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## **AGENDA FOR THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE**

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Members of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee are summoned to a meeting which will be held in Committee Room 4 at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on **21 November 2023 at 6:30pm.**

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Despatched : 13 November 2023

### Membership

Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz  
Councillor Una O'Halloran  
Councillor Roulin Khondoker  
Councillor Santiago Bell-Bradford

### Substitute Members

Councillor Rowena Champion  
Councillor Michelline Ngongo  
Councillor Nurullah Turan  
Councillor Diarmaid.Ward  
Councillor John Woolf

### Observers

Councillor Troy Gallagher  
Councillor Jason Jackson  
Councillor Phil Graham

**Quorum: is 2 Councillors**



1. Apologies for absence
2. Declaration of substitute members
3. Declarations of interest

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**(g)** Securities - Any beneficial interest in securities of a body which has a place of business or land in the council's area, if the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body or of any one class of its issued share capital.

This applies to **all** members present at the meeting.

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Any non-exempt items which the Chair agrees should be considered urgently by reason of special circumstances. The reasons for urgency will be agreed by the Chair and recorded in the minutes.

**D. Exclusion of press and public**

To consider whether, in view of the nature of the remaining items on the agenda, any of them are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt or confidential information within the terms of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and, if so, whether to exclude the press and public during discussion thereof.

**E. Confidential/exempt items for information (if any)**

**F. Urgent Exempt Matters**

Any exempt items which the Chair agrees should be considered urgently by reason of special circumstances. The reasons for urgency will be agreed by the Chair and recorded in the minutes

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## **Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 14 September 2023**

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 14 September 2023 at 6.30 pm.

**Present:**      **Councillors:**      Comer-Schwartz, O'Halloran, Bell-Bradford and Khondoker

### **Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz in the Chair**

**26**      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)**

There were no apologies for absence.

**27**      **DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)**

There were no declarations of substitute members.

**28**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**29**      **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**

Councillor Khondoker noted that her attendance at the meeting on 11 July 2023 had not been recorded in the published minutes.

**RESOLVED:**

It was noted that subject to the inclusion of Councillor Khondoker, the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2023 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

**30**      **COMMUNITY FREE HIRES (Item 5)**

Councillor O'Halloran, Executive Member for Community Development informed the meeting that following the Covid pandemic she is pleased to announce that Hall Hire has now resumed.

Meeting was advised that all deferred events due to covid 19 have been cleared, so the Council will return to offering the full amount of free hires for Round 1 and 2 2023-24.

Executive Member informed the committee that five applications for free hire were received for the Assembly Hall and six for the Town Hall, Round 1 2024.

**RESOLVED:**

## **Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 14 September 2023**

- 1.1. That Angel Comedy Ltd and Voices Foundation be offered a free hire use of the Assembly Hall between January and March.
- 1.2. To hold Islington and Shoreditch Housing Association in reserve, in case of inability of the above applicants to negotiate appropriate dates and timings.
- 1.3. That Home-Start Camden and Islington and North London Cares be offered a free hire use of the Town Hall Committee Rooms between June and September.
- 1.4. To hold Islington Bamer following applicant in reserve, in case of inability of the above applicants to negotiate appropriate dates and timings.

### **AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Reasons for decision – as specified in the report

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted – none

The meeting ended at 6.35 pm

**CHAIR**

Community Engagement and Wellbeing  
222 Upper Street, London N1 1XR

Report of Cllr O'Halloran, Executive Member for Homes and Communities

Meeting of: Voluntary and Community Sector Committee

Date: 21 November 2023

Ward(s): All 17 wards

## Subject: Local Initiatives Fund

### 1. Synopsis

- 1.1. The Local Initiatives Fund (LIF) is a flexible devolved budget for councillors to use to address issues and priorities in their wards. It is an important element of the council's community provision and helps to meet the needs of local residents. In 2023/24 each ward has an allocation of £13,000 to spend on local schemes. Councillors consider project ideas for their ward and make recommendations to the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee for formal approval.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To consider the new proposals and changes to previous proposals submitted by ward councillors as set out in Appendix A and to agree these proposals in principle subject to the Corporate Director of Community Engagement and Wellbeing being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.
- 2.2. To note the declarations of interest made by councillors due to having a connection with organisations that they are recommending funding for. These are detailed at paragraph 4.3.
- 2.3. To note the amendments to ward budgets resulting from project funding being returned. The amendments are detailed in Appendix B and are included in the budget summary on the last page of Appendix A.

- 2.4. To agree that no more than £1000 underspend per ward can be carried forward by councillors to 2024/25.
- 2.5. To continue with delegated authority to the Corporate Director Community Engagement and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Executive Member for Homes and Communities, to make changes to the use of previously awarded funding.
- 2.6. To note that further applications received for projects addressing the cost of living crisis will revert to being considered by councillors as the extra NLWA funding is now all exhausted.

### 3. Background

- 3.1. The Local Initiatives Fund enables councillors to respond directly to priorities in their ward that lie outside of current mainstream funding programmes and might not otherwise receive funding. It helps them to address the needs of local residents and suggest improvements to local services/facilities or new schemes that will enhance the area.
- 3.2. The Community Partnerships Team in the Community Engagement and Wellbeing Directorate is responsible for managing the Local Initiatives Fund in liaison with ward councillors and members of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Committee. The team ensures that funds are used appropriately and for the purpose for which they are allocated.
- 3.3. The VCS Committee's terms of reference include 'To be responsible for the allocation of the Islington Community Fund including...allocating the Local Initiatives Fund having regard to the recommendations of the relevant ward members/relevant ward partnership or neighbourhood group and on the basis that the funding will be allocated equally among the 16 wards making up the council's area'.
- 3.4. The VCS Committee in April 2011 agreed that each ward councillor should be given a notional allocation of the Local Initiatives Fund (i.e. divided equally between the councillors elected for each ward). In 2016/17, £15,000 was available to each ward; therefore the notional allocation for each councillor was £5,000.
- 3.5. In January 2017, the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee agreed that in order to address the issue of recruiting and retaining support for ward partnerships, an incentive payment of £1,000 per annum would be paid to each ward partnership co-ordinator and that £1,000 per annum be set aside from each ward partnership Local Initiatives Fund budget to fund this support.
- 3.6. In 2021/22, the annual Local Initiatives Fund budget was therefore £225,000. This was £14,000 per ward apart from the Bunhill and Clerkenwell ward budgets which were each £14,500.
- 3.7. In March 2022, it was agreed that two new ward partnership co-ordinator posts needed to be created. An additional ward partnership co-ordinator was recruited to the Finsbury ward partnership due to the additional workload involved in dealing



with two wards. In May 2022, the number of wards in Islington increased from 16 to 17 which meant that a further ward partnership co-ordinator was recruited.

- 3.8. Due to the increased amount spent on honorariums/ incentive payments to co-ordinators and the larger number of wards, the amount of funding available in each ward budget in 2023/24 for local schemes is £13,000. This means there is a reduction of the overall LIF budget from £240,000 to £238,000. Of this £238,000, £17,000 is spent on honorariums with £221,000 left to allocate to local schemes.
- 3.9. In November 2019, authority was delegated to the Head of Community Partnerships, to allocate funding, up to the value of £250, to activity to support Ward Partnership meetings. Awards approved under delegated authority should be reported to the next VCS Committee at which Local Initiatives Fund awards are considered. In September 2021, it was agreed that funding up to the value of £1,000 can be approved by the Head of Community Partnerships and Corporate Director Community Engagement and Wellbeing for activity to support Ward Partnership meetings.
- 3.10. Due to the challenges being faced by the cost of living crisis, the decision was made to open up LIF for applications during the winter period (Oct 2022-March 2023) to ensure that voluntary and community sector organisations were able to respond on the ground to the crisis, and that funding was awarded and processed promptly to support the sector during this difficult time.
- 3.11. In early March 2023, it was decided that any further applications received for projects addressing the cost of living crisis would continue to be prioritised beyond the end of March but would not be funded from the Local Initiatives Fund budget. £20,000 of extra funding from the North London Waste Authority was set aside to fund any further cost of living crisis related proposals received. From 23 March to 2 June, £11,355 of this extra funding was allocated to 11 applications. From 18 July to 30 September, £8,645 was allocated to a further 9 applications which means there is now no extra cost of living funding available. These applications were not considered by ward councillors but by officers in the Community Partnerships team. The maximum that could be applied for under this process was £1000. The relevant ward councillors have been informed of any decisions made for projects related to their ward. The awards agreed from 18 July to 30 September are listed in Appendix A for information only. Further applications received for projects addressing the cost of living crisis will revert to being considered by councillors subject to sufficient funding being available in the relevant ward budgets.

## 4. LIF Awards 2023/24

- 4.1. Occasionally projects do not proceed as planned and funding is returned to ward budgets or the use of a grant has to be changed.

9 reallocations totalling £7,904 have been added back into ward budgets and these are set out in Appendix B. These amendments to the ward budgets are reflected in the budget summary on the last page of Appendix A. This increases the amount available to allocate in 2023/24 from £233,286 to £241,189.

One change in the use of previously awarded funding has been agreed by councillors and is listed in Appendix A.

- 4.2. Since the last VCS Committee in July 2023, 65 applications for the Local Initiatives Fund have been received. Another 8 cost of living crisis related applications have been received, of which 7 were fully covered by the additional NLWA funding. 2 further applications were funded by both LIF and NLWA. This means a total of 75 applications have been received since the last VCS Committee in July 2023.

Four of the 67 LIF applications were related to Ward Partnership activity, were recommended for funding and then formally agreed by the Head of Community Partnerships / Corporate Director of Community Engagement and Wellbeing under delegated authority. These four applications totalling £1841 are listed in Appendix A for information only.

Of the remaining 63 LIF applications, three were deferred until the next round, eight applications were not recommended for funding and one application was referred to Section 106/ Community Infrastructure Levy funding instead leaving a total of 51 applications recommended by ward councillors.

If the remaining 51 councillor funding recommendations are formally agreed by this VCS Committee, there will be £64,890 left in the 2023/24 budget and would mean that 55 LIF grants have been awarded at or reported to the November VCS Committee. 59 grants were awarded at or reported to the July Committee which means that a total of 114 LIF grants have been awarded in 2023/24 to date.

A list of the 51 LIF applications recommended for funding and the recommended amount for each application is set out in Appendix A.

8 of the 67 LIF applications received are from first time applicants to LIF. 4 of these applications have been recommended for funding and a multi ward one has been part deferred. 7 organisations/council departments are listed more than once in Appendix A (i.e. have submitted more than one LIF application to this round).

The total amount of LIF allocated by councillors to cost of living crisis related applications between October 2022 and the July VCS Committee was £40,443. An additional £1,596 has been allocated by councillors to cost of living crisis

related applications in this round. £20,000 of NLWA funding has been allocated by officers to cost of living projects since the March VCS Committee (£8,645 reported to this Committee). This means the total amount allocated to cost of living crisis related applications since October 2022 is £62,039 (£42,039 LIF and £20,000 NLWA).

- 4.3. Councillors must always declare their interest if they have a connection with an organisation that they are recommending funding for. Declarations of interest have been made for the following applications reported to this Committee:
- Cllr Saiqa Pandor is the organiser of the women's pampering day that has been allocated £1780 by 16 wards (Hanley Crouch Community Association applied on her behalf).
  - Cllr Asima Shaikh is the Islington representative on the board of Finsbury Park Trust that has been allocated £550 for festive support (hampers and a festive lunch).
  - Cllr Marian Spall is the chair of Caxton House Settlement that has been allocated £900 for winter festivals.
  - Cllr Michelline Ngongo is a holding trustee of Caxton House Settlement that has been allocated £900 for winter festivals.
  - Cllrs Chapman and Burgess are the appointed elected representatives to the Archway Town Centre Group that has been allocated £1316.60 for the Archway Christmas Spectacular.
  - Cllr Jenny Kay is the vice-chair of the federated governing board of Newington Green Primary School that has been allocated £1088 for emotional support resources for classrooms and a school pantomime. The PTA applied for this funding.
  - Cllr Anjna Khurana is a trustee of Hanley Crouch Community Association that has been allocated £2,004.61 for a Tollington ward partnership fun day and £1675.30 for a women's pampering day on behalf of Cllr Saiqa Pandor.
  - Cllr Tricia Clarke is a governor of Tufnell Park Primary School that has been allocated £1000 for improvements to the reclaimed pond garden.
  - Cllr Satnam Gill, Cllr Tricia Clarke and Cllr Gulcin Ozdemir are all co-opted trustees of Hilldrop Area Community Association that has been allocated £1000 for a Christmas lunch and dinner.

Awards were made to the following ward partnerships for costs associated with holding ward partnership meetings or events:

- Arsenal Ward Partnership – meeting on 17 August - £35.60
- Barnsbury Ward Partnership – fun day date to be decided - £1000
- Finsbury Ward Partnership (Bunhill and Clerkenwell wards) – fun day on 24 September - £675
- Finsbury Park Ward Partnership – meeting on 18 July - £130

- Tollington Ward Partnership – fun day on 21 October (hosted by Hanley Crouch Community Association) - £2,004.61

The councillors funding these costs are members of these ward partnerships and the main organisers of the meetings / events so have declared an interest in the above.

## 5. Implications

### 5.1. Financial Implications

The Local Initiatives Fund in Financial Year 2023/24 has a total of £241,189 to allocate. This is comprised of an annual budget of £221,000 and a carried forward underspend/unallocated amount of £20,189 from previous awards or financial years. An additional £17,000 LIF budget is spent on honorarium/ incentive payments to ward partnership co-ordinators to a total of £1,000 per annum per ward. The core budget available for LIF will be £238,000.

Any recommendations for carry forwards of LIF underspends will be subject to yearly reviews of the wider financial needs of the Council. The current earmarked reserves as a consequence of previous financial year's carry forwards and previous awards are sufficient to meet the funding requirements of this report.

The proposals referred to in this report can be met from budget and reserve allocations from the Local Initiatives Fund. Delays or alterations to LIF projects may increase ward underspends in Financial Year 2024/25.

Financial Year 2024/25 will start with a comprised annual budget of £221,000 and any additional carried forward underspend/unallocated. An additional £17,000 LIF budget will be spent on honorarium/ incentive payments to ward partnership co-ordinators to a total of £1,000 per annum per ward. The core budget available for LIF will be £238,000.

Any recommendations to revert to previously held carry forward capping will reduce the carry forward and the money available for the LIF programme, but will improve the financial position of the Council.

### 5.2. Legal Implications

The general power of competence pursuant to Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 provides the council with very broad powers 'to do anything that individuals generally may do'. This covers the power to give grants to voluntary and community sector organisations as proposed in this report and includes anything which it considers is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of the whole or part of its area or all

or any of the persons resident or present in that area. The provision of resources through the Local Initiatives Fund is likely to promote the social and economic well-being of Islington's residents.

The council is under a fiduciary duty to ensure that its resources are used appropriately. Where the money is allocated to outside bodies, the requirements of the procurement rules may apply. In any event it will be important to maintain current practice of ensuring that the money will be used for the purposes for which it is allocated and that individual members are made aware of the responsibility they bear in making recommendations in relation to specific groups.

The council has adopted a Code of Conduct for its members which is in Part 6 of the Constitution and is on the council's website. All members need to register their disclosable interests – both disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests that must be declared and registered as required by the council's Code of Conduct for members or by members' duty to act in conformity of the Seven Principles of Public Life.

One of the Seven Principles of Public Life is the principle of integrity, that *“holders of public office must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.”*

Members' registration of personal interests should be guided by this duty. They should also give the Monitoring Officer who is responsible for the register of members' interests any information they may request in order to keep that register up to date and any other information which members consider should be entered in the register.

### **5.3. Environmental Implications and contribution to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030**

Most if not all, of the projects funded by the LIF grants have carbon and environmental impacts, including the use of energy, fuel, water, food and drink, materials, prizes, generators, fireworks and printing, while events being funded may create waste or journeys that contribute to transport-related emissions especially if attendees drive. However, many projects also have positive environmental impacts, including repairing items including bikes, a free library box, planting, greening areas, local food growing and increasing local biodiversity. Wherever possible, projects will be undertaken with regard with the council's goal of achieving a net zero Islington by 2030, as per Islington Council's Environmental Policy.

#### 5.4. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

When considering proposals the VCS Committee will take relevant equalities implications into account. The Local Initiatives Fund provides resources for local projects which directly meet the needs of local residents, many of whom are from groups with protected characteristics. It enables some of Islington's poorest communities to access community-based services and activities and allows provision to be developed locally which can reach groups of residents that may not otherwise be supported.

## 6. **Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

The Local Initiatives Fund is an effective way of addressing local priorities and provides a mechanism for ward councillors to support small projects which might otherwise not be funded. Proposals submitted for approval represent a wide range of activity and will deliver significant benefit to local communities.

#### **Appendices:**

Appendix A – Local Initiatives Fund Proposals

Appendix B – Local Initiatives Fund Ward Budget Reallocations (for information only)

**Background papers:** none

#### **Final report clearance:**

Signed by:



**Cllr Una O'Halloran, Executive Member for Homes and Communities**

Date: 10 November 2023

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## NEW PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN NOVEMBER 2023

Ward	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Community Engagement and Wellbeing Comments
Arsenal / Barnsbury / Bunhill / Caledonian / Canonbury / Clerkenwell / Finsbury Park / Highbury / Hillrise / Holloway / Junction / Laycock / Mildmay / St Mary's and St James' / St Peter's and Canalside / Tufnell Park	Chabad Lubavitch of Islington CIO (Islington Menorah Lighting)	Islington Menorah Lighting, a community festival celebrating Chanukah, the Jewish festival of lights with the aim of promoting community cohesion and a culture of tolerance. The event also aims to celebrate Jewish heritage by showcasing klezmer music and traditional songs, distributing free traditional Chanukah food to all attendees (latkes and doughnuts), engaging the crowd in dreidel playing, a traditional Jewish game, and involving a storyteller to tell stories connected to the festival. Little Angel Theatre and the Jewish Museum will deliver some of the activities. Funding to contribute towards a stage, marquees, tables, chairs, a sound system, stage lights, generator, food and drink, a live Klezmer band, children's activities, entertainers and other associated running costs.	Islington Green	10 December 2023, 5.30pm to 7.30pm	Local residents but specifically benefitting the Jewish community	1,020	6,966.61	12,000	£3,500 private donations	The amount requested from all wards across the borough is £8,500 (£500 per ward).
Arsenal / Barnsbury / Bunhill / Caledonian / Canonbury / Clerkenwell / Highbury / Hillrise / Holloway / Junction / Laycock / Mildmay / St Mary's and St James' / St Peter's and Canalside / Tollington / Tufnell Park	Hanley Crouch Community Association (Women's Pampering Day)	Women's Pampering Day - a women's pampering event to focus primarily on women from marginalised backgrounds which will be led by the council's women's equality champion (Cllr Saiqa Pandor). A lot of women from marginalised communities do not prioritise themselves or their own self-care as they are taught that they are born to serve their family, and that they themselves do not matter as much. The plan is to have a pampering session so they can gain the trust of some of these women and raise their self-esteem and confidence. They then plan to have serious conversations about what it means to look after themselves and why it is so important. This will be a free ticketed event with up to 50 women with food and music. Funding to pay for catering, catering equipment, room hire, massage, a nail technician, a make up artist, henna, reiki and tea/coffee.	Brickworks Community Centre, 42 Crouch Hill, N4 4BY	Saturday 14 October 2023	Targetted at women from marginalised backgrounds	Up to 50	1,780	1,780	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1,780 from all wards across the borough (£105 per ward).

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Arsenal / Finsbury Park / Highbury / Hillrise / Junction / Tollington / Tufnell Park	Islington Mind (open access winter festive event)	Two festive celebrations within Islington Mind's mental health service, supporting people facing multiple disadvantages and protected characteristics who attend their Isledon Road and Despard Road day centres. One event will be held at each day centre, offering a Christmas meal with surprises and prizes. Funding to pay for food and provisions, prizes for each participant, a Christmas tree and decorations and volunteer expenses (e.g. for musicians and helpers in the kitchen).	48 Despard Road, N19 and 76-80 Isledon Road, N7	Between 10 December 2023 and 10 January 2024 - exact dates of the two events to be confirmed	Islington residents who experience complex and long term mental health problems	100 Islington residents (with most coming from the 7 wards applied to)	1,256.59	1,300	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1,300 from 7 wards.
Arsenal / Highbury / Hillrise / Junction / Tollington / Tufnell Park	Islington Mind (specialist projects winter festive event)	Three festive celebrations within Islington Mind's mental health service, supporting people facing multiple disadvantages and protected characteristics who access their specialist targeted projects. One celebration will be held for each of the following groups: Outcome (LGBTQ+ specialist service), the Women-Only Space (vulnerable women) and Mother2Mother (women caregivers of people with mental health problems). Funding to pay for food and provisions, prizes for each participant, a Christmas tree and table decorations and volunteer expenses (e.g. for musicians and helpers in the kitchen).	Ashley Road Day Centre, 35 Ashley Road, N19	Between 10 December 2023 and 10 January 2024 - exact dates of the two events to be confirmed	Islington residents representing minority groups facing multiple disadvantages and protected characteristics combined with complex ongoing mental health problems	85 Islington residents (with most coming from the 7 wards applied to)	971.59	1,215	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1,215 from 7 wards.
Arsenal / Barnsbury / Bunhill / Caledonian / Clerkenwell / Finsbury Park / Highbury / Holloway / Laycock / St Mary's and St James' / St Peter's and Canalside / Tollington / Tufnell Park	Streets Kitchen	Provision of a full festive Christmas dinner with entertainment and activities such as bingo, karaoke, board games, carol singing and special guest appearances. This event is targeted specifically at people experiencing homelessness and 150 guests will be invited who are known to local services and Islington Council. Funding to pay for food and beverages, transport and logistics (excluding guest logistics), entertainment including bingo/karaoke equipment hire and prizes, printing, take away containers/cutlery, gas/electric/kitchen use at Solidarity Hub and decorations.	Islington Assembly Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD	Monday 25 December 2023, event from 12pm to 5pm	Targeted specifically at people experiencing homelessness	150	3,900	3,900	Not applicable	The amount requested is £3,900 from all wards across the borough.

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Arsenal	Highbury Vale Blackstock Trust	Annual winter community social event in January 2024. January can be a difficult month, especially for those who are more socially isolated, far from family members and more vulnerable. The event is also an opportunity to promote Elizabeth House as a warm community space and other activities. The winter celebration will be open to everyone from the local community, be promoted to current users and on local estates. Funding to pay for a community cook, food, refreshments, performances, hall usage and staff costs.	Elizabeth House, 2 Hurlock Street, N5	January 2024 (exact date tbc)	Open to all	70 (40 from Arsenal)	500	900	£400 HVBT in kind (facilities, utilities, marketing, catering, staff costs)	
Barnsbury / Caledonian / Canonbury / Clerkenwell / Finsbury Park / Highbury / Junction / Laycock / Mildmay / St Mary's and St James' / Tollington	Bags of Taste	A free mentored home cooking course which helps people struggling with food costs to provide a healthy, tasty and affordable diet for themselves and their families into the long-term. Those most in need are found through referrals and outreach - liaising with community organisations, council services, charities, mental health services, health providers, foodbanks, schools, job centres, community centres, etc. Participants have 2 weeks to cook 3 recipes in their own time, guided by a mentor (in a small Whatsapp group, or by phone/email) who offers support and posts videos and tips. All their recipes can be made for between 50p and £1 a portion. At the end, participants can join long term support groups through Facebook/Whats App. Outcomes include improved health and wellbeing, improved diets and students post course tell them that they can save £21 a week. The at home model reaches people who don't easily access face to face courses. Funding to pay for staff costs, flyers, course materials, food purchase, bagging and transport, overheads, food ingredients, phone and insurance, knife sharpeners and specialist materials.	In the home with mentoring by Whatsapp, phone or email	6 courses (each lasting around 2 weeks) from January to September 2024	The most disadvantaged in each ward who struggle with food costs (with almost all being on benefits)	90 across the whole of the borough	4,732	15,000	£5,000 tbc Fishmongers Foundation, £2,500 tbc Islington Giving, £2,500 local donors	The amount requested is £7,470 from all wards across the borough.
Barnsbury	Healthy Generations	Healthy Generations has been running chair yoga classes for older people at the West Library since 2014. Participants can attend in person and online meaning it will continue to reach those who need it the most. These one hour weekly chair yoga classes provide a well-rounded series of exercises delivered by an instructor with experience and training working with older people. They are designed to exercise every joint and almost every muscle in the body thereby maintaining muscle mass and bone density and helping create the best circumstances possible to help people achieve an active and independent third age. Funding to pay the chair yoga instructor to deliver 25 one hour weekly classes.	West Library	January to June 2024	Older people	30 from Barnsbury	750	1,000	In-kind room hire is provided by West Library	The amount requested is £1000.

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Barnsbury	LBI Highways (street greening in Barnsbury)	Greening and improving biodiversity in Barnsbury ward - to create improvements to tree pits and greening along streets with residents. Residents and the public will benefit from improved paving areas around trees and locations where paving can be replaced with greening options. Residents of populated streets often do not have access to a garden and children will benefit from a better environment. It will make the locations more useful and resolve any paving problems due to tree roots and create a green space for all to allow better walking routes for people going to schools, parks and stations. Funding to contribute towards the cost of paving removal and the creation of a tree pit with edging, plants and compost/soil.	Location in Barnsbury ward to be confirmed	November 2023 to March 2024	Passers by and Barnsbury residents who will assist with the creation and maintenance of the new greening areas	Unable to quantify	1,000	3,000	£1500 LBI Highways	The amount requested is £1500.
Page 16 Barnsbury / Highbury / Holloway / Junction / Laycock	Isledon Wolves Youth FC	Isledon Wolves has a high percentage of children from low income families. They wish to start a scholarship programme to pay for 18% of fees for selected individuals. It will be awarded to players on the basis not only of merit but other factors such as team spirit, effort and reliability as well as economic need. The scholarship would help cover the costs of a full season at the club which costs £860. This £860 includes the costs of all subs and match fees, kit, tournaments and end of season tour. They have 106 members throughout the borough. Funding to pay for a 18% discount for 32 players (discount per player means a £154.80 reduction to £705.20 per season).	Market Road N7 9PL, Whittington Park N19 4RS and other venues	Nov 2023 to July 2024, training 3 days per week, matches 1 day per week	Children from low income families, 60% of scholarships will be for BAME players	20 children aged 6 to 15 from 5 wards (3 - Barnsbury, 4 - Highbury, 6 - Holloway, 4 - Junction, 3 - Laycock)	2,258	4,953	Not applicable	The amount requested is £4,953 from 9 wards for 32 children. £309.60 for 2 children deferred by Canonbury.
Barnsbury	The Liliesleaf Trust UK (anti apartheid community engagement and enrichment activities in Barnsbury ward)	Anti apartheid community facing events and enrichment activities for Barnsbury residents, workers and visitors. At least three pop up events supported by local volunteer residents/students will be held at Chapel Market to raise awareness of the development of the Centre at Penton Street, the heritage of anti-apartheid in Islington and the progress of the building works at the Penton Street site. An enrichment group will be held at Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School over six weeks to design the hoardings/temporary signage for the Penton Street building works. Part of this will involve an introduction to the workplace (by architects, surveyors, building contractors) (World of Work) which will also be extended to other students. There will also be 11 by 11 sessions at least one other Barnsbury school. Funding to contribute towards an arts facilitator at EGA, printing for exhibitions, volunteers, exhibition stands, snacks for events, prize draw prizes for feedback and materials for schools.	Chapel Market, N1 Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School (EGA) 28 Penton Street (on occasion) Another school (tbc)	December 2023 to May 2024	Mainly the young people in the schools and Chapel Market visitors	850 (Chapel Market footfall of 600, 15 EGA pupils (enrichment), 180 EGA World of Work participants, 60 at primary school)	1,000	8,055	£6,456 secured (£4,276 National Lottery Heritage Fund, £1680 GLA, £500 Chapel Market team (in kind))	The amount requested is £1599.

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Barnsbury / Caledonian / Clerkenwell / Holloway	Islington Bangladesh Association	A Community Wellbeing Project, community activities that will improve the physical and mental health of local residents. There will continue to be a programme of weekly physical activities (4 hours per week), a twice weekly lunch club programme (serving up to 1,760 hot meals) and regular healthy living workshops on issues such as healthy diet, oral health, etc. 6 hours of weekly supplementary educational support will be provided for local children from deprived families to cover core subjects such as English, Maths and Science. There will also be a gardening project for isolated women to come out and grow their own vegetables. Funding to contribute towards the cost of trainers to deliver the 4 hours per week of exercise (3 hours of Zumba, 1 hour of Aerobics), a project worker, a lunch club cook, lunch club food and resources, hall hire and expenses for two volunteers.	Islington Bangladesh Association (71 Caledonian Rd) Hugh Cubitt Centre (48 Collier Street) Barnsbury Community Centre (12 Jays Street)	1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024 (44 weeks)	Open to all but targetted at hard to reach and disadvantaged adults (older people, women and children from BAMER communities)	120 (45 from Barnsbury, 45 from Caledonian, 10 from Clerkenwell, 10 from Holloway, 10 from Tollington)	5,500	22,924	£15,424 secured (£6k Paul Hamlyn Foundation, £5k Peabody Housing Trust, £4,424 from BBC Children In Need)	The amount requested is £7,500 from 5 wards.
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Bunhill	Healthy Generations	Healthy Generations ('HG') have been providing activities at Vibast Community Centre since 2020, restarting Pilates and starting a dance fitness class. The dance fitness class at Vibast Community Centre is a very popular class with a core group attending each week. These one hour weekly classes provide a well-rounded series of exercises delivered by instructors with experience and training working with older people. It also presents an opportunity to socialise and get to know residents in their local ward. Funding to pay the keep fit dance fitness instructor to deliver 50 one hour weekly classes.	Vibast Centre	January to December 2024	Open to all but mainly older people	40 from Bunhill	2,000	2,000	In-kind room hire is provided by Vibast Centre	
Caledonian	Help On Your Doorstep	The HoYD Good Neighbour Scheme is asking for funding to deliver three health and wellbeing events in 2024: (1) a Health and Wellbeing Day (Spring 2024) reaching a minimum of 75 residents, (2) Outing (Summer 2024) reaching a minimum of 50 residents, and (3) a Fun Day (Autumn 2024): reaching a minimum of 150 residents. The events will be free. They will be run by GNS staff and local volunteers, with all staff and volunteer costs incurred by HoYD. Funding to contribute towards resources required for the events themselves (refreshments and lunches, coach hire, massage sessions, bouncy castle, facepainter, materials, leaflets and posters, music sessions and exercise taster sessions).	Jean Stokes Community Centre, Coatbridge House, Carnoustie Dr, N1	January to September 2024	Those in Caledonian ward with low incomes and/or experiencing financial hardship	275+ from Caledonian ward	1,500	3,175	£1675 Help On Your Doorstep	

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Canonbury	Healthy Generations	Healthy Generations ('HG') has been running Pilates at Walter Sickert Community Centre since early 2019. These classes have a core group attending each week. Live Pilates offers help with maintaining and improving core strength, alignment and tightness around muscles. Before and after each session there is an opportunity to socialise and meet local people. This directly helps to reduce isolation and to improve mental and physical health and wellbeing. Funding to pay for the Pilates instructor to deliver 50 one hour classes, 2 per week.	Walter Sickert Community Centre	January to June 2024	Open to all but mainly older people	60 from Canonbury ward	2,000	2,000	Walter Sickert Community Centre (room hire in kind)	
Canonbury	Almorah Community Centre	The Almorah Community Centre Garden has recently been redeveloped (a play area has been created, raised beds, a covered decking area and screening for the perimeter fence have been put up). They want to relaunch the centre, showcasing the garden and outdoor space with various fun activities, and by engaging the community in a gardening club. At the launch, Octopus Communities will run a nature related activity and will talk about gardening and will collect names/details of residents who are interested in a gardening club. They will use this information to create a group and will provide a gardener to facilitate the group and provide training and advice to the group once a month for 6 months. Funding to pay for a carpenter to build borders for the wild garden and climbers, public liability insurance and the costs of materials needed for the garden to thrive and develop (timber compost bins, compost, fruit trees, gardening tools, timber for building borders and wooden barrels (to plant in)).	Almorah Community Centre, 58 Almorah Road, N1 3EU	October 2023 to March 2024 (relaunch on 7 October 2023)	Local residents	200 from Canonbury ward	1,910	2,430	£520 Octopus Communities support (workshop, gardener and advice)	Condition: The funding should not be paid until the new committee is in place and confirmation is received from them and Octopus that the project will go ahead as proposed.
Clerkenwell	Migrateful	Migrateful supports asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants on their journey to employment and independence, and promotes integration. They do this by offering cookery classes where migrant chefs share their native cuisine, culture and stories with mainly asylum seekers. They learn to prepare 5 to 6 recipes from the Migrateful Chef's home cuisine. At the end of each class, everyone sits down to share the meal together. In addition or alternatively, asylum seekers are invited to Chef Socials which occur every other month where they can meet the Migrateful Chefs, staff and volunteers. They run 8 class events (3 hrs long) and 3 socials (4 hrs long) over the course of a year. Funding to pay for costs of the 8 class events (venue hire, food, a facilitator and a chef), travel costs for participants and 3 socials (winter, spring and summer). If travel costs for participants are not needed (as participants will be local in this case), they would be happy to run another class event with that money.	Migrateful Cookery School, 3 Corners Centre, Corporation Row, EC1R 0HU	1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024, 2 class events and 1 social every quarter (11 events over the year)	Asylum seekers, refugees and long term migrants	100 (50 from Clerkenwell) (14 participants per class)	4,590	4,590	Not applicable	

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Finsbury Park	Finsbury Park Trust	Additional festive support in terms of hampers for vulnerable people living in Finsbury Park ward, mostly older people but some will be for large local families who need additional support with food especially when children are off school. There will be festive treats as well as store cupboard staples. They will work with local VCS organisations (especially the Islington Somali Community and Jannaty Women's Social Society) to identify those who would most benefit from this type of support and arrange volunteers to help them with delivery. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to have a chat with isolated people whilst they are delivering the hampers. Funding to pay for 35 hampers, a festive lunch for 45 people, entertainment and decorations.	225-229 Seven Sisters Road, N4	1 December to 31 December 2023	Vulnerable Finsbury Park residents - older people and large local families	80	550	750	Use of building, kitchen and volunteers in kind	The amount requested is £750.
Page 19	Islington Turkish Kurdish Cypriot Women's Welfare Group	Replacement of their current only laptop which is in a state of disrepair, no longer holds a charge and has become increasingly unreliable, often failing to start up on the first attempt. This situation has severely impacted their ability to serve their community effectively, especially in this digital age where technology plays a vital role in communication and access to resources. A functional and up-to-date laptop would greatly enhance their capacity to provide essential services and support to residents. It would enable them to better communicate and access online resources for the benefit of the community. They are committed to making the most efficient use of any funding provided and ensuring it directly benefits the individuals and families they serve. Funding to pay for a laptop and laptop accessories, e.g. bag, mouse, laptop stand and other accessories.	Islington Turkish Kurdish Cypriot Women's Welfare Group, Finsbury Park Community Rooms, Under, 32, 43, Bolton Walk, Durham Rd, N7	Laptop bought as soon as funding is received	Women mainly of Turkish, Kurdish and Cypriot backgrounds	100 per year	500	1,000	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1000 from 2 wards (£500 per ward).
Finsbury Park	LBI Community Partnerships (Andover Community Centre - Men in Sheds)	Funding will cover capital costs for the conversion of the playground shed at Andover Community Centre into a "Men's Shed" and the development of projects from the shed in partnership with ACL. A series of Repair Café events will be run from the "shed" giving taster sessions in various repair skills (upholstery, electrical, woodworking, bicycle repair etc), leading to the establishment of a core of men able to take a Men in Sheds programme forward. Staffing support will be provided separately from Andover Community Centre and ACL. Funding to pay for benches, rack shelving and equipment costs.	Andover Community Centre (playground shed)	October 2023 to September 2024	Isolated members from Finsbury Park ward, especially older single men	50	1,500	3,000	£1500 in kind from Andover Community Centre and Adult and Community Learning (staffing)	

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Finsbury Park	LBI Community Partnerships (Finsbury Park Ward Fun Day)	Finsbury Park Ward Fun Day, a scaled down fun day to replace Soul in the City for this year with the hope of a return of SITC in June 2024. It will be a free event for residents in the ward to come together, socialise, have fun and learn about services at Andover Community Centre. There will be around 20 stalls and taster sessions will be offered. Funding to contribute towards tables, chairs, gazebos, bouncy castles and buckaroo, food, publicity, facepainting and first aid.	Andover Central Square and Andover Community Centre	14 October 2023	Local residents especially those on the Clifton, Hayden, Six Acres and Andover estates and members of St Mark's Church	400 to 500	1,959.34	5,770	£4,270 LBI Community Partnerships, Arsenal in kind support with free pitch activities	The amount requested is £3,000.
Highbury	Highbury Quadrant TRA	Provision of bat boxes on Highbury Quadrant Estate. There is a bat population living on and around the estate. Historically these bats, a native species, have lost safe roosting and breeding spaces due to human intervention whether it be demolishing buildings or building new ones. Support and advice has been provided by Islington Swifts in consultation with the council. Installation will be carried out as part of the major works taking advantage of the high level scaffolding currently in place to place the bat boxes in suitable locations. Funding to pay for 7 bat boxes and their delivery.	On appropriate blocks on Highbury Quadrant Estate as chosen by Islington Swifts and working with the council	6 December 2023 to 6 November 2024	Residents who are engaged with and responsive to nature (mainly on the estate)	1600+	340.26	340.26	Not applicable	
Highbury	Healthy Generations	Healthy Generations ('HG') has been running two weekly classes at Sotheby Mews Day Centre for many years. These classes are suitable for those with all health conditions and especially suitable for those with osteoporosis and osteopenia. Both classes have a core group that attend each week and is well attended. Funding to pay for the keep fit instructor to deliver 50 one hour classes, 2 per week.	Sotheby Mews Day Centre	January to June 2024	Open to all but mainly older people	50 from Highbury	2,000	2,000	Sotheby Mews Day Centre (room hire in kind)	
Highbury / Hillrise / Holloway / St Peter's and Canalside	The Liliesleaf Trust UK (anti apartheid education and outreach - 11 by 11 support)	Anti apartheid education and outreach (11 by 11 support) - workshops, author talks and enrichment activities for schools and young people. Outcomes include 18 sessions which will be held across six schools (min 2 sessions per school) to support LBI's 11 by 11 enrichment programme, learning about anti-apartheid heritage & black history (local and global), making links with contemporary social justice issues and ways to make change and individual creative response/literacy skills development. Funding to pay for a lived-experience / artist / heritage facilitator, a contribution to staff costs, author talk fees, materials for arts responses, contribution to online evaluation resource and travel costs for facilitators.	Highbury (Drayton Park School), Hillrise (Ashmount Primary and Duncombe Primary), Holloway (Hungerford Primary), St Peter's and Canalside (Moreland Primary)	End November/early December 2023 to March 2024	Mainly young people (of primary school age) and their teachers / teaching assistants	345+ (50 in Highbury, 180 in Hillrise, 45 in Holloway, 60 in St Peter's and Canalside)	1,899.94	6,000	£3,300 TLTU core reserve funding	The amount requested is £2,700 from 5 wards.



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Hillrise	Caxton House Settlement (winter festivals)	Three winter festivals for Hillrise and Islington residents, bringing together communities for fun events - St Andrew's Crafty Christmas Make & Take, Hornsey Lane Estate Community Association Christmas Fair and Open Day and Winter Songs & Carols. The winter festivals will have 15+ volunteers from the groups and residents they work with across Islington. They will work with a variety of organisations to ensure events are widely promoted to help engage hard-to-reach individuals. Funding to pay for wreath rings, greenery and decorations, singers and bands, raffle prizes, tombola prizes, bingo hamper prizes, Christmas Quiz Prizes, books, pens and equipment, mince pies, hot and cold drinks, glow sticks and flyers.	St Andrew's Church, Hornsey Lane Estate Community Association and Caxton House Community Centre	Three events between 1 and 24 December 2023	Islington residents	200+	900	2,400	£700 all 3 venue hires in kind, £800 equipment, materials and publicity in kind from HLECA and Caxton House	
Page 21	LBI Community Wealth Building (stargazing)	Stargazing 2023 - a free space themed educational event in and around Navigator Square to bring the community together and highlight Islington's North as a destination. There will be telescopes in the roof garden on top of Archway Tower/Vantage Tower, virtual reality space trips in Archway Library, a Sci-Fi choir, bands and performances, arts and (space) crafts and interactive science lessons. The day is split into two parts with schools using the first part from 1pm to 3.30pm for class visits, with the rest of the day open to families and the general public. Archway has recently been accredited as a Creative Enterprise Zone, so they will launch this accreditation at the event with a focus on local creatives as part of a market on the day. Funding to pay for the virtual reality space trip, telescopes for Archway Tower, the SciFi Choir, face painting and craft activity, printing, design and distribution of flyers, stalls and sound hire and a music performance.	Navigator Square, Archway Library, Vantage Tower, Archway Tavern – N19 3TD	4 to 20 October 2023	Residents from the surrounding wards and businesses in Archway town centre from increased footfall	1000 from Islington	1,316.59	5,500	£1250 tbc Institute of Physics, £1250 tbc Essential Living	The amount requested is £3,000 from 4 wards.
Hillrise / Junction	LBI Community Wealth Building on behalf of Archway Town Centre Group	Archway Christmas Spectacular, a Christmas light switch-on event and festive market in partnership with the Archway Town Centre group and other local stakeholders to bring the community together, promote local businesses and provide trader pitches. Festive entertainment will be provided including local schools, Father Christmas, a business supported raffle and Archway's Christmas Window Display Competition. As well as providing a platform to highlight local artists, the trader training that ran at last year's Christmas event will be repeated; where local Archway residents are provided with a stall to try their hand at starting a market business. Funding to pay for musicians, a sound engineer, face painters, craft activities, flyer distribution, a stage and Father Christmas.	Navigator Square, Archway, N19	29 November to 18 December 2023 (switch on event on 29 November)	Junction and Hillrise ward residents, local businesses in Archway, young people aged 11 to 17 at local schools	1000 from Islington	1,316.60	7,000	£2,000 tbc S106, £1,500 tbc Essential Living, £1,500 tbc Bode	The amount requested is £2,000 from 2 wards (£1000 per ward).

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Hillrise / Tollington	St Mary Hornsey Rise	Annual Christmas Fair run by St Mary Hornsey Rise. There will be a free meal and hampers and stalls such as wreath making, garden fun, bingo, kids fun and craft activities. The aim is to bring the whole community together and is also a chance to celebrate and create an event in the run up for Christmas which is free for all, and so enables those on a low income to access a genuinely fun event whether they are a family or a single person. Funding to pay for toiletries, books, toys for Christmas parcels not provided by donations or other fundraising and food for the lunchtime meal (locally cooked) and supplemented by donated items through the Felix Project. An entertainer and publicity will be funded by other means.	St Mary Hornsey Rise, Ashley Road, N19 3AD	Event on 16 December 2023	Residents of Finsbury Park, Hillrise, Junction and Tollington wards	350 to 400	600	2,100	£300 tbc Mission Hall Fund, £300 tbc supermarkets, £300 tbc community events and fairs	The amount requested is £1,200 from 4 wards (£300 per ward).
Holloway	Healthy Generations	Healthy Generations ('HG') has been running weekly classes at Goodinge Community Centre since the lockdown restrictions were eased. This class is very important for attendees who are not able to get online. These classes are suitable for those with all health conditions and especially suitable for those with osteoporosis and osteopenia. The class has a core group that attend each week continuing to attract new participants. Funding to pay for an instructor for the keep fit dance class for 25 weekly one hour classes.	Goodinge Community Centre, 2 Goodinge Road, N7	January to June 2024	Open to all but mainly older people	30 from Holloway ward	1,000	1,000	In-kind room hire provided by Goodinge Community Centre	
Holloway	Penn Road Residents Association	Penn Road 1 Project - to make a waste/disused area into a communal seating / learning area, a small, decked area to allow the residents to sit, read and socialise. This will be a safe area for residents of all ages and ethnic communities to sit and enjoy. They would also like to buy some topsoil to top up the new raised beds after a year's settlement. Funding to pay for deck joists, topsoil, deck boards, deck screws and stain.	1 Penn Road, N7	October 2023 to April 2024	Local residents	20	450	800	Not applicable	The amount requested is £800.
Holloway	Caledonian Park Friends Group (Clocktower Carols)	Clocktower Carols - funding for two Christmas Carol events, traditional carol singing in December and a wassail in January. This continues what has become an annual event of carol singing in Caledonian Park in recent years. Funding to pay for a professional music director to work with local singers for 12 sessions, carol refreshments, printing, posters and battery candles.	Caledonian Park and Cally Clock Tower Centre in Caledonian Park	September 2023 to January 2024, choir practice from Sept onwards, concerts in mid December, wassail on 20 or 21 January 2024	Park visitors from Holloway and several surrounding wards, including from Camden	10 to 30 choristers, 70 to 100 audience	1,050	1,240	£190 CPFG own resources	

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Holloway	LBI Community Partnerships on behalf of Lorraine Estate Community Centre gardening group	Developing Lorraine Estate Community Centre Garden by creating a compost area (to help local residents with their food waste and to teach about composting and its benefits), purchasing annuals for residents and the wider community to plant and tend to, purchasing garden equipment for residents and flyers to advertise the garden and a regular volunteering day. They will publicise the gardening project via the community centre and the network of other gardening groups in Islington (including Tufnell Park Plant Nursery). Funding to pay for 15 established plants/bushes (annuals), a wooden composting bin, gardening equipment and flyers.	Lorraine Estate Community Centre, Holloway Road, N7 9SA	January to September 2024	Residents of Lorraine Estate particularly those who volunteer	Up to 15 volunteers and 30 from the centre's regular user groups, 330 households on estate	600	900	£300 Community Centre income (compost and polytunnel)	
Junction	Key Changes	Key Changes Pop Up Studio project: an 8 week series of pop-up recording studio sessions for Junction residents facing mental health challenges, promoting positive mental health and wellbeing through music production and social engagement services. Participants will complete a short music project alongside a music industry professional, who all have enhanced mental health training and experience. Sessions will be in the format of one-to-one half hour slots. They will also deliver a showcase event for artists to perform their original tracks, alongside peer support from artist volunteers. They will support artists into a range of local 'pro-social' progression opportunities: Camden & Islington NHS Choir, 'Open Mic 4 Mental Health' events, volunteering/work experience. Funding to pay for music mentor costs, Open Mic 4 Mental Health showcase event costs and programme promotion.	Islington Mind, 48 Despard Rd, N19 5NW	4 January to 29 February 2024, weekly half-day sessions for 8 weeks	People from disadvantaged backgrounds, facing social hardship and/or deprivation, majority from Archway / Junction and north of the borough	25	350	1,730	£435 equipment costs (Percy Bilton Charity), £475 in kind for programme coordination / administration	The amount requested is £820.
Junction / Tufnell Park	St George and All Saints Church, Tufnell Park on behalf of St George's Smaller Pantomime Company	A commemorative book to mark 30 years of the community pantomime, which has been run entirely by volunteers and which has involved hundreds of local people of all ages, especially children from Tufnell Park and Yerbury schools. They want to document this achievement and enable the thousands of people who have participated in and/or attended productions in the last 3 decades to have a record of the shows and the talents that people have contributed – including acting, music, costumes, set and scenery. Copies of the book will be widely available and available at this year's show as well as there being a launch event. Volunteers have written the text and a volunteer designer is preparing the layout. Funding to contribute toward the print costs of the A4 book of about 80/100 pages so that it is affordable for the community.	St George and All Saints Church, Crayford Road, N7	1 to 31 December 2023	Local residents, with 50% from Junction and 50% from Tufnell Park	750	1000	1,250	£250 tbc crowd funding	The amount requested is £1000 from 2 wards (£500 per ward).

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Junction	Healthy Generations	Healthy Generations ('HG') started running the line dancing class in September. There were 14 signups from the HG mailing list. Line dancing classes provide a well-rounded series of warm-ups, exercises and dance routines delivered by an instructor with experience and training working with older people. Funding to pay for the line dancing class instructor to deliver 25 weekly one hour classes.	Whittington Park Community Association, Yerbury Rd, Archway, N19	January to June 2024	Open to all but mainly older people	40 from Junction ward	350	1,000	Room provided in kind by Whittington Park Community Association	The amount requested is £1000.
Mildmay	Newington Green Primary School on behalf of the PTA	Emotional support resources for classrooms to help children control their emotions and a school pantomime. An external theatre group will come into the school and deliver the pantomime to all pupils of the school on 8th December. This year, the school would like to set up a regulation station in each classroom (14 classes) so all children would be able to use the resources to help control their emotions. The money would be used to get some books to support discussions about feelings, Lego, fidget toys and other small sensory objects.	Newington Green Primary School	September to December 2023, pantomime on 8 December, resources for regulation stations bought in first term	The children of Newington Green Primary School	450	1,088	1,088	Not applicable	
Mildmay	Mildmay Community Partnership	Taking children from their weekly youth club on a single residential trip to one of London Youth's activity centres in February half term 2024. The aim of the residential trip is to support the mental well-being, physical health, and personal development, of disadvantaged young people by giving them the opportunity to get away from the anxieties of home life and inner city living. The trip will give the children the opportunity to build bonds with others and develop and strengthen friendships in a safe countryside setting where they can access fun team building activities and feel free and happy thus improving their mental and physical wellbeing. The trip will also have the added benefit of giving exhausted parents some much needed respite. Funding to pay for the full costs of the residential - food and accommodation for 12 children and 2 qualified youth workers, transport and staff costs.	Hindleap Warren, East Sussex	February half term 2024, 2 or 3 night residential	Children and young people aged 9 to 13 who mostly live on the Mayville Estate and who come from deprived families and have little or no access to excursions outside of their immediate area	30 (12 young people, 18 parents/carers (due to respite))	2,500	2,500	Not applicable	
Mildmay	LBI Parks (Petherton Green free library box)	To order and install an outdoor free library box for residents in Petherton Green to enable the community to share/swap/gift books so that others will have a chance to read them. During the Petherton Green working group consultation, members of the community were very keen to have this installed on the verge. It has worked well so far in 2 other parks. This creates an opportunity for learning, encourages residents to go outside and walk along the verge and encourages partnership and ownership. It will be the community's responsibility to manage it but will be checked regularly by the parks service. Funding to pay for the estimated costs of materials and installation.	Petherton Green, N5	Winter 2023 to Spring 2024	Local residents (Mildmay and Canonbury)	Unable to quantify	1,200	1,200	Not applicable	

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Ward	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Community Engagement and Wellbeing Comments
St Mary's and St James'	Islington Veterans Association	Events to recognise and support veterans in Islington in partnership with the council and local businesses. They hold events marking Armed Forces Week and Armed Forces Day (June), MN Day and B of Britain Day (Sept), Trafalgar Day (Oct), Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday (Nov). They also hold monthly membership meetings, attend other local festivals and launch the Poppy Appeal in October. Funding to pay for an armed forces breakfast, a brass band on Armed Forces Day (24 June 2023), annual insurance, software, newspaper adverts and internet costs.	Mainly Islington Town Hall and Islington Green but also attend events like the Cally Festival and Whitecross Street Party	1 February 2023 to 30 August 2024	Mainly veterans, their families and friends	50 to 100 max	1,214.38	1,214.38	Not applicable	
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St Mary's and St James' / St Peter's and Canalside	Arc Community Space CIC	The Arc is scaffolded by Rydon for Hyde Housing as part of a project to address cladding issues. This structure will remain until February 2024. The noise during installation and of the scaffolders, coupled with Rydon using the area in front of the Arc for storage, has rendered the centre nearly unusable. The Arc is largely self-funded, directing all revenue towards their in-house community projects. Their primary income sources, including the Cafe, Yoga Program, and venue hire, has suffered considerably due to the disturbances so they now face a financial deficit. The Arc caters for young people through yoga and cafe training, older people through initiatives like day trips, coffee mornings and fitness classes and runs a foodbank which serves 300 families weekly as well as running other activities. Funding to contribute towards staff costs to enable the centre to still be open and operating once the scaffolding comes down.	The Arc, 98b St Paul St, N1 7DF	1 November 2023 to 2 February 2024	Local residents	400 (200 from each of the two wards)	3,000	50,000	£47,000 tbc Hyde Housing	The amount requested is £3,000 from 2 wards (£1,500 per ward).
St Peter's and Canalside	The Spitz Charitable Trust	A winter project at Bridgeside Lodge Care Home, two hour sessions every other week of live music. All the activities are facilitated by professional freelance musicians. Feedback from beneficiaries, visiting family and friends, and BSL care staff shows that each visit makes a significant difference. The therapeutic value of music offers scientifically proven cognitive stimulation as well as holistic comfort. Funding to contribute towards the cost of delivering 4 music sessions and an end of project Spring celebratory event (musicians, project management, planning, coordination, evaluation, admin support, a videographer and social media content and blog writing).	Bridgeside Lodge Care Home	December 2023 to February 2024, a 2 hour session every other week	The care home community	150+ (64 BSL residents)	750	4,530	£2,000 tbc Movement for Good, £530 Spitz Charitable Trust	The amount requested is £2,000.

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Tollington	Hanley Crouch Community Association (Tollington Ward Fun Day)	A Tollington Ward Partnership community consultation event / fun day which will focus on the cost of living crisis. They will be promoting their food bank, debt kiosk and providing energy tips. There will be information stalls of local services and organisations, i.e. local councillors, IMAX, Shine, Help On Your Doorstep, Debt Kiosk, Islington Library and more. Residents will be able to feedback any issues and suggestions about the local area and how their quality of life could be improved. Funding to pay for staff costs, catering, catering equipment, a bike project, marketing, Wild Fangs, a newspaper advert, face painting, music, henna and volunteers.	Brickworks Community Centre, 42 Crouch Hill, N4 4BY	Saturday 21 October 2023	Local residents	200+	2,004.61	2,004.61	Not applicable	
Page 26 Tollington	Yes Outdoors	Winter Care Package Campaign, delivery of 200 winter care packages to vulnerable local older people. Yes Outdoors will work with young people to create and distribute the winter care packages. The young people are in control of the whole project supported by staff and volunteers from Yes Outdoors. Funding will pay for the packages with separate Youth Endowment Funding paying for the staff time involved in running the project. The care packages contain useful items to help recipients stay warm during the winter including blankets, hot water bottles and fluffy socks. They also contain non-perishable food items, toiletries, crossword puzzles and chocolates, amongst others.	Brickworks Community Centre, 42 Crouch Hill	December 2023 to January 2024	Young volunteers and older Tollington residents especially those most in need who are prioritised	200 (150 from Tollington)	3,000	4,000	£1000 Youth Endowment Fund (staff time to co-ordinate the project)	
Tufnell Park	St George and All Saints Church, Tufnell Park (fireworks)	The annual fireworks party is eagerly anticipated by local families. It unites people from different backgrounds and enables those who couldn't afford it to attend a free display. Hot food and drink is provided, usually macaroni cheese (including vegan and gluten free), soup and bread and hot chocolate. There are firepits with marshmallow toasting and sparklers. Inside the church there will also be firework-related paint crafts and games with prizes. Funding to pay for fireworks, sparklers, food and drink.	St George's Church, Crayford Road, N7 0ND	5 November 2023	Open to all but the event will mainly appeal to families with children	300 (250 from Tufnell Park)	500	850	£350 church donations (for rest of publicity, craft materials, games and prizes, staff costs and overheads)	
Tufnell Park	Healthy Generations	This class has been running at the Cat and Mouse Library since early 2019. It has a dedicated core group which have become very close. Live Pilates offers much needed help with maintaining and improving core strength, alignment and tightness around muscles. It is a popular choice for many health conditions, mobility issues, sore backs and hips. This class is suitable for those with osteoporosis and osteopenia. Funding to pay for an instructor for the 25 weekly one hour Pilates classes.	Cat and Mouse Library	January to June 2024	Open to all but mainly older people	55 from Tufnell Park ward	545.94	1,000	In-kind room hire is provided by Cat and Mouse Library	The amount requested is £1000.

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Tufnell Park	Hilldrop Area Community Association (Christmas lunch and dinner)	Hilldrop Christmas Lunch and Party, an annual Christmas Lunch for local residents. On Tuesday 12 December, there will be a 3 course meal for up to 100 servings of a turkey Christmas lunch along with a starter and dessert, and non-alcoholic beverages. This will be preceded by a breakfast buffet followed by games and songs, and a big quiz before the lunch at 1pm. After lunch there will be live music from the Hilldrop ukulele band till 3pm. There will then be an outdoor event in their wildlife garden till 5pm serving hot mulled apple juice and healthy tonics made from their herb and mint beds, by candlelight, listening to carols sung by Camden Harmony Choir. LIF funding will provide 50% of the costs associated with the day (food and drink, prizes for the bingo, quiz and raffle, the band, refreshments and 'stocking fillers') with a grant from East London Business Alliance covering the remainder.	Hilldrop Community Centre	Tuesday 12 December 2023	Attendees of the weekly Tuesday Lunch Club and Socials, many of whom are older people and come from the surrounding social housing estates	120 (99 from Tufnell Park)	1,000	2,000	£1,000 East London Business Alliance (items for presents for children and adults which will be allocated to members)	
Tufnell Park	SLOW	Funding to contribute towards the running of support groups for bereaved parents in Islington. SLOW's aim is to support bereaved members and build their confidence as they make their way back into the world, into activities, work and family life. A total of 89 professionally validated support groups will run in 2024 from St Georges Church, Tufnell Park with 140 new members benefitting, half of whom live or work in Islington. LIF funding will help provide £1,000 towards the total estimated £14,000 of providing all the workshops (specifically facilitator costs, premises hire, volunteer expenses and business services and admin). The balance will be provided from SLOW's other fundraising activities.	St George and All Saints Church, Crayford Road N7	January to December 2024	Bereaved parents across Islington	70 over the coming year	545.94	13682.50 (direct costs of project, no overheads, etc)	£100,471 already secured for all its annual running costs (funding applications, fundraising, donations and subscriptions)	The amount requested is £1000.
Tufnell Park	Tufnell Park Primary School (reclaimed pond garden)	Since November 2021 around 50 parents and their children, along with teachers, have reclaimed a 400 to 500 sq. metre abandoned wildlife area on the school grounds. Through a previous LIF grant in early 2023, the pond garden has been augmented with features to allow it to more easily host a full class of 28 students. After consultation and feedback from teachers who are using the pond garden with their students, along with feedback from parents running the Garden Club, they are requesting funding for further improvements. Funding to pay for a shelving unit, storage trays and clip boards, tarps and fixtures to provide protection from rain and direct sunlight in two areas, miscellaneous tools and tool hooks for the Gardening Club and the volunteers who come most Saturdays and three battery powered interior lights to provide light inside the shed-lab and their charging station.	Tufnell Park Primary School, 31 Carleton Road, N7	November 2023 to March 2024, pond garden and classroom will be used daily	School children and their families	430 children and their families	1,000	1000	All labour done by volunteers	

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Ward	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Community Engagement and Wellbeing Comments
Tufnell Park	Octopus Community Network	'Winter Garden Festival', a winter celebratory event to recognise and reward volunteers, groups, and local participant residents who all contribute to making the Community Plant Nursery a success. The Community Plant Nursery is the Octopus Urban Growing learning hub, hosting regular gardening, growing and environmental sessions throughout the year for local residents (on the Tufnell Park Estate and in surrounding locality) and with local groups, such as Beacon High Secondary School SEND students, Islington Me Time volunteers and St George's Well Being Café members. Funding to pay for two freelance sessional wreath makers, food and drink/refreshments, materials and resources and publicity/marketing.	Crayford Road, N7 0ND	Saturday 9 December 2023, 11am to 4pm	Local groups, volunteers and participants, especially older local residents	70 (50 from Tufnell Park)	860	1,360	£500 Octopus staff time	

## WARD PARTNERSHIP MEETING COSTS APPROVED BY THE HEAD OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Ward	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Community Engagement and Wellbeing Comments
Arsenal	LBI Arsenal Ward Partnership	A meeting with residents to discuss traffic and transport related issues impacting the ward. Funding to pay for refreshments, a projector and paper cups and napkins.	Stephens Ink Community Centre, Tannington Terrace, N5	17 August 2023	Local residents	15 members of the public attended	35.60	35.60	Not applicable	
Barnsbury	LBI Barnsbury Ward Partnership	Community Drop-in Fun Day at the Barnsbury Estate. Residents will have an opportunity to speak with local ward councillors, Newlon Housing and get advice from council services such as IMAX Team, Elections Team and Community Safety. There will be fun activities for children and refreshments. Funding to pay for activities, refreshments, room booking and communications.	Barnsbury Community Centre, 12 Jays Street, N1	Details to follow	Local residents	80	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	
Bunhill / Clerkenwell	LBI Finsbury Ward Partnership	Fun day for Finsbury residents (residents of Bunhill and Clerkenwell wards). Refreshments will be provided, activities for children and parents will be held and there will be information about and representation from local services. Funding to pay for facepainting, henna, refreshments, leaflet distribution, arts and crafts and printing.	Vibast Community Centre, 167 Old Street, EC1V	Sunday 24 September 2023	Local residents	150	675	675	Not applicable	



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Ward	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Community Engagement and Wellbeing Comments
Finsbury Park	LBI Finsbury Park Ward Partnership	The purpose of this public community meeting is to bring together those neighbourhood organisations combating food poverty in the Finsbury Park area and its environs to see what they could learn from each other and how they could co-operate in the future. Funding to pay for sandwiches.	Andover Community Centre, 55 -57 Corker Walk, N7 7RY	Tuesday 18 July 2023	Local residents	Details to follow	130	130	Not applicable	

**COST OF LIVING CRISIS RELATED PROPOSALS FUNDED BY BOTH THE LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND AND THE NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY**

Ward	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Community Engagement and Wellbeing Comments
Tufnell Park	St George and All Saints Church, Tufnell Park (Wellbeing Café)	Wellbeing Café – a space for connecting local people together, with activities and a free surplus food café and stall that was established in October 2021. In January 2024, they would like to make their offering even more holistic, with one-off wellbeing workshops; free counselling by an accredited counsellor and seated exercises, provided by a qualified trainer. The Wellbeing Café provides a space that reduces food waste; provides healthy meals; provides physical exercise; provides mental wellbeing activities (knitting, music, planting bulbs, board games and crafts); creates connection for those who are socially isolated. Funding to pay for the community cook for 11 weeks who collects food daily from local shops, sorts, processes, distributes and stores it, and who runs the kitchen on Wednesdays.	St George's Church, Crayford Road, N7 0ND	8 January to 27 March 2024 (Spring term), main gathering on Wednesdays from 10.30am to 1pm, food stall at other times during week	Open to all, but attendees are mainly older people and people who live on their own	85 (60 from Tufnell Park)	1,190.57	3,714	£700 church donations (heating, building, publicity and additional food), £550 tbc Gunners Fund (seated exercise class)	The amount requested is £2,464. £644.63 NLWA cost of living funding was agreed which left £1819.37 to be agreed by councillors.
Finsbury Park / Hillrise / Tufnell Park	The Hive Foodbank	A small independent volunteer run food bank seeking to tackle food poverty by providing food parcels to those in need. They use a voucher based referral scheme enabling referrals from GPs, schools and other local organisations. The three most frequently reported reasons visitors are referred to them are problems with benefits, ill health and low income and unemployment. Funding to pay for 200 food parcels - 25 single food parcels per week (at £12 each) over a 2 month period.	St Mary's Hornsey Rise, Ashley Road, N19 3AD	1 January to 30 March 2024, distribution sessions run every Wednesday evening at 6.30pm	Open to anyone experiencing food poverty, but most expected to be from closest wards to foodbank	200	2,050	2,400	Not applicable, £350 from other grants / donations	The amount requested is £2,400 from 4 wards. £1000 NLWA cost of living funding agreed which left £1400 to be agreed by the councillors of 4 wards (£350 per ward).

**COST OF LIVING CRISIS RELATED PROPOSALS APPROVED BY LBI COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN 18 JULY AND 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) - COVERED BY EXTRA FUNDING FROM THE NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY**

Ward	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Community Engagement and Wellbeing Comments
Bunhill / St Mary's and St James'	Bloody Good Period	Period Product Provision, an ongoing project providing period products to those who can't afford or access them in Islington. They have 8 community partners operating in Islington, 2 of which solely operate in Islington (St Luke's and the Arc). In the first half of 2023, this project delivered £1835 worth of period products via St Lukes and the Arc and are seeking funding to help with delivery via these two partners over the next year. They are facing rising levels of need due to the cost of living crisis. Funding to contribute towards the cost of period products for the whole year and staff time to co-ordinate and place product orders, deliver support to the two community partners and evaluate outcomes.	St Luke's Community Centre (Central Street) and the Arc Community Space CIC (St Paul Street)	October 2023 to September 2024	Islington residents	Takes care of 125 periods	1,000	3,920	Information not requested	
Finsbury Park	Middle Eastern Women and Society Organisation (MEWSO)	Olive Winter Club - Four sessions for ethnic minority and migrant women from Finsbury Park and their children which will involve cooking and eating together healthy and nutritional hot meals and a talk around welfare delivered by their advisor where women will be able to ask questions around the cost of living. Recommendations will be given on how to optimise household budgets, e.g. reduce utility bills, shopping options, white good grants, access to free clothes for children, welfare support women are not aware of (e.g. discretionary payments), hardship payments, negotiated rent areas/debt management, etc. Funding to pay for hot meals, staff time and venue hire.	Andover Community Centre	1 November 2023 to 31 December 2023, Thursdays from 4pm to 6:30pm (biweekly)	Ethnic minority and migrant women from Finsbury Park and their children	6 women and 6 children per session	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	
Hillrise	Hornsey Lane Estate Community Association	Our Place older people's project running activities for five days per week including ESOL, Food Hub (Food collection), Family Cook and Share, lunch and sew and Saturday lunch. Hot cooked meals are provided three days per week. There is a quiet space for residents just needing to keep warm and read or work as well as access to food parcels and help with finance including debt management. Residents reduce the need to cook for themselves or their families, receive support with dealing with fuel debt and advice on reducing the cost of energy. Funding to contribute towards the cost of staffing for 6 months and refreshments.	Hornsey Lane Estate Community Centre, Hazellville Road, N19 3YJ	1 October 2023 to 31 March 2024	Local older people	20+ per session	1,000	4,888	Information not requested	

**COST OF LIVING CRISIS RELATED PROPOSALS APPROVED BY LBI COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN 18 JULY AND 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) - COVERED BY EXTRA FUNDING FROM THE NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY**

Ward	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Community Engagement and Wellbeing Comments
Hillrise / Tollington	Hanley Crouch Community Association (Community Matters, Money Matters)	Community Matters, Money Matters - a project run in conjunction with the weekly foodbank. One to one debt advice, DV support and help with housing, CV writing, interview skills and confidence building will be offered. They will also signpost residents who need help with household bills and energy and link residents with the credit union and other relevant services/organisations. Funding to pay for refreshments, admin costs, printing and volunteer expenses.	Brickworks Community Centre, 42 Crouch Hill, N4 4BY	13 September to 13 December 2023, every Wednesday from 12pm to 2pm for 14 weeks	Local residents, promoted to all services and groups running at the centre	200+ per session	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	
Mildmay	St Jude and St Paul's Church	Community Drop-in project which runs a local community centre, providing a warm space with refreshments, friendly people to talk with, hot meal at lunchtime, free library, and access to a food bank for local people run by the Newington Green Action Group. Funding to contribute towards staffing costs, energy costs, food costs and catering supplies.	St Jude and St Paul's Church, 113 Mildmay Grove North	1 January to 31 March 2024, weekly on Tuesdays between 12pm and 3pm	Open to all	70 to 90 people per session	1,000	4,875	Information not requested	
St Mary's and St James'	Islington Centre for Refugees and Migrants	Warm Meals and Community Space for Refugees and Asylum Seekers. Every Wednesday, refugees and asylum seekers attend to enjoy a hot lunch, collect items from the 'free shop' (toiletries, clothing, books, etc), attend classes (therapeutic movement and dance, choir, gym, etc), receive referral and resource navigation services (Support Service), meet with friends, and build community. The Centre works with people who are highly marginalised and often find it difficult to get support elsewhere. Of the 186 people registered, 79 are destitute i.e. they are legally barred from working and not eligible for government support. People in this position are particularly excluded, for example they can not access mainstream housing support or English language teaching. Funding to pay for food / lunch ingredients, building rent, dishes and cutlery and coffee, tea and biscuits.	Cross Street Baptist Church, 16 to 18 Cross Street, N1 2BG	September 2023 to August 2024, every Wednesday from 11am to 3pm	Refugees and asylum seekers from across London	10 Islington residents per session, 40 in total per session	1,000	113,796	Information not requested	
Tufnell Park	Hilldrop Area Community Association	Hilldrop Tuesday Lunch Club and Socials which provide food through a community fridge and a healthy cooked lunch as well as a craft session and access to a warm room. They provide an access point to wider sources of support and immediate practical support through the food hub. Funding to contribute towards the food hub co-ordinator salary for the 3 month period and food items to supplement the surplus food and donations received.	Hilldrop Community Centre, Community Lane, Hilldrop Road, N7	5 September to 19 December 2023 (15 weeks), term time on Tuesdays from 9.30am to 4pm	Local residents (have a membership of 95)	35 to 50 members per week	1,000	8,000 per annum	Information not requested	£1200 awarded in November 2022 by the councillors for the setting up of the warm room.

## PROJECT CHANGES APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HOMES AND COMMUNITIES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Ward	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Community Engagement and Wellbeing Comments
Finsbury Park	LBI Community Partnerships (Andover Community Centre)	A late Eid based celebration, working with their tenants and users from Muslim communities – Middle Eastern Women's Social Organisation (MEWSO), One True Voice (Somali), Islington Turkish and Kurdish Women's Welfare Group, Refugees in B&Bs, Henna (South Asian) and local Islamic organisations like Jannaty, Finsbury Park Mosque and Muslim Welfare House. The event will take the form of an Eid party, but be open to all, with some information to raise awareness of Muslim traditions and culture. The event will fall within the South Asian Heritage Month which runs from 18 July to 17 August every year and celebrates South Asian cultures and communities and will form Andover's contribution to that social inclusion event. It will help balance the work they do with local Christian parishes at Soul in the City and other events, and in the same way will celebrate partnerships and links and be open to everyone. Funding to contribute towards ingredients for in-house cooked food, traditional sweets, samosas and pakoras, advertising, room hire and decorations, raffle, face painting, cooks and henna tattoos.	Andover Community Centre, 54 Corker Walk, N7 7RU	Thursday 3 August 2023	Open to all	250	1,670	2,230	£500 LBI Community Partnerships, £60 NLWA	£1670 awarded in November 2022 to Winter Souper Monday, a meal and warm refuge for older residents. In the end, donated food was used and they were able to cover the lettings fee.

**Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining**

<b>Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2023-24:</b>	<b>£221,000</b>
Total carried forward from previous LIF budgets / allocations:	£20,189
Total amount available to allocate:	£241,189
Amount allocated to date:	£93,356
Balance remaining:	£147,833
Cost of living proposals approved under delegated authority (NLWA funding)	£8,645
Ward partnership proposals approved under delegated authority:	£1,841
Cost of living proposals approved by councillors	£1,596
New proposals for November VCS Committee:	£79,506
<b>Total amount remaining to allocate in 2023-24:</b>	<b>£64,890</b>

**2023-24 Balance remaining by ward:**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Balance:</b>	<b>Notes:</b>
Arsenal	£7,989	Includes £938 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Barnsbury	£4,162	Includes £2,529 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Bunhill	£3,924	
Caledonian	£1,135	Includes £635 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Canonbury	£3,053	
Clerkenwell	£5,024	Includes £635 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Finsbury Park	£2,229	Includes £2,500 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Highbury	£4,077	Includes £2,552 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Hillrise	£361	Includes £1913 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Holloway	£5,823	Includes £291 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Junction	£6,408	Includes £586 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Laycock	£2,450	Includes £1200 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Mildmay	£5,131	
St Mary's & St James'	£3,935	Includes £171 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
St Peter's & Canalside	£4,731	Includes £2,884 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Tollington	£3,456	Includes £419 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Tufnell Park	£1,000	Includes £2,937 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

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## WARD BUDGET REALLOCATIONS REPORTED TO VCS COMMITTEE IN NOVEMBER 2023 (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Ward	Project / organisation	Project title/ brief summary	Year / month awarded	Original Award:	Reallocation amount:	Reason:
Arsenal	LBI Arsenal ward partnership	Ward partnership fun day on 20 May 2023	March 2023	500	113.22	Underspend
Barnsbury	LBI Parks / Friends of Joseph Grimaldi Park	Health and lifestyle seminars in the park, then on a festival in May 2020, finally on repairs to shed roof	March 2018	1,624.22	1,624.22	Highways team unable to coordinate a site visit with co-ordinator to organise shed repair. Grant now over 5 years old, well beyond 12 months timescale for spend and the use of the grant has been changed a few times already.
Highbury	Mace Housing Co-operative	'Skills Empowerment and Advisory Project' to help the unemployed, low income earners and others to find careers in Housing Management	November 2019	671.87	671.87	Initially delayed due to Covid - lots of reminders sent (last reminders in Jan and March 2023) - well beyond 12 months timescale for spend.
Highbury	Fieldway Crescent Play Street	Costs to run a Weekly Play Street in Fieldway Crescent for a year (50 weeks)	March / April 2020	1,880	1,880	Initially delayed due to Covid - lots of reminders sent (last reminders in Jan and March 2023) - well beyond 12 months timescale for spend.
Hillrise / Junction	Help Mental Health CIC	Workshops and training sessions on mindfulness, self-care and stress management and access to online resources and support networks to help young people in Islington to develop emotional independence and resilience.	July 2023	1,262.50	1,262.50	Group withdrew their application
Holloway	LBI Community Development Team on behalf of Pollard Close TRA	Biddestone Park Fun Day on 13 May 2023	July 2022	2,500	90.06	Underspend

## WARD BUDGET REALLOCATIONS REPORTED TO VCS COMMITTEE IN NOVEMBER 2023 (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Ward	Project / organisation	Project title/ brief summary	Year / month awarded	Original Award:	Reallocation amount:	Reason:
Laycock	Hope Church Islington	Jazz in the Gardens from 14 to 21 July 2023 in St Mary Magdalene Church Gardens	July 2023	1,260	200	Underspend - had requested 3 musicians but only 2 were available on the day (£200 per musician)
St Mary's & St James'	LBI St Mary's and St James' Ward Partnership	Ward partnership fun day on 10 June 2023	Reported to July 2023 Ctee for info	480	61.64	Underspend
Tufnell Park	LBI Estate Services on behalf of Penderyn and Trecastle TRA	Soil and plants to green Penderyn Way	July 2022	2,000	2,000	The £2,000 was allocated to project from another council budget so LIF not needed
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,903.51</b>	