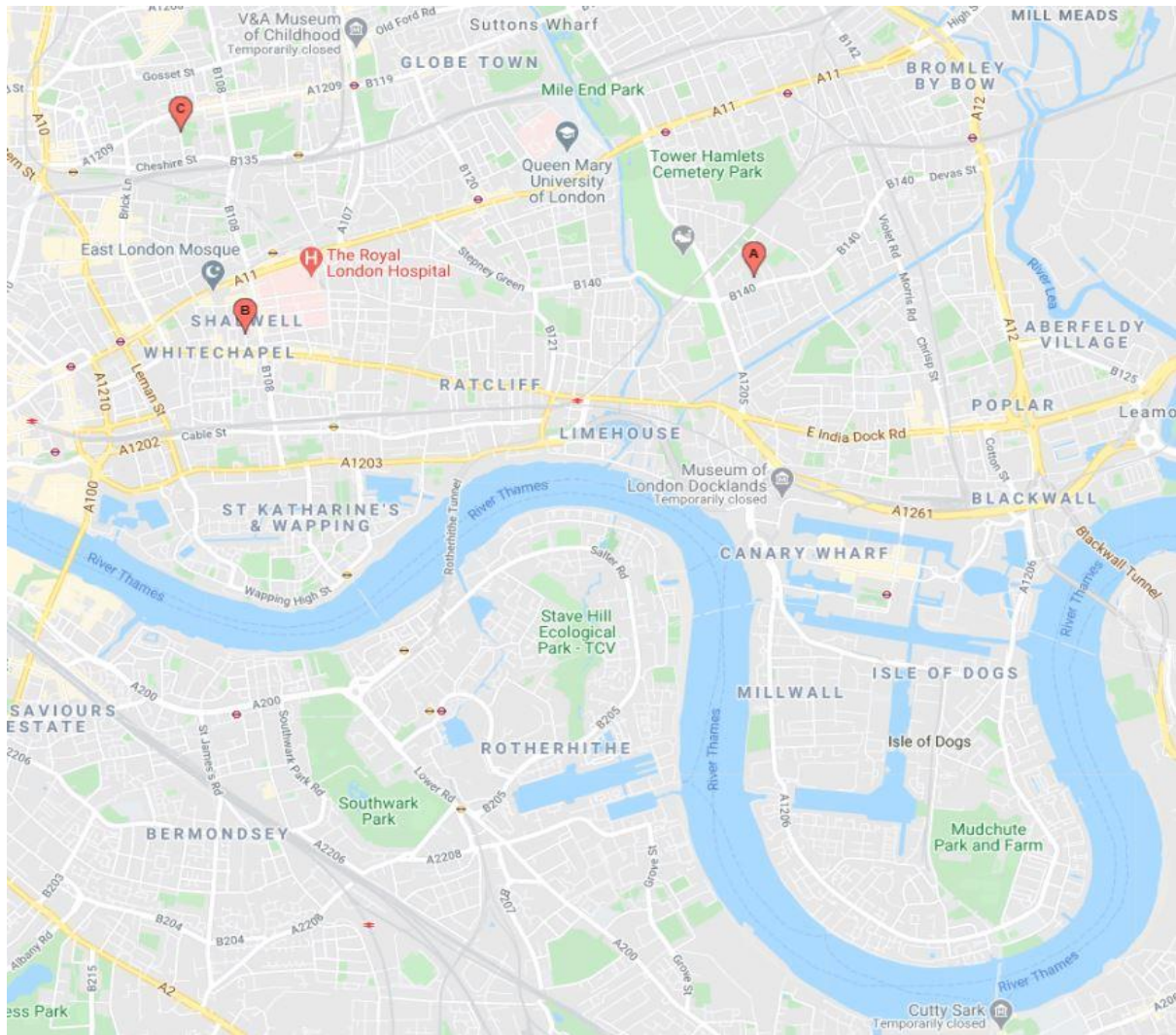
- A - Community Psychotherapy Network (E2 9PL)
- B - Dash Arts (E1 6LA)
- C - East India Over 50's Consortium (E14 0NU)
- D - East London Cares (E1 5AR)
- E - ICM Foundation CIC (E1 6RT)
- F - Innerscity Films (E1 5HU)
- G - Our Time (E1 2EN)
- H - Outside Edge Theatre Company (E1 5HU)
- I - SimpleGifts E2 6LX
- J - The Yoga For Life Project CIC (E2 6HG)
- K - Wapping Bangladesh Association (E1W 2QD)
- L - Women's Inclusive Team (E2 9LJ)
- M - YourStance (E14 8BN)

Loneliness (All applications)



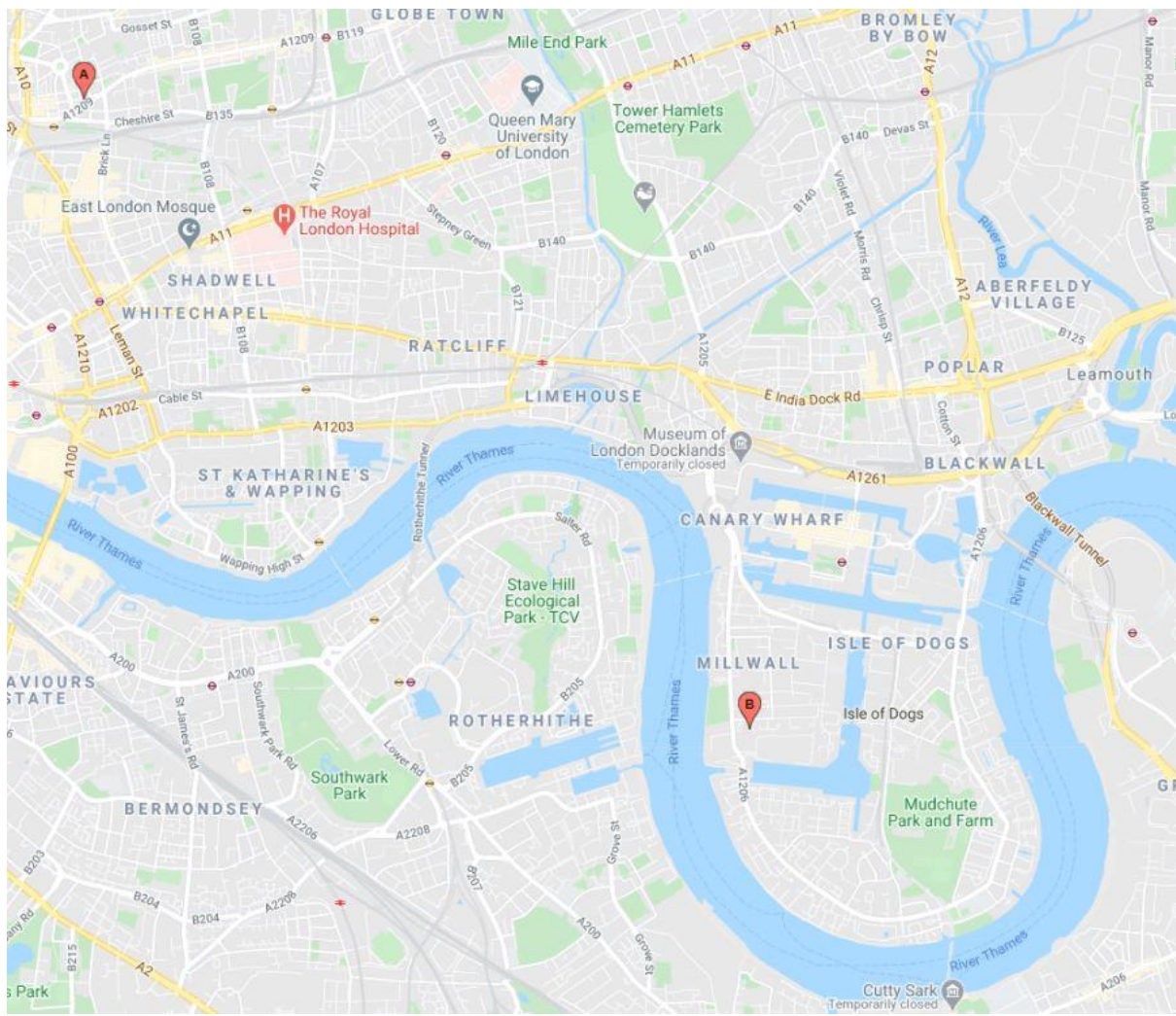
- A - My First 1000 Days (E3 4AJ)
- B - The Bangladesh Youth Movement (E1 1HL)
- C - Somali Senior Citizens Club (E2 6DT)
- D - Bongobir Osmany Trust (E14 8AD)
- E - Brick Lane Women and Girls Project (E1 6QR)
- F - Mukul and Ghetto Tigers (E1 5HU)
- G - Neighbours In Poplar (E14 0AE)
- H - St Katharine's Trust (E1W 2PA)
- I - You Be You – (E2 not specified)

Loneliness (Recommended for funding)



- A - My First 1000 Days (E3 4AJ)
- B - The Bangladesh Youth Movement (E1 1HL)
- C - Somali Senior Citizens Club (E2 6DT)

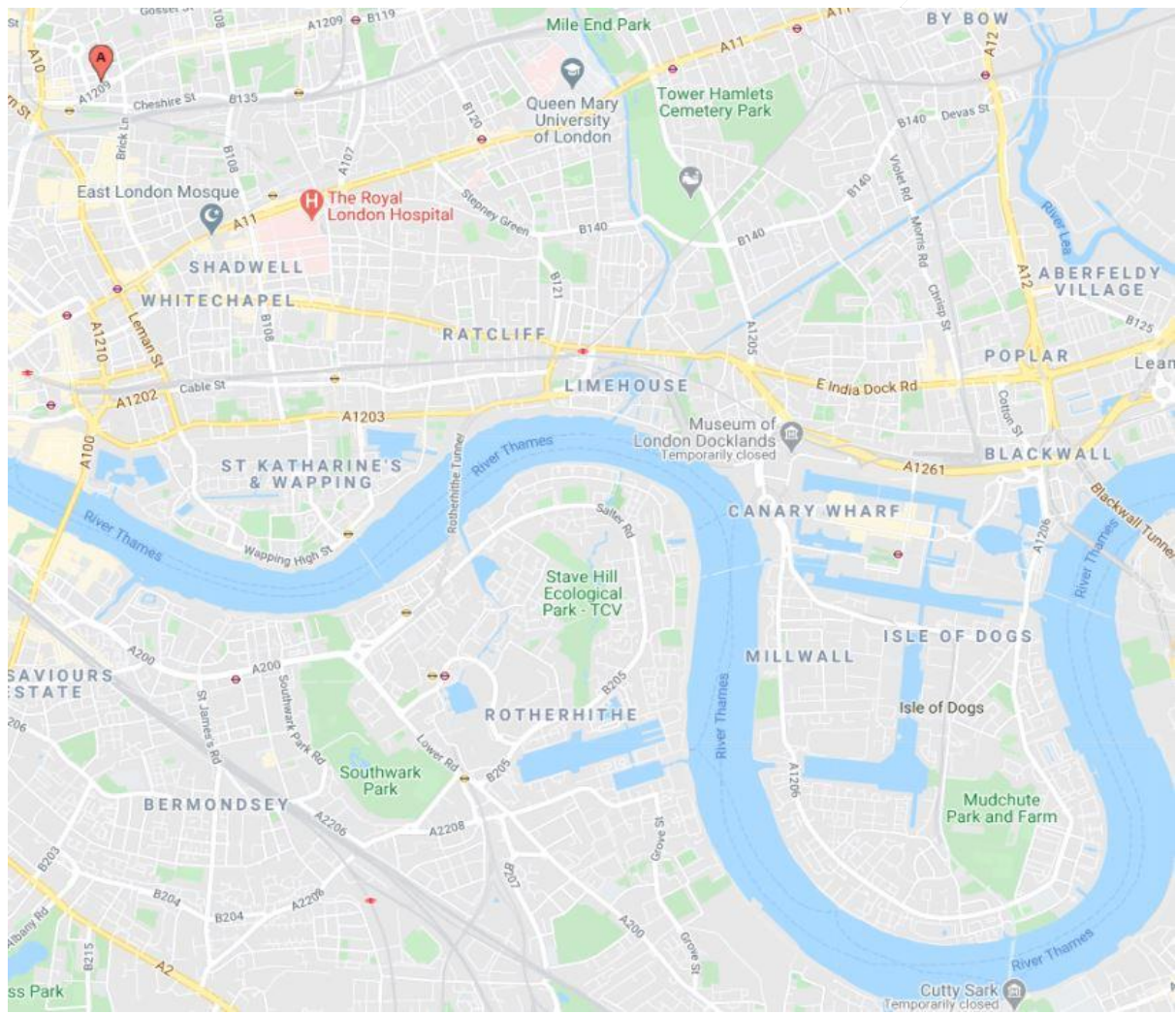
Access and Participation (All applications)



A – The Families Support Group (E1 6GP)

B – Phoenix Academie (E14 8PX)

Access and Participation (Recommended for funding)



A – The Families Support Group (E1 6GP)

Appendix E - Small Grants Awards 2020/21

Covid-19 Outreach & Engagement Theme

| No. | Organisation | Project Description | Priority Community | No. of Beneficiaries | Org Previously Funded by LBTH? | Comments | Amount Applied For | Amount awarded |
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| 1 | True Cadence CIC | A 5-week video project, in collaboration with social entrepreneur filmmaker Joe Tamplin and co-directed by young people. The project will recruit local young poets/rappers and dancers to produce a 3-5 minute video disseminating the message on NHS Test and Trace. This video will be shared on social media and to relevant local networks that support | Young People | 200 | No | A fundable innovative project developed by the priority community and shared to local relevant networks. The organisation is experienced in supporting local young people and having delivered a similar project demonstrates capability. A good monitoring and evaluation plan is in place tracking views, comments and feedback. Overall a good application that aligns well with the theme. | 3,000 | 3,000 |

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| | | young people as well as being pushed to local news. | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | TOTAL | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| | | | | | | AVAILABLE BUDGET | | 30,000 |
| | | | | | | REMAINING BUDGET | | 27,000 |