

Emergency Funding Emergency Funding Award



Wadajir Somali Community Association Total award - £7,569.76

Organisation Details

Emergency Funding Award:
£7,569.76

Date Applied:
28th September 2022

Date Awarded:
6th October 2022

Background

Wadajir Somali Community Association (WSCC) was registered as a company Ltd by Guarantee on 14th July 2005 and has been supporting and delivering services to Tower Hamlets residents since 2004. The organisation was a previous recipient of the Council's Mainstream Grant (MSG) 2015-2019. It was unsuccessful with its application in 2019 for funding for the successor Council funding programme to MSG, the Local Community Fund. Since the ending of the MSG funding WSCC has only been in receipt of the LBTH Small Grants Fund from the Older People's Theme. This funding was for two years from 2020-22 to run an Elderly Luncheon Club. It came to an end in October 2022.

Defined Emergency

WSCC submitted an application for Emergency Funding on 28th September 2022, requesting a total amount of £7,569.76 to pay for gas utilities previously used and to pay the gas utilities bill for the next three months. The organisation has been unable to keep on top of the utility bill due to the impact of COVID, as stated in its emergency funding application. The pandemic hindered WSCC's ability to balance its books and led to staff shortages, with resultant closure of service and loss of funding. It has attempted to negotiate a payment plan, but its gas supplier refused this and asked for the outstanding debt of £4,569.76 to be paid in full. It set a disconnection date of 10th October 2022 for WSCC's gas supply.

Award Conditions

- a) WSCC liaises with its gas provider to ensure that it is on a payment plan with this provider
- b) WSCC to work with Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets to secure an experienced fundraiser/bid writer that can submit funding bids for the organisation.
- c) WSCC to work with Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service to source training and support on financial management and planning.
- d) WSCC to work with LBTH officers to explore diversifying its income
- e) WSCC to obtain energy efficiency guidance and to refer to the Government's support for charities in relation to energy crisis. This information will be shared with the organisation by the Council.

