



**Resources Department  
Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD**

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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 the Council Chamber at Islington Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on **22 November 2021 at 6:30pm.**

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Despatched : 12 November 2021

### Membership

Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz (Chair)  
Councillor Una O'Halloran  
Councillor Michelline Safi-Ngongo  
Councillor Diarmaid Ward

### Substitute Members

Councillor Rowena Champion  
Councillor Satnam Gill OBE  
Councillor Sue Lukes  
Councillor Asima Shaikh  
Councillor Nurullah Turan

### Observers

Councillor Janet Burgess MBE  
Councillor Jason Jackson  
Councillor Anjna Khurana

**Quorum: is 2 Councillors**



## A. Formal matters

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

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- if it is not yet on the council's register, you must declare both the existence and details of it at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent;
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**(b)** Sponsorship - Any payment or other financial benefit in respect of your expenses in carrying out duties as a member, or of your election; including from a trade union.

**(c)** Contracts - Any current contract for goods, services or works, between you or your partner (or a body in which one of you has a beneficial interest) and the council.

**(d)** Land - Any beneficial interest in land which is within the council's area.

**(e)** Licences- Any licence to occupy land in the council's area for a month or longer.

**(f)** Corporate tenancies - Any tenancy between the council and a body in which you or your partner have a beneficial interest.

**(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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## B. Matter for decision

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**C. Urgent non-exempt matters**

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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London Borough of Islington

## **Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 20 September 2021**

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held in Committee Room 1, Islington Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 20 September 2021 at 6.30 pm.

**Present:** **Councillors:** Kaya Comer-Schwartz, Una O'Halloran, Michelline Safi- Ngongo and Diarmaid Ward

**Councillor observers:** Janet Burgess MBE and Jason Jackson

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

**108** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)**

Received from Councillor Anjna Khurana.

**109** **DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A2)**

None.

**110** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)**

Councillor Michelline Ngongo declared an interest in agenda item B1 - Local Initiative Fund awards - as the Chair of the Light Project Pro International.

**111** **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item A4)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 July 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

**112** **LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND AWARDS (Item B1)**

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That the majority of the temporary revised measures for new and previously funded Local Initiative Fund projects implemented due to the Covid19 pandemic, detailed in the report to the Executive on 30 April 2020, be continued.

(b) To continue with delegated authority to the Corporate Director Fairer Together, in consultation with the Executive Member for Community Development, to make changes to the use of previously awarded funding only, with new applications to be considered by the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee.

(c) That Ward budget underspends in 2021/22 exceeding £1,000 per Ward be carried forward to 2022/23.

(d) That the amount that may be approved under delegated authority by the Corporate Director Fairer Together to activity to support Ward Partnership meetings be increased to £1,000.

(e) That the Local Initiative Fund awards approved by the Corporate Director Fairer Together, under delegated authority and in consultation with the Executive Member for Community Development on 21 June and 16 August 2021, detailed in appendix A to the report, be noted.

Reasons for decision

The Local Initiatives Fund was an effective way of addressing local priorities and provided a mechanism for Ward councillors to support small projects which might otherwise not be funded. Proposals submitted for approval represented a wide range of activity and would deliver significant benefit to local communities.

Other options considered

None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None

**113 DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF AWARDS (Item B2)**

**RESOLVED:**

That Discretionary Rate Relief be awarded to six organisations (six hereditaments) listed at appendix 1 of the report of the Executive Member for Community Development and below, from 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2023:

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	<b>Address of premises for DRR</b>	<b>Type of Organisation</b>	<b>Total Relief Awarded (21/22)</b>	<b>Cost to Council (21/22)</b>
London City YMCA	167 Whitecross Street, London EC1Y 8JT	VCS	2,940.56	882.17
St Peter and St Paul Roman Catholic Primary School	42 Compton Street, London EC1V 0EU	School	6,673.99	2,002.20
Minority Matters Ltd	Pt Ground Floor & 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor 50-51 Corker Walk, London N7 7RU	VCS	573.44	172.03
Christ The King Roman Catholic Primary School	55 Tollington Park, London N4 3QW	School	10,427.20	3,128.16
Artbox London	Studio 1, Orkney House, 195-199 Caledonian Road, London N1 0AF	VCS	390.10	130.02
St Mary's Church of	Fowler Road, London N1 2EP	School	7,065.60	2,119.56

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England Primary School				
<b>Total</b>			<b>£28,070.89</b>	<b>£8,434.14</b>

### Reason for decision

Awarding discretionary rate relief to not-for-profit organisations or other bodies providing a community or social benefit was a cost-effective way of supporting local organisations delivering the commitments set out in the Council's Corporate Plan.

### Other options considered

None.

### Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None.

The meeting ended at 6.34 pm

**CHAIR**

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## Report of: Executive Member for Community Development

Meeting of:	Date	Agenda item	Ward(s)
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	22 November 2021		All

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## 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 2021/22 each ward has an allocation of £14,000 to spend on local schemes, with the exception of Bunhill and Clerkenwell who each had an allocation of £14,500. 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 Fairer Together 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 4.6.
- 2.3 To agree that applications for funding for political activities and costs for individuals are not eligible for the Local Initiatives Fund.
- 2.4 To agree that the majority of the temporary revised measures for new and previously funded Local Initiative Fund projects implemented due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as detailed in the report to the Executive on 30 April 2020, be continued. These are detailed at paragraph 4.1.
- 2.5 To continue with delegated authority to the Corporate Director Fairer Together, in consultation with the Executive Member for Community Development, to make changes to the use of previously awarded funding, with new applications to be considered by the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee.

### **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 Voluntary and Community Sector Development Team in the Fairer Together department 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 is therefore £225,000. This is £14,000 per ward apart from the Bunhill and Clerkenwell ward budgets which are each £14,500.
- 3.7 In November 2019, authority was delegated to the Head of Communities, 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 Community Wellbeing North / Corporate Director Fairer Together for activity to support Ward Partnership meetings.

### **4. LIF Awards 2021/22**

- 4.1 On 30 April 2020, the Executive agreed that temporary revised measures for new and previously funded projects could be implemented due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The measures included the following:
- Authority was delegated to the Executive Member for Community Development and the Corporate Director of Housing to approve final awards and changes to previously funded projects to prevent delays to funding being received. Approved awards will then be brought to the VCS Committee for information only.
  - Previously funded organisations should be given the opportunity to change the use of the grant funding awarded including an extension to the timeline for the event. The normal funding terms and conditions state that all funding must be spent within 12 months of the date of the award. Organisations should be given the opportunity to spend their funding beyond the 12 months' timescale if needed.
  - The monitoring of new and existing projects where the organisation is known to the council and has previously received funding should be ceased. Where an organisation is unknown, further information may be requested.

- Supporting documents do not need to be provided by new projects though each organisation will need to confirm that they have the appropriate governance documents in place. The VCS Development Team will carry out spot checks during this period and may request further information if needed.
- Ward budget underspends in 2020/21 exceeding £1,000 per ward can be carried forward to 2021/22.
- Applications received for events that will breach Government guidelines on social distancing will not be accepted.

4.2 In August 2021, £4,611 was awarded to the Clerkenwell Festival (The Peel Institute) which was due to be held on 29 August. The organiser decided to postpone the festival until next year due to the uncertainty of the pandemic. They had spoken to members of the local community who were anxious about attending large scale events and about socially distancing and sharing toilet facilities, etc. This £4,611 has therefore been returned to the Clerkenwell ward budget for reallocation. This amendment to the ward budget is reflected in the budget summary on the last page of Appendix A.

This increases the amount available to allocate in 2021/22 from £182,089 to £186,700.

4.3 Ward councillors have considered 52 applications for funding from 40 applicants since the last VCS Committee in September. 53 applications were received but one was considered to be unsuitable for the Local Initiatives Fund so was not considered by ward councillors.

5 of these applications were related to Ward Partnership activity, were recommended for funding and then formally agreed by the Head of Community Partnerships and Community Wellbeing North under delegated authority.

Of the remaining 47 applications from 35 applicants, one application was withdrawn by the applicant and one application was deferred. A further 6 applications were not recommended for funding by ward councillors leaving a total of 39 applications from 30 applicants recommended by ward councillors. If these councillor funding recommendations are formally agreed by this VCS Committee, there will be £102,447 left in the 2021/22 budget and would mean that 89 grants have been awarded to date in 2021/22.

A list of the 39 applications recommended for funding and the recommended amount for each application is set out in Appendix A. 5 organisations are listed more than once in Appendix A. The applications related to Ward Partnership activity are listed at the end of Appendix A for information only.

4.4 Two of the 16 wards (Bunhill and Hillrise wards) will not be open for new applications in the final round due to having no funding or nearly no funding left to allocate. Other wards who do not have much funding left in their 2021-22 budgets are Holloway, Tollington and Barnsbury which could mean that these wards will be oversubscribed in the final round.

4.5 6 of the applicants were first time applicants to LIF. 2 of these were not recommended for funding.

4.6 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:

Declarations of interest have been made for the following applications submitted to this Committee:

- Cllr Phil Graham is a trustee of YMCA London City and North that has been allocated £4,000 for community engagement leading up to the 2022 Whitecross Street Party (community consultation in November 2021 and bunting workshops in Spring 2022).
- Cllr Marian Spall is the Deputy Chair of Elthorne Pride that has been allocated £725 for Hampers of Hope.

- Cllr Jenny Kay is a co-chair of Newington Green Action Group who is working with the Garden Classroom that has been allocated £3,000 for Garden on the Green.
- Cllrs Tricia Clarke and Satnam Gill are co-opted trustees of Hilldrop Area Community Association that has been allocated £1,000 for a craft café and £270 for the stay and play.
- Cllr Gary Poole is a member of Islington Veterans Association that has been allocated £1,352.58 for various outside and online events since February 2020.
- Cllr Anjna Khurana is a trustee of Hanley Crouch Community Association that has been allocated £1,231.29 for the Tollington ward partnership, £274.50 for Knitworks and £900 for two Black History Month events.

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

- Barnsbury – event on 30 October - £1,000
- Bunhill / Clerkenwell – meeting on 13 October - £50
- Canonbury – meeting on 29 September - £78.08
- Holloway – event on 17 October - £235
- Tollington – event on 11 September - £1,711.07 (£479.78 under delegated authority)

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. The names of the councillors funding these costs thereby declaring an interest are listed in Appendix A.

## 5. Implications

### 5.1 Financial implications:

The Local Initiatives Fund in Financial Year 2021/22 has a total of £289,033 to allocate. This is comprised of an annual budget of £225,000 and a carried forward underspend/unallocated amount of £64,033 from previous financial years. An additional £15,000 LIF budget is spent on honorarium/incentive payments to ward partnership co-ordinators to a total of £1000 per annum per ward (with Bunhill and Clerkenwell sharing a ward partnership co-ordinator).

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 are sufficient to meet the funding requirements of this report.

Any loosening of monitoring procedures will need to ensure that suitable controls remain to ensure financial best practice in the Council's dealings with voluntary and community organisations.

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 2022/23.

### 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.

**5.3 Environmental Implications and contribution to achieving net zero carbon Islington by 2030:**

Some of the projects funded by the LIF grants have carbon and environmental impacts, including the use of energy, fuel, water, food & drink, materials, printing and the use of generators, while events being funded may create waste or journeys that contribute to transport-related emissions if attendees drive. However, several projects also have positive environmental impacts, including planting trees and other plants, greening areas, creating a composting system, local food growing, encouraging cycling and raising awareness of climate change.

**5.4 Resident 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 and 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

**Background papers:** none

Final report clearance:

**Signed by:**

10 November 2021



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## NEW PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN NOVEMBER 2021

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Fairer Together Comments
Barnsbury / Bunhill / Caledonian / Canonbury / Clerkenwell / Finsbury Park / Highbury East / Highbury West / Hillrise / Holloway / Junction / Mildmay / St George's / St Mary's / St Peter's / Tollington	All councillors of Barnsbury, Bunhill, Caledonian, Canonbury, Hillrise, Holloway, Junction, St George's, St Peter's and Tollington wards / Ben Mackmurdie / Matt Nathan / Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell / Bashir Ibrahim / Jenny Kay / Angelo Weekes / Gary Poole	Chabad Lubavitch of Islington	Islington Menorah Lighting, a community festival celebrating Chanukah, the Jewish festival of lights. They are working closely with Greenspace to ensure that the event is Covid-compliant. There is a contingency plan of sending home packages across the borough should restrictions be reintroduced. 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, entertainment, children's activities and other associated running costs.	Islington Green	28 November 2021	Local residents but specifically benefitting the Jewish community	1,000	7,500.02	11,500	£3,500 tbc private donations and corporate sponsorship	The total amount requested from all wards across the borough is £8,000 (£500 per ward).
Barnsbury / Bunhill / Caledonian / Clerkenwell / Finsbury Park / Highbury East / Highbury West / Hillrise / Holloway / Junction / Mildmay / St George's / St Mary's / Tollington	All councillors of Barnsbury, Bunhill, Caledonian, Highbury East, Hillrise, Junction, St George's and Tollington wards / Ben Mackmurdie / Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh / Bashir Ibrahim / Roulin Khondoker / Jason Jackson / Diarmaid Ward / Jenny Kay / Angelo Weekes / Angela Picknell	All Change Arts (on behalf of #Islington4Women)	#Islington4Women will create and publish a book called 'Bold, Brave, Wonder Women of Islington' - a collection of inspiring stories of historical and contemporary Islington women, chosen and told by the women of the borough to inspire future generations of women and girls. They might be famous or previously unknown – politicians, activists, foster carers, artists, environmentalists, mothers, educators and more. #Islington4Women will print an initial run of 500x copies. Islington's 10 libraries will hold copies, and they will gift copies to each Children's Centre, playground, nursery, primary and secondary school, FE college and university. The book will be launched with a special event on International Women's Day on 8 March. Funding to pay for the printing of 500 copies, a story and copywriting fee, an illustration/design fee, the launch event (venue and refreshments) and distribution costs.	Borough-wide, taking place in education, library and community settings	13 December 2021 to 31 March 2022	Women and girls of all ages and backgrounds, including groups and individuals, in education, community, residential and work settings	5,000+ across the whole of Islington	9,950	15,500	£500 tbc book sales income, £3,000 All Change and Islington Play Association in kind through staff time to coordinate the project and venue	The amount requested is £12,000 from all wards across the borough (£750 per ward).

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Page 12	Rowena Champion / Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche / Valerie Bossman-Quarshie / Troy Gallagher / Phil Graham / Sara Hyde	Singalong Songs CIC	Companion, a programme of inclusive and participant-led breadmaking and singing sessions/festival weekends for 30 - 40 adults with learning difficulties. Participants will be taught how to make sourdough bread over a weekend, as they learn and sing songs - some related to bread making from farm to table and also composing their own songs related to the activities. The festival weekends will happen 6 times during 2022 with the wider community joining for the last 4 Sunday 'Festivals' to sing and share bread in the garden with a live band. 50 specially designed measuring cups with printed instructions will be given to beneficiaries to take home so they can continue with their baking between the festival weekends (instead of traditional scales which many would struggle with), the remaining 50 will be retained by the project for wear and tear and future activities in Islington. Funding to pay for 100 measuring cups and an outreach worker to support the emotional needs and well-being of participants.	Culpeper Community Garden, 1 Cloudesley Road, N1 0EJ	6 festival weekends (Friday to Sunday) every 6 - 7 weeks from March 2022 to January 2023, problem solving, music and feedback sessions 2 - 3 weeks after each weekend	Primarily adults with learning difficulties but 4 of the 6 'festivals' open to wider community	30-40 adults with learning disabilities (initially a core group of 18 which will grow over time), 200 from the wider community	1,625	17,625	£16,000 tbc Emergence Foundation	



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Barnsbury / Caledonian / Clerkenwell / Holloway / Tollington	Rowena Champion / Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche / Paul Convery / Sara Hyde / Una O'Halloran / Ben Mackmurdie / Jason Jackson / Mick Gilgunn / Anjna Khurana / Flora Williamson	Islington Bangladesh Association	Healthy Mind Healthy Body', a 44 week project to safely re-engage and reconnect local residents who have been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic back into the community through a range of community activities that will improve their physical and emotional health. There will be a programme of weekly physical activities (4 hours per week), a twice weekly lunch club programme (aiming to serve a total of 1,500 hot meals over the 44 weeks) and a weekly Healthy Living Options Talk session - a series of talks, discussions and advice by IBA's outreach workers with invited health professionals. Funding to contribute towards the cost of trainers to deliver the 4 hours per week of exercise (2 hours of Zumba, 1 hour of Aerobics, 1 hour of Yoga), a lunch club cook, a sessional project worker, lunch club food provisions and resources and volunteer expenses.	Hugh Cubitt Centre, 48 Collier Street	1 December 2021 to 30 November 2022 (44 weeks)	Open to all but targetted at hard to reach and vulnerable adults who have been very negatively impacted by Covid-19	80 to 100	7,500	19,668	£5,000 Garfield Weston Foundation, £7,168 National Lottery Communities Fund	
Barnsbury	Rowena Champion / Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche	St Silas Church	Relax, Stay & Play, a space on Wednesday mornings during term time for pre-school children to enjoy free play and interact with each other accompanied by parents/carers/childminders. There are weekly art/craft activities for children and adults to do together. The children are provided with a healthy snack and they finish with song-time. During the pandemic babies and toddlers did not have the usual opportunities for social interaction. Funding to pay for sessional workers for 28 weeks, healthy snacks and toys/arts/crafts.	The Community Hall at St Silas Church, Penton Street	1 December 2021 to 20 July 2022 (term time only)	Pre-school children and their parents/carers/childminders	150	1,652	2,436	£784 door charge (underwritten by St Silas Church)	
Barnsbury	Rowena Champion / Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche	LBI Heritage Services (St Silas Church - restoration of the war memorial)	To complete the repairs of the war memorial in St Silas Church Garden that began in 2017. During the work, the restoration team found the Christ figure was in worst condition than previously thought. Funding to contribute towards the cost of the work being carried out by the restoration company.	St Silas Church Garden, Penton Street	October to December 2021 (work will take 4 days)	Islington residents and visitors to nearby Chapel Market	Unable to quantify	1,320	2,400	£1,080 War Memorials Trust	

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Barnsbury	Rowena Champion / Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche	LBI Greenspace & Leisure (Barnsbury Greening)	Blooming Barnsbury, to support local residents and community groups in Barnsbury to green their neighbourhood. Infrastructure will be installed in terms of edging for tree pits and planters to green streets and estates. Plants will help to landscape neglected areas which the community will then adopt and maintain. An autumn and spring Green Up Day with a plant and walk event will be delivered to enable residents to come together to plant up Barnsbury. They will work with communities to identify sites and locations for greening and support them in delivering that. Funding to contribute towards 2 planters, 300 plants, 2,500 bulbs and materials to edge 20 tree pits.	Various locations across Barnsbury	3 January to 31 October 2022	All sections of the community, but especially older people, young people and BAME communities	100	4,000	5,500	£500 LBI Greenspace	The amount requested is £5,000.
Bunhill	Valerie Bossman-Quarshie / Troy Gallagher / Phil Graham	YMCA London City and North	Whitecross Street Party 2022, an annual two day summer street party and art exhibition that celebrates street art through live painting and music stages. They would like to host a consultation event in November 2021 to bring more residents on board, replace the event bunting (which has been used for the last five years) and arrange a series of workshops for local people to help create over 400m of new bunting for the 2022 party. The bunting will be in place along the full length of the street from June to late September 2022. Funding to pay for the community consultation and the bunting workshops (staffing costs, travel expenses and event refreshments).	Whitecross Street, EC1Y 8JT	1 October 2021 to 8 July 2022 (consultation in November 2021, workshops in Spring 2022, party on 16 and 17 July 2022)	All sections of the community, especially families and young people, stalls offered to local community groups, local businesses and artists	5,000 (2,500 from Islington)	4,000	10,000	£5,000 Community Infrastructure Levy	The amount requested is £5,000.
Bunhill	Valerie Bossman-Quarshie / Troy Gallagher / Phil Graham	Friends of King Square Gardens	To provide a community Christmas event for children and families in King Square Gardens including a Santa's Grotto, a Christmas tree and lights, a choir and selection boxes for children. Cakes and refreshments will be provided by King Square TRA. The event will help alleviate social isolation after the pandemic by encouraging people to come together and will highlight the work of Friends of King Square Gardens. Funding to pay for lights for two trees, Santa (DBS checked), decorations and a gazebo.	King Square Gardens, Lever Street, EC1	17 December 2021	Mainly young children and families	250+	3,584	7,125	£1,750 Berkeley Homes, £500 tbc LBI Estate Services, £350 LBI Parks (in kind labour), £225 King Square TRA, £100 St Clements Church (in kind choir)	The amount requested is £4,200.

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Bunhill / Clerkenwell	Valerie Bossman-Quarshie / Troy Gallagher / Phil Graham / Ben Mackmurdie / Matt Nathan	St Luke's Community History Group	Our Finsbury Story - Part 2' - to develop a sequel recording Clerkenwell/Bunhill residents sharing their memories in response to requests from local residents who want to do the same, having seen their first film, 'Our Finsbury Story'. In 2019 this group was funded by Heritage Lottery to collect stories from local residents about aspects of life in the former borough of Finsbury - this was to gather stories from the last generation of people identifying as "Finsbury People". This film has been screened regularly on Together TV and Youtube and has been nominated for a national award. The sequel will include more stories and it is hoped that up to 20 new contributors from the local area will be recruited. The updated film will be shared at free screenings and social events hosted by St Luke's Community Centre, Vibast Centre, Peel Centre and Islington Local History Centre/Museum. Funding to pay for cost of hiring two freelance producers for 3 days' filming, refreshments at the 4 local screenings / launches and the production of DVDs for participants.	In outdoor locations including parks, estates and sites of interest to participants  Screenings at St Luke's Comm Centre, Vibast Centre, Peel Centre and Islington Local History Centre/Museum	Mid December 2021 to early April 2022, screenings in Spring or early Summer 2022	Primarily the older residents from Bunhill and Clerkenwell participating but also volunteers and attendees of the 4 planned local screenings	150 local people directly, audience of thousands	1,500	1,850	£350 St Luke's Community History Group (volunteer expenses/promotion), in kind support secured for sharing film on national TV and for hire of the 4 local venues	
Bunhill	Valerie Bossman-Quarshie / Troy Gallagher / Phil Graham	Healthy Generations	One weekly live chair yoga class for older people at St Luke's Community Centre. The exercises are designed to exercise joints and muscles thereby maintaining muscle mass, bone density and flexibility which should help people achieve an active and independent third age. They have been running a keep fit class online and now St Luke's are opening, they would like to continue with a chair yoga class. Funding to pay for the keep fit instructor for 50 weekly one hour classes.	St Luke's Community Centre	January 2022 to December 2022	Older people from all communities, abilities and genders	30	2,000	2,000	Not applicable	
Canonbury	Clare Jeapes / Nick Wayne / John Woolf	Healthy Generations	One weekly live Pilates class for older people at Walter Sickert Community Centre. The exercises are designed to exercise joints and muscles thereby maintaining muscle mass and bone density which should help people achieve an active and independent third age. They were running this class before lockdown and continued online and been able to help existing users as well as attracting new people through their improved "Information Network" and social media usage. Funding to pay for the Pilates instructor for 50 weekly one hour classes.	Walter Sickert Community Centre	January 2022 to December 2022	Older people from all communities, abilities and genders	45	2,000	2,000	Not applicable	

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Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Michael O'Sullivan / Asima Shaikh	Middle Eastern Women and Society Organisation (MEWSO)	International Women's Day Celebration, an event organised by the Finsbury Park Women's Group Network (including One True Voice, Turkish, Kurdish and Cypriot Women's Welfare Group, Jannaty, Holloway Neighbourhood Group, Community Language Support Services, MEWSO and Octopus Community Network). The focus of the event this year will be re-connecting with others post Covid-19 and improving health and wellbeing. Local health and voluntary service providers will be invited to attend. The groups will exhibit their cultures and share traditional food. There will be activities to engage children and a fashion show displaying traditional clothes, information and craft stalls and music and dance. Funding to pay for food and refreshments for 125 people, admin and logistics, child care, face painter, hall hire, bouncy castle, henna artist and sundries (stationery, paper plates, children's crafts, hand sanitisers, face masks, etc).	Finsbury Park Community Hub / Andover Community Centre	10 March 2022	Women from BAME backgrounds, mostly from Finsbury Park ward, many of whom will bring their children	120 women	2,005	2,005	Not applicable	
Finsbury Park / Highbury East / Highbury West / Hillrise / Holloway / Junction / Mildmay / St George's / Tollington	All councillors of Finsbury Park, Highbury East, Hillrise, Junction. Mildmay, St George's and Tollington wards / Bashir Ibrahim / Roulin Khondoker / Jason Jackson	Manor Gardens Welfare Trust	Providing staple and festive food to those experiencing food poverty and isolation at Christmas to bring cheer and ensure that everyone has enough food for their family. In 2020, the organisation worked at the forefront of the emergency food provision and are very aware of food poverty in the borough through their Food Distribution Hub. They will make up hampers to reflect each individual's personal circumstances, family size and dietary requirements. They have a pool of volunteer delivery drivers who will deliver the hampers and talk to recipients at a social distance. Funding to pay for 100 hampers for the 9 wards, an additional 50 hampers for the Andover Estate and a project co-ordinator for 10 days.	Hampers will be delivered to all 9 of the wards with an additional number prepared for the Andover Estate in Finsbury Park ward	December 2021	Isolated people in Islington who are fearful of going out in society, including refugees, migrants, those with mental health issues as well as disabled and older people	150 Islington residents - 10 to 11 per each of the 9 wards plus up to 50 additional people on the Andover Estate	3,250	2,250	£200 in kind volunteer time for packing hampers, £360 in kind volunteer time for delivering hampers	£2,250 is the amount requested from 9 wards (£250 per ward). An additional £1,000 allocated for hampers for the Andover Estate in Finsbury Park ward.
Finsbury Park / Highbury East / Holloway / Junction	Gary Heather / Michael O'Sullivan / Asima Shaikh / Osh Gantly / Sue Lukes / Caroline Russell / Jason Jackson / Janet Burgess / Sheila Chapman / Kaya Comer-Schwartz	Islington Mind (Generic Services Christmas Celebrations)	Two Christmas Celebrations within Islington Mind's mental health service, supporting people facing multiple disadvantages and protected characteristics who access their generic Mental Health drop-in and social spaces at 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. Sit-in meals will be combined with takeaways at each centre. Funding to pay for food and provisions, prizes for each participant, a Christmas tree and decorations and volunteer expenses.	48 Despard Road, N19 and 76-80 Isledon Road, N7	10 December 2021 to 10 January 2022 - exact dates to be confirmed	Islington residents who experience complex and long term mental health problems	85 (of which 75 will be Islington residents)	956	1,195	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1,195 from 5 wards (£239 per ward).

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Finsbury Park / Highbury East / Hillrise Junction / St George's / Tollington	All councillors of Finsbury Park, Highbury East, Hillrise, Junction, St George's and Tollington wards	Islington Mind (Specialist Services Christmas Celebrations)	Four separate Christmas Celebrations for Islington Mind's four specialist provisions, supporting people facing multiple disadvantages and protected Characteristics: Outcome (LGBTQ+ specialist service), the Women-Only Space (vulnerable Women), LDTogether (supporting people with learning disabilities), and Mother2Mother (women caregivers of people with mental health problems) – groups specifically impacted by the Covid-19 crisis. Sit-in meals will be combined with takeaways. Funding to pay for food and provisions, prizes for each participant, a Christmas tree and decorations and volunteer expenses.	35 Ashley Road, N19	10 December 2021 to 10 January 2022 - exact dates of the 4 events to be confirmed	Islington residents from minority groups facing multiple disadvantages and protected characteristics combined with complex ongoing mental health problems	90 (of which 85 will be Islington residents)	1,240	1,240	Not applicable	
Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh	Healthy Generations	One weekly Longevity class for older people that used to be held at the North Library and is now held online through Zoom. These one hour weekly classes provide exercises from Tai Chi, Chi Gung and Yoga designed to exercise every joint and almost every muscle in the body thereby maintaining muscle mass and bone density and which should help people "increase longevity". As lockdown comes to an end they will be going back to the North Library although they aim to keep online classes going as well. Funding to pay the Longevity instructor for 50 weekly one hour classes.	Online Zoom, followed by classes back at North Library when lockdown ends	January 2022 to December 2022	Older people from every ethnicity and gender	50	1,333.34	2,000	Not applicable	The amount requested is £2,000.
Highbury East	Osh Gantly / Sue Lukes / Caroline Russell	Healthy Minds Healthy Bods	To provide three social events for their users, following the isolation of lockdown and enabling fun interaction for their users. Many of their users were told to isolate over the last 18 months due to ailments or age. The three visits will be made to various venues that have no admission charges. Other organisations will be invited to join in including the Eagle Project, North London Cares, Better Lives and the Single Homeless Project but most people will come from Highbury East ward. Funding to pay for the three outings (food/drink and travel for 30 people each time).	Venues that are free to visit, e.g. Science Museum, Docklands Museum, the Tate, etc	December 2021 to February 2022 (one outing per month)	Mostly older people from Highbury East but will also include people from other areas of Islington	25 to 35 Islington residents	360	360	Not applicable	

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Highbury East	Osh Gantly / Sue Lukes / Caroline Russell	Healthy Generations	Funding for one weekly Keep-Fit class for older people at Sotheby Mews Day Centre. The exercises are designed to exercise joints and muscles thereby maintaining muscle mass, bone density and flexibility which should help people achieve an active and independent third age. The class has now gone back to live face-to-face sessions at Sotheby Mews and as Birchmore Hall has been unavailable they have merged users from that class as well. Should Sotheby Mews finally close they have already arranged to move the class to Birchmore Hall which is very close and convenient for users. Funding to pay the Keep-Fit instructor for 50 weekly one hour classes.	Sotheby Mews Day Centre	January 2022 to December 2022	Older people from all communities, abilities and genders	60	2,000	2,000	Not applicable	
Page 18 Highbury East / Highbury West	Osh Gantly / Sue Lukes / Caroline Russell / Theresa Debono / Bashir Ibrahim / Roulin Khondoker	Transition Highbury	To restore the Transition community garden vegetable beds, provide secure tool storage and create a viable composting resource for the garden and local businesses. The vegetable garden had been destroyed by the building works at Christ Church. They have been running a pilot since Spring 2021 to understand the mechanics of community composting and hope to involve more people and local businesses from January 2022 onwards. It is hoped that plenty of organic vegetables, fruit and herbs will be grown for local people and that some of the produce will be given to Elizabeth House for their community food scheme. Funding to pay for equipment/tools storage, public liability insurance, flyers and refreshments for a launch event, padlocks, a pitch fork and a shovel.	Transition Highbury Community Garden, Christ Church, 155 Highbury Grove	January 2022 onwards, launch event in May 2022	Local residents, especially younger and older people who are volunteers	250 to 500 (more than 80% are Islington residents)	626.78	626.78	Not applicable	
Hillrise	Michelline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall	St Mary's Church	St Mary's Christmas Hamper and Christmas Lunch project, to provide a Christmas hamper containing festive food and toiletry items to all the foodbank clients and to provide a Christmas lunch to those who are on their own at Christmas. They will be sourcing toys and games for the children from other donors. The hampers will be distributed in a Covid secure manner, by inviting the family to come to the church in a time slot with a one-way entry/exit system in place. The Christmas lunches will be cooked in the Church Kitchen and will either be delivered to their homes by cargo bike (in partnership with Hornsey Lane Estate Community Centre, funded by LBI) or be collected by the recipients from the Church. Funding to pay for food and toiletry items for the hampers and dinners (exact food items will vary depending on donations).	St Mary's Church, Ashley Road	14 to 25 December 2021 (planning / advertising for donations will start in November 2021, food items will be sourced in early December)	Hampers for food bank clients, meals for older people and single households	450 (350 from hampers, 100 from meals)	1,250	2,500	£600 tbc Tesco or Waitrose, £650 tbc Mission Hall fund	

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Hillrise	Michelline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall	Caxton House Community Centre (winter festivals)	Three Hillrise Winter Festivals - St Andrew's Crafty Christmas Make & Take, Hornsey Lane Estate Community Association Christmas fair on the New Orleans Estate, Caxton House Winter Songs and Carols with a Christmas Bingo. Funding to pay for wreath rings and decorations, food and drink, prizes for the raffle, tombola and bingo, additional craft activities, Zumba, singers, publicity and other associated costs.	St Andrew's Church, Whitehall Park, N19; New Orleans Estate, N19; Caxton House, St John's Way, N19	4 December (St Andrew's Church), 11 December (HLECA fair), 17 December (Caxton House)	Local residents and groups delivering stalls and activities	200+ (though numbers may need to be restricted due to Covid)	800	1,820	£560 space hire donated by 3 venues, £100 music/bingo equipment hire donated by Elthorne Pride and HLECA, £210 flyers design (donated) and distribution (by volunteers), £150 tbc materials savings	
Hillrise	Michelline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall	Caxton House Community Centre on behalf of Elthorne Pride Big Local	An inclusive celebration to promote and foster community engagement amongst residents and volunteers by delivering bespoke "Hampers of Hope." This year they would like to build on the Christmas hampers of previous years by combining it with their experience of world foods to reach out to a wider community that may not celebrate Christmas, but would still appreciate a gesture that says that they, too, are part of the Elthorne Pride Community. The hampers will include recipe cards along with the ingredients, special hand made gifts / tokens and food reflective of their community. The hampers will be assembled and delivered with the help of local young volunteers and in conjunction with local Tenant Management Organisations, Family First and Islington Council. Funding to pay for 145 gift packs (hand made soaps and tree decorations, African jollof rice mix, East African Bread / Tarts, South Indian samosas, East African Potatoes spice mix, Henna Pens/note pads and Hampers of Hope Recipe Cards).	Caxton House Community Centre, 129 St John's Way	December 2021	Young volunteers and all local residents receiving hampers	145	725	1,350	£120 Elthorne Pride / Caxton House (room hire/storage), £505 Elthorne Pride (project co-ordinator, marketing and delivery, volunteer refreshments, reusable gifting boxes)	



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Hillrise / Junction	Michelline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall / Janet Burgess / Sheila Chapman / Kaya Comer-Schwartz	Archway Market	Made in Archway', to fund a new directory and promotional display featuring local makers and craftspeople; to help establish an area for the display every week as well as an occasional stall hosting makers themselves; for crafts activities at the market. The promotional display and directory will be launched at the Christmas event in Navigator Square which will be run in partnership with Archway Town Centre Group. Craft activities will be provided for children/young people and adults to participate in. Funding to pay for the printing of 1,000 copies of the directory, staff costs, a contribution to the display and craft packs for participants, design of the directory and market stall rent.	Archway Market, Navigator Square, N19 3TD	September to December 2021	30 makers and 4 organisations hosting craft activities, 1,000 recipients of directory, 20 participants per week (260 over the 3 months)	1,395 (500 from Islington)	1,799.75	3,500	£700 tbc Elthorne Pride, £1,000 Archway Market (infrastructure, work hours, ongoing support, etc)	
Page 20 Hillrise / Junction / St George's	Marian Spall / Janet Burgess / Sheila Chapman / Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tricia Clarke / Satnam Gill / Gulcin Ozdemir	The Dog Olympix	An annual sporting canine agility fund raising event for an outdoor water fountain for all park users and their dogs in Whittington Park. The Dog Olympix is fundraising to buy the fountain and has now raised £3,150 towards this (including this event). It is hoped that once the fountain has been installed that they will maintain the fountain with this annual event. Other activities on the day included face painting, a balloon artist and music. The event was marketed to four wards with door to door fliers and social media. Funding to pay for two security guards and two stewards / marshalls so that the entrance and exits are managed in line with Covid requirements for putting on an event.	Whittington Park, N19 4RS	12 September 2021	Local residents who have a love for their pet dogs and training (competitors) plus spectators	430 Islington residents attended	455.40	1,607.20	£1,000 Archway Dogs Puppy Classes	The amount requested is £607 from 4 wards.
Holloway	Rakhia Ismail / Jason Jackson / Diarmaid Ward	LBI Community Development Team (Biddestone Park Fun Day)	Biddestone Park Fun Day on behalf of residents of Pollard Close, Loraine Estate and other surrounding local areas. The aim of the event is to bring together the community to say thank you to contractors who have been providing works in the area, create positive relationships between residents and highlight the local Tenant and Resident Associations and Community Centres. Local artists, organisations and statutory service providers will be supporting on the day (including North London Cares, LBI Adult Community Learning, LBI Community Safety, Dr Bike and other teams). Funding to contribute towards bouncy castle, face painter, surf simulator, ice cream cart, beach theme articles and other activities.	Biddestone Park, Biddestone Road, N7	25 September 2021	Local residents, particularly those from Pollard Close and Loraine Estate	250	2,300	3,425	£1,125 LBI Community Development Team Support Grant	



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Junction	Janet Burgess / Sheila Chapman / Kaya Comer-Schwartz	Healthy Generations	Funding for two music sessions per week on various wards at Whittington Hospital for three months. Throughout lockdown Healthy Generations has provided a small group of classical musicians who have been playing live concerts at Whittington Hospital. When the wards were closed due to Covid they were playing in the staff canteen. They work closely with the infection team at Whittington and are have been back playing on the wards for the past few weeks. Funding to pay two musicians to deliver 25 concerts over three months.	Whittington Hospital	January 2022 to December 2022	All age groups. They play on children's wards, ICU and general surgical wards.	Over the year in the hundreds	250	8,000	£6,000 Whittington Hospital Charitable Fund (to deliver a further 75 concerts over the year)	The amount requested is £2,000.
Junction	Janet Burgess / Sheila Chapman / Kaya Comer-Schwartz	LBI Inclusive Economy / Community Wealth Building (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 the local businesses and provide trader pitches. Festive entertainment will be provided by the local community 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 stage hire, sound engineer, entertainment, face painters, Father Christmas and market stall set up/break down.	Navigator Square, Archway, Islington, N19 3TD	24 November to 1 December 2021 (switch on event on 24 November)	Junction and Hillrise ward residents, local businesses in Archway	500 (400 from Islington)	750	6,000	£3,250 LBI Section 106, £2,000 tbc local businesses	
Mildmay	Santiago Bell-Bradford / Jenny Kay / Angelo Weekes	Newington Green Primary School on behalf of Newington Green School PTA	Two performances of a pantomime at the school and provision of financial support to low income families for the Year 5 and Year 6 residentials. The pantomime will be delivered by an external theatre group twice, one for the lower school and one for the upper school. For residential trips, a contribution of £50 per child is requested which some parents would not be able to afford at all while others may be able to partly pay. The funding requested would enable between 7 and 14 children to go on the residentials.	Newington Green Primary School, Matthias Road	December 2021 to June 2022, pantomime on 14 December, residentials at the end of the summer term	Local families, particularly the children attending the school	450	1,045	1,045	Not applicable	

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Mildmay	Santiago Bell-Bradford / Angelo Weekes	The Garden Classroom (Garden on the Green)	Garden on the Green: Newington Green Garden West, a new community garden on Newington Green. The Garden Classroom will work with the Newington Green Action Group to recruit local volunteers who will transform an underdeveloped space on Newington Green into a family-friendly area, with planting, additional trees, a natural log circular seating area to be used by the public and local groups, natural paths and nature trails. This funding is to kickstart this project and is for Phase 1 (initial work). 9 people (7 volunteers) attended their first project workday on 9 October and they expect to hold 40 volunteer half days over Phase 1. Funding to pay for plants and trees.	The south west corner of Newington Green, running from the west of TGC's HQ hut to Lizzy's on the Green	Phase 1 from October 2021 to July 2022, first workday on 9 October 2021 (initial clearing and planting which will continue into the spring and beyond)	Garden will be designed with children in mind, local organisations who can book the seating area for meetings/activities	Unable to quantify, in the short term - hundreds, long term - thousands	3,000	25,000+	£375 TGC oncosts contribution towards this Phase 1 work, £5,000 People's Postcode Lottery legacy funding towards Phase 2 after Phase 1 is complete	
St George's	Tricia Clarke / Satnam Gill / Gulcin Ozdemir	St George and All Saints Church, Tufnell Park	A free annual fireworks party, with hot food and drinks, games for children and a fireworks display. There will be fun, distanced games (e.g. giant hoopla) with prizes for children, as well as sparklers and toasting marshmallows around the firepits. The party will end with a fireworks display, safely set off from the Vicarage garden (next door to the church). Funding to pay for fireworks, food and drink, games and crafts and sparklers.	St George's Tufnell Park, Crayford Road	7 November 2021	Open to all but particularly appealing to families with children	65 (limited due to Covid)	425	525	£100 St George and All Saints Church (to cover loss of income for space hire, as well as kitchen costs)	
St George's	Tricia Clarke / Satnam Gill / Gulcin Ozdemir	Hilldrop Area Community Association (under 5s)	Their stay and play for families and under fives provides space and resources to play and socialise twice a week, in their large hall and in their garden. The provision closed in March 2020 and wasn't able to reopen until June 2021. A lot of their outside toys have badly weathered over the last 18 months so need to be replaced. Funding to pay for two bubble cars for under fives and a new outdoor small slide.	Hilldrop Community Centre, Community Lane, Hilldrop Road	Equipment to be used from 8 September 2021 onwards (twice a week during term time)	Children under five and their families	12 children aged 3 to 5 (11 from Islington)	270	270	Not applicable	
St George's	Tricia Clarke / Satnam Gill / Gulcin Ozdemir	Hilldrop Area Community Association (Craft Cafe)	Relish Embellish Café, comprising of arts and crafts workshops utilising old textiles, learning skills to make and mend, and raising awareness of the impact of the fashion industry on the environment. These will run as part of their Tuesday Socials and Lunch Club. In the spring, they would like to get everyone contributing to a community quilt and possibly then auction it to raise funds to keep the group going. Funding to pay for an overlocker sewing machine, a confidence sewing machine, a gazebo (so they can deliver outside), cord, storage containers, sewing hoops, needles and notions and other materials.	Hilldrop Community Centre, Community Lane, Hilldrop Road	20 September 2021 to 22 March 2022 (20 facilitated sessions and 5 participant led sessions)	Local men and women of all ages but especially BME communities (majority from St George's ward)	20 (18 from Islington)	1,000	2,500	£1,500 Octopus Community Network (providing tutors and learning resources for the activities)	

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Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Fairer Together Comments
St Mary's	Gary Poole	Islington Veterans Association	Outside and online events promoting the support available through their organisation. Costs are requested for events held since February 2020, e.g. Armed Forces Day 2021, ANZAC Day, Armistice Day, Remembrance Day, VE Day, VJ Day and Merchant Navy Day. Funding to pay for website fees, Zoom licences, multi event insurance, a laptop and a Microsoft office subscription.	Islington Memorial Green (Upper Street) and online	1 February 2020 to 30 August 2021	Veterans, their families and friends (restricted due to Covid)	50 to 100	1,352.58	1,352.58	Not applicable	
Tollington	Mick Gilgunn / Anjna Khurana / Flora Williamson	Hanley Crouch Community Association (Tollington Ward Partnership)	Tollington Ward Partnership community consultation event / fun day. Local councillors will be attending and available for residents to make an appointment for their surgeries. The event will make residents aware of the activities/services run at Brickworks Community Centre. There will be information stalls of local services and organisations, e.g. We are Islington, Bright Start, Iwork, Help On Your Doorstep, Voluntary Action Islington, LBI Community Safety, Talk for Health. Residents will be given the opportunity to feedback any issues, concerns and suggestions. Funding to pay for staff costs, catering, catering equipment, Wild Fangs, publicity, music and other associated costs.	Brickworks Community Centre, 42 Crouch Hill, N4 4BY	Saturday 11 September 2021	Local residents	200+	1,231.29	2,000	£768.71 LIF awarded in April 2020 for a family wellness day for estate residents (cancelled due to Covid)	
			A knit, crochet and needlework inter-generational meet up to learn together, teach beginners, chat and socialise in a friendly and inclusive setting helping to reduce social isolation post Covid. The meet ups take place weekly or fortnightly and each session is two hours long. Funding to pay for equipment / materials (knitting needles of different sizes (including children's sizes), hooks and yarn), printing and refreshments.	Brickworks Community Centre, 42 Crouch Hill, N4 4BY	October 2021 to October 2022, group meets weekly or fortnightly	Local residents, particularly older people, young people, BME and LGBTQ+ residents	15 per session	274.50	274.50	Not applicable	
Tollington	Mick Gilgunn / Anjna Khurana / Flora Williamson	Hanley Crouch Community Association on behalf of Knitworks	Two in person events to celebrate Black History Month - a Coffee Morning sharing circle and an event to celebrate the ending of BHM. The Coffee Morning sharing circle will bring up to 50 older residents together for a light lunch to take part in discussions about 'then and now'. Residents will be served by younger residents also sharing their experiences while the different generations explore 'what's changed'. The BHM Closing event will be attended by the local community, council staff and councillors and will be a collection of speakers, performers and spoken word to reflect on the month long programme and discuss what they need to plan in the future. Funding to pay for catering, volunteer expenses and equipment.	Brickworks Community Centre, 42 Crouch Hill	Coffee Morning Sharing Circle on 8 October, BHM Closing event on 29 October	Coffee Morning - people over 50 and young people, Closing event - local community, council staff and councillors	Up to 100 Islington residents (50 per event)	900	900	Not applicable	

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Tollington	Mick Gilgunn / Anjna Khurana / Flora Williamson	YES Outdoors	The project supports young people from the local community to work together to create and distribute 200 care packages containing thoughtful and essential items to vulnerable older residents during the winter period. The young people will also help to source donations from local businesses. This project builds on the success of a similar project in 2020 where 100 older residents received care packages. Each care package contains items including fluffy socks, a mug, hot water bottle, chocolate, and crossword puzzles as well as a range of essential food items. It is hoped that involvement in this project will increase the self-confidence, motivation, pro-social behaviour and aspirations of the young people. Funding to pay for staff co-ordination, packaging and volunteer expenses and refreshments.	Coordinated/ supported by Brickworks, also works with youth centres such as Lift, Rose Bowl and Platform and local uniform Cadets organisation s	Prep from 1 Oct to 15 Dec 2021, packages distributed between 15 and 22 Dec 2021	Young volunteers and older Tollington residents especially those most in need who are prioritised	200	2,900	2,900	Not applicable	

**ADDITIONAL WARD PARTNERSHIP MEETING COSTS APPROVED BY THE HEAD OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING NORTH**

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Housing Comments
Barnsbury	Rowena Champion / Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche	LBI Barnsbury Ward Partnership	Greener Future Family Fun Day – a Barnsbury Ward Partnership event to raise awareness of climate change and what the council is doing to tackle this and what people can do to contribute. There will be a focus on green transport and residents will be able to take part in some cycling proficiency training, get small repairs to their bikes through Dr Bike, and get their bike security marked through Bike Register. There will be refreshments available and they will be able to speak with their local councillors and council officers. There will be other fun activities for residents to participate in. Funding to pay for Doctor Bike, refreshments, events, bike etching kits and publicity.	Culpeper Community Garden and Culpeper Park	Saturday 30 October 2021, 11am	Local residents	Unable to quantify	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	

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Bunhill Clerkwell	Valerie Bossman-Quarshie / Troy Gallagher / Phil Graham / Ben Mackmurdie / Matt Nathan	LBI Finsbury Ward Partnership	Finsbury Ward Partnership online meeting aimed at celebrated local community heroes from the past 18 months during the COVID pandemic. Nominations will be submitted by residents and groups within the ward and winners will be announced during the meeting. The winners will receive a voucher for a local restaurant donated by corporate partners from St Luke's. The councillors would like anyone nominated to receive a certificate of acknowledgement. Funding to pay for the printing and possibly the posting of the certificates (around 25 nominations have been received to date).	Online – Zoom	Planning meeting in August 2021, event on Wednesday 13 October, with certificates/rewards to go out by November	Local residents	25 to 30	50	50	Not applicable	
Canonbury	Clare Jeapes	LBI Canonbury Ward Partnership	A public Canonbury ward partnership meeting focusing on local health issues. Funding to pay for posters and leaflets so that they can be delivered to the local public to increase chances of their participation at the event.	Online via Zoom	29 September 2021	Local residents	50 to 100	78.08	78.08	Not applicable	
Holloway	Rakhia Ismail / Jason Jackson / Diarmaid Ward	LBI Holloway Ward Partnership	A Holloway Ward Partnership 'fun day' taking place in Cally Park. This event will allow the councillors to interact with the community in a local setting and will allow for greater outreach. Local community organisations and police have been invited to attend to make sure that all issues can be addressed. Alongside having local organisations, there is also the intent to have activities, one of which will be face painting for children who attend, and they're hoping that local organisations will be able to provide other activities for people of all ages. This ward partnership will coincide with the Caledonian Junior Parkrun, and so they anticipate a relatively high turnout. Funding to pay for face painting, snacks and refreshments.	Caledonian Park, N7 9TP	Sunday 17 October 2021, 9am to 12.30pm	Local residents	50+	235	235	Not applicable	
Tollington	Mick Gilgunn / Anjna Khurana / Flora Williamson	LBI Tollington Ward Partnership	Tollington ward partnership event / fun day hosted by Brickworks Community Centre. Organisations attending include Doctor Bike, Age UK, Voluntary Action Islington, Talk for Health and various council departments. There will be refreshments, a bouncy castle, henna and other children's activities. Funding to pay for 2 Dr Bike mechanics (for bike repair) and the printing and distribution of publicity.	Brickworks Community Centre, 42 Crouch Hill, N4 4BY	Saturday 11 September 2021	Local residents, especially those around grotspots	100 from Tollington ward	479.78	479.78	Not applicable	

**Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining**

<b>Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2021-22:</b>	<b>£225,000</b>
Total carried forward from previous LIF budgets / allocations:	£64,033
Total amount available to allocate:	£289,033
Amount allocated to date:	£102,332
Balance remaining:	£186,700
<b>New proposals for November VCS Committee:</b>	<b>£84,253</b>
<b>Total amount remaining to allocate in 2021-22:</b>	<b>£102,447</b>

<b>2021-22 Balance remaining by ward:</b>	
<b>Ward</b>	<b>Balance:</b>
Barnsbury	£3,079
Bunhill	£0
Caledonian	£12,923
Canonbury	£7,282
Clerkenwell	£9,759
Finsbury Park	£4,503
Highbury East	£9,963
Highbury West	£8,805
Hillrise	£332
Holloway	£1,327
Junction	£4,858
Mildmay	£6,450
St George's	£15,342
St Mary's	£10,039
St Peter's	£5,457
Tollington	£2,327

**£102,447****Notes:**

Includes £5,691 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £2,409 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £6,461 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £6,861 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

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Includes £3,763 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

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Includes £6,994 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £1,473 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

Includes £1,083 from previous LIF allocations / budgets