



AGENDA FOR THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE

Members of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee are summoned to a meeting which will be held in Committee Room 1 at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on **21 November 2022 at 6:30pm.**

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Despatched : 11 November 2022

Membership

Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz
Councillor Una O'Halloran
Councillor Roulin Khondoker
Councillor Nurullah Turan

Substitute Members

Councillor Santiago Bell-Bradford
Councillor Rowena Champion
Councillor Michelline Ngongo
Councillor Diarmaid Ward
Councillor John Woolf

Observers

Councillor Ilkay Cinko-Oner
Councillor Jason Jackson
Councillor Anjna Khurana
Councillor Claire Zammit

Quorum: is 2 Councillors



A. Formal matters

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

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- (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.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting 1 - 2

B. Matters for decision

1. Local Initiatives Fund awards 3 - 30

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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26 January 2023

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London Borough of Islington

Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 15 September 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 15 September 2022 at 6.30 pm.

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

Councillor Observer: Khurana

Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz in the Chair

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

There were no apologies for absence.

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

There were no declarations of substitute members.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

5 **ISLINGTON COUNCIL VENUES FREE COMMUNITY USE SCHEME ROUND 1 2022-23: REQUEST TO APPROVE SUMMER 2022 AWARDS FOR USE OF FREE HIRE DURING SPRING 2023 (Item B1)**

RESOLVED:

1. That organisation such as Hillside Clubhouse and Guildhall School of Music and Drama be offered a free hire use of the Assembly Hall between January and March.
2. To hold the applicant, Arco-Music for All Ltd in reserve, in case of inability of the above applicants to negotiate appropriate dates and timings.
3. That the application window for Round 2 for 2022/23 will be from 9 January until 10 February 2023 so as to enable consideration of all free hire applications at the VCS meeting scheduled on 20 March. This will include the deferred hire of the Assembly Hall by the Islington Faith Forum as detailed in paragraph 1.7 of the report.

AGREED RECOMMENDATION

Reasons for decision – as specified in the report

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted – none

The meeting ended at 6.33 pm

CHAIR

Fairer Together
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 2022

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 2022/23 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. This report brings the latest funding recommendations for formal approval and requests that this Committee agree delegated authority to the Executive Member for Homes and Communities for applications aiming to support the voluntary and community sector in its response to the Cost of Living Crisis.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That authority be delegated to the Executive Member for Homes and Communities, to approve funding for proposals arising as a result of the cost of living crisis. Awards approved under delegated authority will be reported to the next VCS Committee at which Local Initiatives Fund awards are considered. This is detailed at paragraph 3.10.
- 2.2. 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.

- 2.3. 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.
- 2.4. To continue with delegated authority to the Corporate Director Fairer Together, in consultation with the Executive Member for Homes and Communities, 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 Community Partnerships Team in the Fairer Together 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 2022/23 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 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.
- 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 is awarded and processed promptly to support the sector during this difficult time. In addition, applications responding to the crisis will be taken under delegated authority to the Executive Member for Homes and Communities for formal approval to ensure that decisions can be made swiftly. These awards will then be reported to the VCS Committee retrospectively for information.

4. LIF Awards 2022/23

- 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.

In March 2022, £3,000 was awarded to St Mary's Parochial Church Council for an interpretation board for the new church gardens to explain the artwork and historical significance of the bronze roundels that have been inlaid in the main pathway. The board cost considerably less than expected so an underspend of £1729 has been returned to the St Mary's and St James' budget for reallocation.

In February 2020, £1400 was awarded to Coney for 'We The People (of Caledonian Road)' - a three phase community development / community cohesion project, comprising a research and development phase, workshops in making play in public spaces and a multiple choice quiz on local stories and issues. This project can no longer be delivered so £1400 has been returned to the Caledonian budget for reallocation.

In November 2019, £928.40 was awarded to PENHA (Pastoral & Environmental Network in the Horn of Africa) for an event for 450 young people and adults of an African background in Islington. The event was originally rescheduled to earlier in 2022. The original budget had been set at 2019 prices but had risen so much that the organisation could no longer set aside an increasing section of its budget to ensure the project was delivered to the standard they would like. The grant of £928.40 has been returned to the Clerkenwell, Highbury and St Peter's and Canalside budgets for reallocation.

These amendments to the ward budgets are reflected in the budget summary on the last page of Appendix A.

In total, £4,057 has been returned to the ward budgets in this round. This increases the amount available to allocate in 2022/23 from £256,760 to £260,817.

Three changes to the use of previously awarded funding have been agreed under delegated authority and are listed in Appendix A. The funding for these project changes should be able to be released very shortly as they have been agreed under delegated authority and do not need to be agreed by the VCS Committee.

- 4.2. 65 applications for funding have been received since the last VCS Committee in July 2022.

Two applications were related to Ward Partnership activity, were recommended for funding and then formally agreed by the Head of Community Partnerships / Corporate Director of Fairer Together under delegated authority. These two applications are listed at the end of Appendix A for information only.

Of the remaining 63 applications, one application was withdrawn leaving 62 applications to be considered by ward councillors. Of the 62 applications, three applications were not recommended for funding by ward councillors leaving a total of 59 applications (from 46 applicants) recommended by ward councillors.

10 of these applications arose as a result of the cost of living crisis and were agreed under delegated authority on 21 October and 31 October 2022. A total of £16,843 was allocated to these 10 applications. These applications are listed at the start of Appendix A.

If the remaining 49 councillor funding recommendations are formally agreed by this VCS Committee, there will be £72,116 left in the 2022/23 budget. A list of the 49 applications recommended for funding and the recommended amount for each application is set out in Appendix A.

Six of the 46 applicants whose projects have been recommended for funding are first time applicants to LIF. Six organisations are listed more than once in Appendix A (i.e. have submitted more than one application to this round).

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:

- There are a number of councillors who are trustees of the 10 community centres involved in the Octopus Community Network Super Stew project which was awarded £6,000 as follows:
 - (a) Cllr Janet Burgess and the husband of Cllr Sheila Chapman are trustees of Whittington Park Community Centre.
 - (b) Cllr Valerie Bossman-Quarshie is a trustee of St Luke's Community Centre.
 - (c) Cllr Michelline Ngongo is a trustee of Caxton House Community Centre that has also been allocated £900 for three winter festivals.
- Cllr Anjna Khurana is a trustee of Hanley Crouch Community Association / Brickworks Community Centre that has been allocated £2,000 to hold a Tollington ward partnership community fun day.
- Cllr Jenny Kay is a co-opted governor at Newington Green School that has been allocated £1045 for pantomimes and the provision of financial support to low income families for the Year 5 and Year 6 residentials.
- Cllrs Tricia Clarke, Satnam Gill and Gulcin Ozdemir are co-opted trustees of Hilldrop Area Community Association that has been allocated £1200 for a warm room and £500 for a Christmas event.
- Cllrs David Poyser, Marian Spall and Michelline Ngongo are heavily involved in the organisation of the three winter festivals being hosted by Caxton House that have been allocated £900.

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

- Bunhill / Clerkenwell (Finsbury) – celebration event on 16 Sept - £25.50
- St Mary's and St James – drop in event on 8 Oct - £210
- Tollington – community fun day on 29 Oct (hosted by Hanley Crouch) - £2,000

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 2022/23 has a total of £260,817 to allocate. This is comprised of an annual budget of £221,000 and a carried forward underspend/unallocated amount of £39,817 from previous 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 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 2023/24.

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.

5.3. **Environmental Implications and contribution to achieving a 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, and printing, while events being funded may create waste or journeys that contribute to transport-related emissions if attendees drive. However, some projects also have positive environmental impacts, including planting, greening areas and local food growing. Overall, projects will be undertaken with regard with the council's goal of achieving a net zero Islington by 2030.

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

Background papers: none

Final report clearance:

Signed by:



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

Date: 10 November 2022

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NEW COST OF LIVING CRISIS PROPOSALS 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	Fairer Together Comments
Arsenal / Bunhill / Caledonian / Clerkenwell / Finsbury Park / Highbury / Hillrise / Junction / Mildmay	Octopus Community Network	<p>Super Stew, a series of winter warming events across the Octopus Community Network of ten community hubs from 21 November to 21 December to engage 600 of Islington's residents, providing a warm, welcoming space, a balanced cooked meal and access to wrap-around cost of living support. Funding to pay for food / refreshments, staffing, room hire, activities, materials and marketing.</p> <p>The ten community hubs are Holloway Neighbourhood Group, Brickworks Community Centre, Hornsey Lane Estate Community Centre, Caxton House Community Centre, Whittington Park Community Centre, The Peel Institute, St Luke's Community Centre, Elizabeth House, Highbury Roundhouse and Mildmay Community Centre.</p>	Ten community hubs across the borough	21 November to 21 December 2022, ten unique events, each 3 to 4 hours long	Especially those experiencing health inequalities, who have low or insecure income, older people, and BAMER households	600 (60 per hub)	6,000	6,000	Not applicable	
Page 11 Barnsbury	Claremont Project (Islington)	<p>Anya's Hall will be set up as a well-heated social area every Thursday from 2pm to 5pm. This hall is next to an existing social area, with its own kitchen and library/reading area, and is a natural extension of that space. There will be chairs and tables, teas, coffees, and other refreshments. It will be hosted for 2 of the 3 hours and the host will be active in engaging people in discussion, board games, etc., and will help advise people about their options for additional help through the council and third sector partners. Funding to pay for hall hire, a sessional team member for 2 hours a week and refreshments.</p>	Claremont, 24-27 White Lion St, N1 (Anya's Hall)	3 November 2022 to 31 March 2023, every Thursday from 2pm to 5pm	Older residents (average age 74), most of whom live alone	10 to 15 per session (not always the same people each week)	1,250	1,785	Information not requested	The amount requested is £1,785.
Bunhill	Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission	<p>Provision of a warm space people can make use of during the day, separate to the general chapel/museum offering, with options to socialise or just sit quietly in a warm space. The space will be open from 11am to 4pm each operating day, with tables, chairs, reading materials and games available for those who wish to come and sit somewhere warm. They will offer hot water bottle filling to anyone who requests it. Funding to contribute towards half of the costs to run 22 sessions on Mondays and Thursdays (room hire, staffing, light refreshments, reading material and games /books /provision of small toys for children).</p>	Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission, 49 City Road	End of October 2022 to end of March 2023, with a Christmas gap, 2 sessions per week on Mondays and Thursdays (22 in total)	Open to all	40 expected from Bunhill	1,699.66	10,232	£5,116 tbc Leys School Community Fund	The amount requested is £5,116.

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Canonbury	Help On Your Doorstep	Provision of supermarket vouchers to those in most need within the Canonbury ward who are supported by Help on Your Doorstep through the Connect and Good Neighbours teams. Help on your Doorstep has already distributed £200, donated by Islington United Charities throughout the borough in 2022. Staff have identified increasing need, particularly within the Canonbury ward. They would promote the supermarket vouchers scheme through their regular contacts and good neighbours scheme, their door knocking on estates and word of mouth. Funding to pay for 50 supermarket vouchers, each worth £20.	Throughout Canonbury ward (staff based at Walter Sickert Community Centre)	1 November 2022 to 31 March 2023	Canonbury residents in crisis	50	1,000	1,000	Information not requested	
Page 12 Finsbury Park	LBI Community Partnerships (Andover Community Centre)	Winter Souper Monday, a simple meal and warm refuge for older local residents struggling with loneliness at the same time as juggling limited resources and increased fuel and food costs. A very basic meal will be provided, with board games, social areas, and with books and newspapers available. The event will complement and extend the current general Monday morning Coffee Morning, the concurrent separate ESOL Social group which is about to start and the Gardening Group which will be meeting at the same time, providing a space and time for the participants in the different groups to socialise together in a warm and inclusive environment. Funding to pay for food, discounted rental for the small hall and volunteer expenses.	Andover Community Centre, 54 Corker Walk, N7	November 2022 to April 2023 (26 weeks), 12pm to 4pm every Monday afternoon during the winter months	Targetted at isolated older residents	20 to 30	1,670	4,600	£500 private donation, £2,430 LBI Andover Comm Centre (through discounted rent and other grants)	
Finsbury Park / Tollington	Manor Gardens Welfare Trust (winter wellbeing programme)	Winter Wellbeing Programme in the centre, using the warm spaces in their new reception area, in their Dame Geraldine Hall in the garden and if necessary in their training room. They will reduce the impact of poverty by giving people information, often in their own language, about saving money, accessing the right benefits, finding repairs for their housing, improving their energy efficiency, and cooking healthily for less. They will do this through a weekly programme by providing warm spaces, a daily cosy café, daily hot lunch, social activities such as film or chess club, women's and men's groups, art and craft, drop-in activities, weekly food co-op, weekly targeted workshops on money saving tips, how to reduce energy consumption, and cooking using equipment which is cheaper to run (eg slow cooker). Funding to pay for soup ingredients (vegetables, pulses, pasta etc) for three months, cooking pans, utensils, tuppaware, storage containers, soup cups, store cupboard seasonings, oil, etc	Manor Gardens Centre, 6-9 Manor Gardens N7 6LA	17 October to 23 December 2022, Mondays to Fridays between 10am and 3pm	Anyone affected by the cost of living crisis	Capacity for 60 - 20 per day expected, a large vat of soup for 25+ people a day	700	1,000	Information not requested	The amount requested is £1000 (£500 per ward).

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Finsbury Park	Help On Your Doorstep	Provision of supermarket vouchers to those in most need within the Finsbury Park ward who are supported by Help on Your Doorstep through the Connect team. Help on your Doorstep has already distributed £200, donated by Islington United Charities throughout the borough in 2022. Staff have identified increasing need. They would promote the supermarket vouchers scheme through their regular contacts, their door knocking on estates and word of mouth. Funding to pay for 50 supermarket vouchers, each worth £20.	Throughout Finsbury Park ward (Connect staff work from Finsbury Park Community Rooms on Durham Road for three days a week)	1 November 2022 to 31 March 2023	Finsbury Park residents in crisis	50	250	1,000	Information not requested	The amount requested is £1000.
Highbury	LBI Community Wealth Building on behalf of Sotheby Mews Day Centre	Repair of a central heating boiler at an older people's day centre, which will enable a warm space for older Islington residents during the winter. The work is being carried out by the council. Funding to pay for the boiler part and labour.	Sotheby Mews Day Centre, 2 Sotheby Mews, Sotheby Road, N5 2UP	October 2022 to April 2023, boiler work as soon as possible	Older people	150, with 100 from Highbury	1,072.93	1,072.93	Not applicable	
Junction	Hargrave Hall Community Association	Winter warm room provision every Friday evening from 6 January to 10 March (ten weeks) where local residents of all ages can gather, play board/card games, eat a light hot meal/snack and watch a film together. This will address the cost of living crisis by offering a warm place where locals can save on the cost of heating their homes for one evening a week and enjoy a meal reducing the weekly food bill. Funding to contribute towards staffing, food and beverages, board games and volunteer expenses.	Hargrave Hall Community Centre, Hargrave Road, N19	Friday 6 January to Friday 10 March 2023 (10 weeks), every Friday between 4.30pm to 7.30pm in the upper hall	Local residents	25 per session	2,000	2,150	£150 Hargrave Hall Community Assoc	

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Tufnell Park	Hilldrop Area Community Association	Expanding their Tuesday Food Hub and Lunch Club into an all day provision with additional comfortable space provided by a 'Warm Room' in which local residents can read books and papers, use a computer, watch television, meet friends and support each other through the winter months. Advice and information on support services is also provided. The additional space may allow them to offer the same services on a Wednesday facilitated by volunteers, some of whom are from Hillside Clubhouse. Partner organisations have also offered to support and enable their members to attend including Hillside Clubhouse, North London Cares and Kingsley Wheelchair user group 'Chainreaction'. Funding to pay for a sofa, labour costs for painting of the room, a desk for computer/s and storage, paint for walls, etc, swivel chairs, bookcases, frames for any artwork created, books, pens and pencils.	Hilldrop Community Centre	4 October to 20 December 2022	Local community and residents of the neighbouring estates, many of whom are older and/or isolated	80	1,200	1,200	Extra funding tbc via the Octopus Community Network (to cover core costs, additional resources and extend the project)	

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Arsenal / Finsbury Park / Highbury / Junction / Mildmay / Tollington / Tufnell Park	Manor Gardens Welfare Trust	Providing staple and festive food to those experiencing food and fuel poverty and isolation at Christmas to bring cheer and ensure that everyone has enough food for their family. 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. They will also offer hot food at the centre and a warm space to sit to at least 75 other people. Funding to pay for 90 hampers for the 9 wards, project co-ordination and soup for 75 people for three weeks.	Hampers will be delivered to all 9 of the wards, hot food and a warm space will be delivered at Manor Gardens Welfare Trust	December 2022	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	165 Islington residents - 15 to 20 per each of the 9 wards	1,750	2,250	£200 in kind volunteer time for packing hampers, £360 in kind volunteer time for delivering hampers	The amount requested is £2,250 from 9 wards (£250 per ward).

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Arsenal / Barnsbury / Bunhill / Caledonian / Clerkenwell / Holloway / Junction / Laycock / Mildmay / St Mary's & St James' / St Peter's & Canalside / Tufnell Park	Liberty Choir	A 20-week-pilot programme at HMP Pentonville, a high-quality programme of singing supported by musicians and musical directors. Liberty Choir brings 20 community volunteers into prisons on a weekly basis to sing with men and women, building confidence, improving self-esteem and wellbeing whilst re-connecting prisoners with the community. Rehearsals involve 20 prisoners, 20 community volunteers, a director and an accompanist. They are currently working in HMP Brixton and HMP Coldingley. When prisoners are released, they are welcomed into their network of community choirs where they are supported with a range of needs including attending probation appointments, applying for employment and education, or even just to have a cup of tea and a chat with a friendly face. Funding to pay the musicians' team for 20 sessions (MD and accompanist), administration costs, security training and checks for volunteers.	HMP Pentonville, Caledonian Road, N7 8TT	November 2022 to April 2023 (weekly 2 hour sessions for a term of 20 weeks)	Prisoners, those released from prison and the families of prisoners but also prison staff, volunteers and the music team	60 prisoners over whole programme (20-30 men at any given rehearsal), around 30 of the volunteers live or work in Islington	5,000	11,000	£6,000 Hilden Charitable Fund, to continue with the programme for another 6 months	The amount requested is £5,000 from all wards.
Arsenal / Barnsbury / Bunhill / Canonbury / Clerkenwell / Finsbury Park / Highbury / Junction / Laycock / Mildmay / St Mary's & St James' / St Peter's & Canalside / Tufnell Park	Chabad Lubavitch of Islington	Islington Menorah Lighting, a community festival celebrating Chanukah, the Jewish festival of lights. 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	18 December 2022	Local residents but specifically benefitting the Jewish community	1,000	5,533.67	11,500	£3,500 private donations	The amount requested from all wards across the borough is £8,500 (£500 per ward).
Arsenal / Finsbury Park	Finsbury Park Mosque	Provision of 150 hot meals per week for a year for all those in need, regardless of their faith and background and particularly the homeless and disadvantaged. Funding to contribute towards food (including meat, chicken, vegetables and rice), cutlery, fees for a chef and gas, electricity and water.	Finsbury Park Mosque, 7-11 St. Thomas's Road	November 2022 to October 2023 (a year), every Monday from 5pm to 7pm	Open to all those who are in need, majority expected to come from Finsbury Park ward	90 of the 145 people from Finsbury Park ward	3,200	10,140	£2,500 tbc Finsbury Pk Mosque congregation, further fundraising tbc	The amount requested is £5,000 from two wards.

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Arsenal / Finsbury Park / Highbury	LBI Inclusive Economy (Finsbury Park Festive Event Book giveaway)	Finsbury Park Festive Event Book giveaway, a project to give books to underprivileged children as gifts at a Christmas light switch on event. At last year's event, a local business provided funding for 800 books that were given away by Santa Claus and it went down very well. This year the local business is unable to provide enough funding to do so again. The books will be bought from local sellers. Funding to pay for 1200 children's books.	Fonthill Road outside the London Fashion Centre	Given away at Christmas light switch on 3 December 2022	Targetted at young people from the surrounding estates who visit the event with their families	1,100	850	2,000	£300 The London Fashion Centre	The amount requested is £1700 from 4 wards.
Arsenal / Finsbury Park / Highbury / Junction / Tufnell Park	Islington Mind (General 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. 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	December 2022 to January 2023 - exact dates of the two events to be confirmed	Islington residents who experience complex and long term mental health problems	75 Islington residents	1,004.17	1,205	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1205 from 6 wards.
Arsenal / Highbury / Junction / Laycock / Tufnell Park	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). Each event will include a Christmas meal with surprises and prizes. 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).	35 Ashley Road, N19	December 2022 to January 2023 - exact dates of the four 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	1,007.75	1,240	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1240 from 7 wards.
Arsenal / Highbury	Arvon Road Allotments Group (ARAG)	Repairs to retaining wall at 4 plots at the ARAG site. This is to prevent complete collapse and although remedial work has started, ARAG does not have sufficient funds to finish the repairs. Funding to pay for the costs of gabion fill (granite and concrete) for the urgent repairs.	Arvon Road Allotments, Arvon Road, N5	15 December 2022 to 31 March 2023 with work undertaken mainly at weekends	The plot holders and their families	140 (136 from Highbury, 4 from Arsenal)	3,340	3,840	Not applicable	The amount requested is £3,840 from 2 wards.

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Arsenal / Highbury	Healthy Generations	Healthy Generations has been running this keep fit class with the Sotheby Mews Day Centre since Covid-19 restrictions were eased. These classes help older people to stay as active as possible. They are especially suitable for people with osteoporosis and osteopenia. Funding to pay for a keep fit instructor for a weekly two hour keep fit class for 25 weeks.	Sotheby Mews Day Centre	January to July 2023	Older people from all sections of the community	30	2,000	2,000	Sotheby Mews Day Centre (room hire in kind)	
Barnsbury	Healthy Generations	Healthy Generations restarted this seated keep fit class at the West Library in September 2022. They have been running classes since 2014 at the West Library. The partnership project has increased to a core group of 10 to 12 people. These classes help older people to stay as active as possible through chair yoga classes. Funding to pay for an instructor for a weekly one hour keep fit class for 50 weeks.	West Library	January to December 2023	Open to all older people	30	750	2,000	West Library (room hire in kind)	The amount requested is £2,000.
Barnsbury / Caledonian / Laycock	Light Project Pro International	This project is looking to extend and build on previous wellbeing services carried out. Funding is requested to cover the exercise/sport sessions for 1 hour per week for 12 weeks and the cooking class for 2 to 3 hours per week for 12 weeks. Funding to pay for the football sessions, healthy cooking sessions (including costs for tutor and ingredients), chair and Zumba exercises and a contribution towards utilities.	The Exchange, Watkinson Road, N7 and Paradise Park (football)	January to March 2023	All sections of the community but football is open to children aged 5 to 16	120	2,166.67	3,400	£900 LPPI in-kind (room hire)	The amount requested is £2,500 from 3 wards.
Barnsbury / Bunhill / Highbury / Junction / Mildmay / St James' / Tufnell Park	LBI Active Travel (All About The Bike)	All About the Bike is an offer to schools to engage Pupil Premium secondary school students with cycling, physical activity, independent travel and basic bike maintenance. The project is delivered by local mechanics and cycling instructors and will take place at local secondary schools in Islington where a high proportion of children receive free school meals and who otherwise would have been unable to afford a bicycle. The training involves Level 3 Bikeability cycle training (how to ride on local roads and advance junctions) and basic maintenance (such as learning to mend a puncture and adjusting the brakes). Refurbished, abandoned bikes are used and donated to the pupils for them to use on their daily journeys to school and outside. Funding to pay for delivery to 9 schools (mechanic costs to refurbish and buy replacement cycles (6 per school), trainer time, certificates and basic cycle tools.)	9 schools including Elizabeth Garret Anderson, Central Foundation Boys', Highbury Fields School, St Aloysius, COL (Highbury), COL (Islington) and Beacon High	January to November 2023 - each session will last one school day	Targetted at children aged 11 to 17 in receipt of the Pupil Premium	6 children per ward (54 from 9 wards)	6,250	9,000	Not applicable	The amount requested is £9,000 from 9 wards (£1000 per ward). The Highbury, Junction and Mildmay funding allocated is conditional on the boys getting the bikes being residents of their respective wards.

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Barnsbury / Caledonian / Clerkenwell / Tollington	Islington Bangladesh Association	Healthy Mind Healthy Body: A Community Wellbeing Project', a 44 week project to continue safely to 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 continue to be a programme of weekly physical activities (5 hours per week), a twice weekly lunch club programme (aiming to serve a total of 1,500 hot meals) and regular healthy living workshops - 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 5 hours of weekly exercise (3 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 and Barnsbury Centre, 12 Jays Street	1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023 (44 weeks)	Open to all but targeted at hard to reach and vulnerable adults who have been very negatively impacted by Covid-19	110 (from across the 5 wards)	6,250	24,464	£9,767 London Community Foundation, £6,197 Voice4Change England (£15,964 secured)	The amount requested is £8,500 from 5 wards.
Bunhill / Clerkenwell	St Luke's Community History Group	Their film, Our Finsbury Story, has been incredibly popular with local people, as well as viewers across the country. They would now like to publish a book highlighting local residents' stories related to the book but also including a chapter relating specifically to Finsbury life in 1952 to chime with this year's Jubilee Celebrations. Some of their pictures and stories include records submitted to the National mass observation archives from Finsbury residents in 1952. The book will be given free to the participants who contributed, for them to leave to their families, local schools, MLA and local archives, community groups etc. It is hoped that the book will be a learning resource for local schools and residents interested in local history. This proposal is being supported by Islington Museum and Local History Centre and it is hoped that additional copies will be sold. All local groups, schools, TRAs, libraries etc will also get a free copy. The additional funding will contribute towards the costs of producing 400 copies of a 70 page book (ISBN registration, licences for photographs and printing).	c/o Islington Local History Centre, 245 St John Street	December 2022	Local residents, especially older people aged 70+ living in Bunhill and Clerkenwell who are directly involved	500 (250 per ward)	1,000	2,632.60	£1000 LIF (July 2022), £632.60 St Luke's Community History Group	The amount requested from 2 wards is £1000 (£500 per ward). £1000 LIF awarded in July 2022 to this project. Additional funding is requested as more stories have been collected resulting in a longer book (70 pages instead of 52) and printing costs have substantially increased since their quote in May. They will now print 400 copies (instead of 500).

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Caledonian	Global Generation on behalf of Killick Street Health Centre Patients Participation Group	Planting of the remaining two large raised brick planters between Caledonian Road and Killick Street opposite Killick Street Health Centre. In April, with the help of Global Generation, the small gardening group planted one raised bed as a dry garden and now need funding to enable planting of the second large raised brick bed and the adjoining smaller one. Funding to pay for bulbs (e.g. daffodils, hyacinths, tulips and alliums), low shrubs, hardy perennials and grasses, soil improver (manure and bark chippings), native shrubs (e.g. hazel and blackthorn), native bluebells and shade cover plants.	Opposite Killick Street Health Centre, Killick Street, N1 9RH	Mid October 2022 to May 2023	All residents of properties overlooking the area, passers by and patients of the health centre	Most of the 5+ volunteers are from Caledonian, unable to quantify (for wider public / passers by / residents)	360	360	Not applicable	
Canonbury	Help On Your Doorstep	Annual Community Fun Day run by the New River Green Good Neighbours Scheme. It aims to increase access to services and information (around health, wellbeing and services), to provide entertainment (especially for residents on low incomes and families) and to increase social cohesion and reduce isolation by bringing all of the community together. Funding to contribute towards food and refreshments (including a gazebo), children's activities (bouncy castle, face painter, glitter tattooist, football), indoor health and wellbeing activities (massage, nail painting, exercise taster sessions), a green space and gardens area (music, arts and crafts, afternoon tea, games and prizes, gardening station), insurance, first aid and publicity.	The Walter Sickert Community Centre and the surrounding green areas, N1 2FB	3 September 2022	Targetted at Canonbury ward residents	150+	2,300	3,300	£1000 Help On Your Doorstep	
Canonbury	Healthy Generations	These Pilates classes were running at the Walter Sickert Community Centre prior to Covid-19 since early 2019. These classes help older people to stay as active as possible. They are especially suitable for people with osteoporosis and osteopenia. They have re-started the face-to-face class since lockdown was eased in September 2021. There is a core group of 12+ attending each week. Funding to pay for a Pilates instructor for a weekly two hour class for 25 weeks.	Walter Sickert Community Centre	January to July 2023	Older people from all sections of the community	50	2,000	2,000	Walter Sickert Community Centre (room hire in kind)	
Clerkenwell	Exmouth Market Centre	Early Years Music and Play Project that runs twice weekly on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The sessions are open and free to all - attendees can make a small donation if they are able to but this is not compulsory which ensures that the sessions are available to all. There are 2 sessions each day of high quality interactive singing and music making for pre school children and their parents and carers. The tutor who is a highly skilled and talented practitioner composes and writes the original material which is built upon each week so the attendees build up a bank of music and songs. Funding to pay for hall hire for 20 weeks.	Exmouth Market Centre, 24 Exmouth Market, EC1R	January to May 2023	Open to all sections of the community	350 (180 children and 170 adults) with the majority from the immediate local area	2,500	2,500	Not applicable	

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Clerkenwell	LBI Housing Community Gardening (on behalf of Finsbury Estate Gardening Group)	Supply of tools to enable supervised and unsupervised volunteer estate gardening sessions. Several residents on Finsbury Estate are interested in forming a gardening group to improve the look of and maintain communal garden areas on the estate. The Housing Community Gardening Team can offer regular one day a fortnight support to help development and knowledge of the gardening group for a year. Funding to pay for horticultural tools and equipment.	Finsbury Estate	October 2022 to October 2023	Residents of Finsbury Estate	Initially 7 directly and indirectly the estate residents (451 residential properties)	997.30	997.30	Not applicable	
Finsbury Park / Hillrise	St Mary's Church, Ashley Road	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 Christmas lunches will be cooked in the church kitchen and eaten in the church 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, N19	5 to 25 December 2022 (planning / advertising will start in October 2022, food items will be sourced in early December)	Hampers for food bank clients, Christmas meal for older people and single households.	450 for Christmas parcels and includes 40 Christmas meals	650	3,000	£400 tbc supermarkets, £650 tbc Mission Hall fund, £450 tbc Community events	The amount requested is £1500 from 3 wards (£500 per ward).
Finsbury Park / Hillrise / Tufnell Park	The Hive Food Bank	A small independent volunteer run food bank seeking to tackle food poverty by providing food parcels to those in need. Their clients come from across wards in the N19, N4, N6, N8 postcodes. 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 over a 2 month period.	St Mary's Hornsey Rise, Ashley Road, N19 3AD	16 September to 31 December 2022	Open to anyone experiencing food poverty	200	1,400	70,050 per annum	£24,366 secured (incl £3,550 LIF and £5k LBI Comm Chest), further funding tbc	The amount requested is £2,400 from 4 wards (£600 per ward).
Finsbury Park / Junction	MEWSO (Middle Eastern Women and Society Organisation)	Olive Club, a biweekly social club for Arab and other Middle Eastern women aiming at increasing local connections, reducing isolation, improving wellbeing and building new skills. The themes of the fortnightly sessions will be agreed with participants. The sessions will be led by an Arab woman and will include nutrition and healthy eating on a budget talks, community walks across Islington, museum visits, coffee welfare advice mornings, workshops on managing debt or cost of living, soap or hair mask making, sewing, etc. Funding is requested for the delivery of 24 Olive Club sessions, one of which will be a winter celebration/gathering where women could bring their children. Funding to pay for the session facilitator, refreshments, travel for two participants, volunteer expenses, room hire at Elizabeth House (two sessions), printing and publicity.	Durham Road Resource Centre, 86 Durham Road and Elizabeth House Community Centre, 2 Hurlock Street	December 2022 to November 2023 (fortnightly)	Women aged 15 to 45, mostly Arab speaking with a few being Iranian, Kurdish or Turkish	25 in total over the year (expect 8 per session)	500	2,386.20	Not applicable	The amount requested is £2,386.20 from 4 wards.

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Highbury	Healthy Minds Healthy Bods (HMHB)	Providing events for people to interact, have fun and be more active. The activities tackle isolation, loneliness and create an environment for people to meet new people for support. Funding to pay for refreshments for 6 months (2 outings a month), purchase of zoom for online interventions and postage and printing of health packs for Highbury residents.	Base address is Kelross Road, N5 but will be travelling around to different locations	January to July 2023	All Islington residents aged 18+	37	900	900	Not applicable	
Highbury	Transition Highbury	Restoring soil in the community garden, restarting Green on the Screen film meetings and maintenance of the website. Funding to pay for topsoil and manure, website related costs, film licensing fees for 9 sessions, room hire for 12 meetings and renewal of public liability insurance.	Transition Highbury Community Garden and Christ Church Community Centre, Highbury Grove	December 2022 to December 2023, soil replenishment work in December 2022 and October 2023	All sections of the community (250+ from Highbury)	250 to 500	1,832	1,832	Not applicable	
Highbury / Laycock	Go Africa Community Hub CIC	Weekly workshops (each lasting 2.5 hours) that teach skills in the African arts in all disciplines including literature, visual arts, textiles, music, adornment, culinary skills and enterprise. All workshops will deliver fun edutainment sessions for all ages and genres of the African Diaspora especially migrants and refugees and non-African Islington communities. Funding to pay for venue hire for 20 weekly workshops from May to September and venue hire for a Go Africa Black History showcase in October.	Central Library, 2 Fieldway Crescent, N5	Workshops from May to Sept 2023, two day showcase in October 2023	Open to all but mainly the African Diaspora especially migrants and refugees	35 spaces per weekly workshop over 6 months, the showcase - approx 500 people	1,250	4,759.50	£3,259.50 further funding to be secured - details to follow	
Hillrise	St Andrew's Church, Whitehall Park	The continued creation of a multi functional Eco Garden on the grounds surrounding St Andrew's Church. There are wildlife-friendly plants, bug hotels, bird feeders, bat boxes, etc in the eco garden in the outdoor space around the church and the larger space has been cleared so it can be used for children's play and social gatherings. Funding to pay for wildlife pond kit (sheet liner, protective pond underlay and filter), sand and pond plants in order to further improve biodiversity in the eco garden.	St Andrews Church, Whitehall Park, N19 3TN	January to June 2023	Open to all	Unable to quantify (6,100 residents in St Andrew's Parish)	600	600	Not applicable	

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Hillrise	Caxton House Community Centre	Three Hillrise Winter Festivals - St Andrew's Crafty Christmas Make & Take, Hornsey Lane Estate Community Association Christmas fair with various stalls including a Christmas Bingo, food. Caxton House will support with wreath and badge making stalls. The final event will be a multi-faith celebration called Winter Songs & Carols to be held in the car park and cafe areas of Caxton House. 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; Hornsey Lane Estate Community Association, Hazellville Road; Caxton House, St John's Way	3 December (St Andrew's Church), 10 December (HLECA fair), 16 December (Caxton House)	Local residents and groups delivering stalls and activities	200+	900	2,300	£900 space/equipment hire donated by venues, £250 flyers design (donated) and distribution (by volunteers), £150 tbc materials savings	The amount requested is £1000.
Hillrise / Junction	LBI 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 to 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 musicians, stage hire, face painters, craft activities, sound engineer and Father Christmas.	Navigator Square, Archway, N19	30 November to 1 December 2022 (switch on event on 30 November)	Junction and Hillrise ward residents, local businesses in Archway, young people aged 11 to 17 at local schools	400 from Islington	1,204.37	7,500	£3,000 tbc LBI Section 106, £1500 tbc Essential Living sponsorship, £1500 tbc Bode sponsorship	The amount requested is £1500 from 2 wards (£750 per ward).
Holloway	Healthy Generations	Healthy Generations has been running a keep fit class at the Goodinge Community Centre since the Covid-19 restrictions were eased. These classes help older people to stay as active as possible. They are suitable for people with all health conditions and especially for those with osteoporosis and osteopenia. There is a core group who attend each week and numbers are likely to grow post Covid-19. Funding to pay for a keep fit instructor for a weekly keep fit class for an hour for 50 weeks.	Goodinge Community Centre, 2 Goodinge Road, N7 9GZ	January to December 2023	Open to all older people	30	1,000	2,000	Goodinge Community Centre (in kind room hire)	The amount requested is £2,000. The £1000 funding allocated is for a 6 month period (January to July 2023).

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Holloway	Goodinge Community Centre	A project to encourage local people to learn basic computer skills. This will make computers accessible to people who do not have computers for home use, create opportunities for people to job search and access services online and encourage further learning. Funding to pay for an IT tutor to deliver 2 sessions per week for 30 weeks.	Goodinge Community Centre, 2 Goodinge Road, N7	October 2022 to July 2023, two sessions per week	Open to all ages from 18+	40+	900	1,800	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1800. The £900 funding allocated is to run one session a week.
Laycock St Mary St James	Change, Act! CIC	Revealing My Invisibility Cloak', to co-produce and deliver 8 theatre workshops for people with hidden disabilities and/or long term health conditions that culminate in a legislative theatre event at Union Chapel. Decision makers will work with workshop participants to better understand issues faced and come up with policy recommendations. Participants will be empowered and be able to express their experiences effectively, leading to improvements in services. Funding to pay for 2 facilitators to deliver 9 three hour sessions, legislative theatre and consultation event assistants for 2 three hour sessions, 3 process sessions, refreshments for 8 sessions and public liability insurance.	Union Chapel, Compton Terrace and Islington Climate Shop, Angel Shopping Centre, Parkfield Street	7 February to 11 April 2023	Primarily adults with disabilities	70 (35 from each ward)	2,060	4,090	£2,030 secured in kind (£1,850 space at Climate Shop and Union Chapel, £180 Change, Act! for 8 hrs project development/reporting)	The amount requested is £2,060 from 2 wards.
Mildmay	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	September 2022 to June 2023 (pantomime on 14 December, school summer residentials in June 2023)	Local families, particularly the children of Newington Green Primary School	Approx 450	1,045	1,286	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1,286. The application also requested £241 for a nature garden which has not been funded on this occasion.
Mildmay	LBI Estate Services on behalf of Kerridge Court TRA	Marge Johns was the Chair of the Kerridge Court TRA for many years and has recently died. The TRA would like to pay tribute to her commitment to improving the local area by placing a bench on the estate in her memory. Funding to pay for a metal bench.	Kerridge Court estate	December 2022 / January 2023	Kerridge Court residents	130 properties in Kerridge Court Estate	900	900	Not applicable	

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St Mary's & St James'	Islington Sea Cadets	Last jobs needed to re-open Islington's Sea Cadet unit so it can be used by young people again (several LIF applications have been made over the last 8 years for the costs of the re-opening of this facility). The group plans to change their lease to enable the buildings' wider use by local groups. Funding to contribute towards main building works, a double glazed entrance front, fire and electrical certificates, fire extinguishers, an asbestos survey, PAT testing and Legionella testing and certificates.	2 Canonbury Road, N1	December 2022 to June 2023	Children (for cadets), potentially other groups too	230 approx	2,500	30,000	£20,000 Marine Society & Sea Cadets (headquarters), £5,000 29th May 1961 Charity	The amount requested is £5,000 from two wards (£2,500 per ward).
Page 24 St Mary's & 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), VJ Day (Aug), 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 a brass band and St John's Ambulance on Armed Forces Day (25 June 2022), insurance, Zoom, software and internet costs.	Islington Town Hall and Islington Green	1 February 2022 to 30 August 2023	Veterans, families and friends	50 to 100 max	1,024.25	1,024.25	Not applicable	
St Mary's & St James'	Islington Pensioners Forum	The Christmas dinner will be part of a programme of social activities being organised, including a visit to a garden centre, a canal boat trip and a coffee and a chat. The Christmas dinner for members will enable them to come together to overcome loneliness and isolation. Funding to pay for a Christmas meal in a local restaurant for 20 people.	Pensioners Hall, 1A Providence Court, Providence Place, N1 ORN or a local restaurant	One day between 12 and 25 December 2022	Older people who are pensioners	20	500	500	Not applicable	
St Mary's & St James'	St Mary's Parochial Church Council	St Mary's Festival, featuring lunchtime and daytime concerts, guided walks / tours including a trip up the church tower with Clerkenwell and Islington Guides, a book launch, a night at the opera as well as a family fun day. Funding to pay for the flat pack music for the opera show, refreshments, publicity and marketing, a caretaker and a photographer for all the events.	St Mary's Church, Upper Street, N1 2TX	15 September to 8 October 2022	Local residents (people of all ages)	1,000 approx	3,000	5,000	£2,000 St Mary's PCC (for family fun day)	

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St Mary's & St James' / St Peter's & Canalside	AiRing CIC	Packington Open 2023, a community exhibition of artworks made by residents of St Peter's & Canalside and St Mary's & St James' wards, with accompanying workshops and events. This group has been working with residents of the Packington Estate for the last 5 years. The third Packington Open will exhibit 100 artworks made by residents of two new Islington wards. Artworks will include paintings, drawings, photographs, prints, video, sound works, ceramics, sculpture, collage and installation. The exhibition will host a community opening event, a creative workshop specifically for families, facilitate artist discussion, and artist closing event. Funding to pay for marketing (22,000 flyers, 100 posters) design, print and production, marketing distribution - every home in both wards twice, gallery assistants and a fully accessible digital catalogue of exhibits.	A venue central to both wards - possibly on Essex Road, Packington Street, Prebend Street or the Arc, St Paul Street	January to July 2023, a minimum of 12 public open days 12-5pm across weekdays and weekends	6 paid Pack*Art panel members, 4 paid gallery assistants, 80+ exhibiting artists, 15+ children & young people attending workshop 750+ local residents visiting exhibition & events	800 (400 per ward)	3,000	22,659	£10,000 Hyde Housing, £9,659 tbc National Lottery	The amount requested is £3,000 from two wards (£1500 per ward).
St Peter's & Canalside	LBI Parks Service	To put up signage in Packington Square and Canalside Gardens about the times the community should use the park. This is to reduce the ASB which occurs due to noise being created late at night. Funding to pay for the purchase of aluminium signs which will be displayed on the fencing.	Canalside Gardens and Packington Square	October to November 2022	All residents of the estate	Estate residents	440	440	Not applicable	
Tollington	Hanley Crouch Community Association	Costs of a Tollington Ward Partnership community consultation event / fun day. Local councillors will be in attendance and will be available for residents to make an appointment for their surgeries. The focus of this event will be on the cost of living crisis. They will be promoting their food bank and providing energy tips. There will be information stalls on local services and organisations within the area i.e. local councillors, We are Islington, Shine, Help On Your Doorstep, Debt Kiosk, health & wellbeing organisations, Iwork, Voluntary Action Islington, LBI Community Safety, etc. 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, face painting, a bike project and other associated costs.	Brickworks Community Centre, 42 Crouch Hill, N4	Saturday 29 October 2022	Local residents	200+	2,000	2,000	Not applicable	

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Tollington	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 similar projects in 2020 and 2021 where 300 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 packaging, hot water bottles and various Christmas themed items depending on availability.	Brickworks Community Centre, 42 Crouch Hill	December 2022 to January 2023	Young volunteers and older Tollington residents especially those most in need who are prioritised	200	3,000	4,000	£1000 Youth Endowment Fund (staff time to co-ordinate the project)	
Tollington	Healthy Generations	This keep fit class was running at the North Library prior to Covid-19. These classes help older people to stay as active as possible. They are especially suitable for older people with osteoporosis and osteopenia. They have re-started a Pilates class on 23 September using unrestricted funding whilst they raise other funding. Funding to pay for a keep fit instructor for a weekly keep fit class for an hour for 50 weeks.	The North Library	January to December 2023	Open to all older people	40	2,000	2,000	North Library (in kind room hire)	
Tufnell Park	Healthy Generations	This keep fit class was running at the Cat and Mouse Library before Covid-19. During lockdown it went online. After restrictions were eased, it returned to face-to-face and currently there are 12+ participants at each class. These classes help older people to stay as active as possible. They are especially suitable for people with osteoporosis and osteopenia. Funding to pay for a keep fit instructor for a weekly keep fit class for an hour for 50 weeks.	Cat and Mouse Library	January to December 2023	Open to all older people	50	1,000	2,000	Cat and Mouse Library (in kind room hire)	The amount requested is £2,000.
Tufnell Park	Hilldrop Area Community Association	Hilldrop Christmas Dinner and Celebration, part of their Food Hub Project (which they are expanding this term into a day long 'Warm Room' with activities). There will be a breakfast buffet followed by games and songs, and a big quiz before lunch. After lunch, there will be an entertainer and live music followed by an outdoor event in the new community garden till 5pm serving hot mulled apple juice and healthy tonics made from their herb and mint beds, by candlelight, and listening to carols sung by one of their community groups, Camden Harmony Choir. Funding to pay for a ukelele band and other entertainment, turkeys, vegetables/potatoes, breakfast buffet, Christmas tree and decorations, Christmas pudding /desserts, non-alcoholic drinks, tea and coffee.	Hilldrop Community Centre	Event on 20 December 2022 (breakfast buffet, lunch and outdoor event in new community garden)	Local community and residents of the neighbouring estates, many of whom are older and/or isolated	60	500	500	Not applicable	

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Tufnell Park	Brecknock Road Estate Tenants & Residents Association	Brecknock Children's Gardening Project - continuation of gardening events which started in Summer 2021 that engaged around 30 children aged 2-13 in planting flowers and herbs in the previously derelict planters on the estate. Over spring and summer 2022, more children have become involved and the enterprise has extended from the original planters into large pots with sunflowers etc. The project is now ongoing, incorporating additional planting where necessary, and involving children in aftercare and maintenance. Children are engaged whenever weather allows and work continues through the autumn, clearing leaves etc. Next Spring they will replant any gaps and start summer seeds (sunflowers etc). Funding to pay for plants, equipment including pots, etc, gloves, compost, watering cans, animal / slug deterrents and stakes, brooms and scissors.	North and South Courtyards, Brecknock Road Estate	August 2022 to November 2023	Children, all estate residents	30+ children from the estate, all residents of 190 flats (approx 500 people)	720	720	Not applicable	
Tufnell Park	St George's Church (Back to School party)	A party with food for families on the Sunday before school re-starts. The party is an opportunity to bring different members of the community together as the summer holidays end, and help alleviate the anxieties of children (and parents) as they face a new term. Funding to pay for a BBQ, drinks, healthy snacks, a bouncy castle and craft and games resources.	St George's Church, Crayford Road	4 September 2022	Open to all but the event will mainly appeal to families with children	250 (200 from Tufnell Park)	400	650	£250 church donations (staff and overheads)	
Tufnell Park	St George's Church (PAT tester)	Restart Party – an opportunity for people to get appliances fixed for free. These parties are part of the Restart network of people who believe in the right to repair, in order to prevent unnecessary landfill and carbon emissions. At each party, amateur repairers seek to mend appliances – toaster, kettles, laptops, mobiles – that members of the public bring in, without charge. There are refreshments available while people wait and sometimes other activities (e.g. a clothes swap). Skills are shared in the process. To ensure safety, every appliance receives a PAT test. They have borrowed one for previous events, but would like to have one of their own. Funding to pay for a PAT tester.	St George's Church, Crayford Road	24 September 2022, each Restart Party lasts two hours	Anyone with a broken appliance (a broad demographic have attended past events)	350 (240 from Tufnell Park)	250	400	£150 church donations per event (for overheads, e.g. heating, lighting, refreshments and staff)	
Tufnell Park	St George's Church (fireworks party)	A fireworks party bringing different members of the community together to enjoy a fireworks display, as well as hot food, games and crafts. They will provide macaroni cheese (including vegan and gluten free), soup and bread and hot chocolate. There will be supervised 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	6 November 2022	Open to all but the event will mainly appeal to families with children	300 (250 from Tufnell Park)	500	850	£350 church donations (towards food, materials, games, prizes, staff, overheads)	

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Tufnell Park	St George's Church (pantomime)	St George's Christmas Panto, now in its 29th year, a community show which is self-funded and entirely written, acted, produced, staged and directed by volunteers. An open audition attracts children between the ages of 8 to 16, coming from local primary and secondary schools. This year, one of the costumiers has stepped back due to ill-health, so some costumes will need to be purchased. Funding to pay for costumes and lighting hire.	St George's Church, Crayford Road	Auditions start on 19 September, performances from 1 to 3 December 2022	Anyone can audition, but mainly children aged 8 to 16	500 performing or watching (the majority expected from Tufnell Park)	500	2,500	£2,000 church donations (heating, lighting, props, publicity - ticket sales also cover this)	

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Mildmay	Hathersage Tenants Association	A Christmas event in early to mid-December at the Mildmay Club (if available) or another local venue. They will provide drinks and food and there will be music, performance, dance and games throughout the event. They will design a poster for the event which will be circulated to residents' flats and displayed around Hathersage Court. Funding to pay for food and drink for 80 people, venue hire, insurance and printing of posters.	Mildmay Club, 33-34 Newington Green, N16 or Mildmay Community Centre, Woodville Road, N16	9 December 2022	Open to all tenants and residents of Hathersage Court	210	402	402	Not applicable	£772 awarded in April 2020 to pay for a summer party which also included the hire of a gardener for one day. £370 of this grant has already been paid for the gardener which leaves £402 of the grant still unpaid.
St Peter's and Canalside	Galbur Foundation	A series of mental health workshops for young people and their families from a Somali background in partnership with Direct Action Project from the Peel Institute and Habib Counselling. The two workshops are called 'Girls Mind Matters: Exploring Mental Health Challenges' and 'Anxiety Awareness and Stress-Busting Tips for Parents'. By the end of the workshops, it is hoped participants will be able to explain possible causes of anxiety and commonly experienced symptoms, and will be able to identify a small personal behaviour change they can make to help manage their own stress / anxiety. Funding to pay for venue hire, refreshments, a workshop consultant, volunteer and other expenses, project management/overheads and printing/promotion.	The Arc Centre, 98b St Pauls St	27 and 28 October 2022	BAMER Communities all around Islington	Up to 30 parents and young children	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	£1000 awarded in April 2020 by St Peter's ward to Hijabi Footy Fun, a football programme for Muslim girls in an indoor sports hall. The programme didn't take place due to indoor halls being unavailable and Covid restrictions.

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St Peter's and Canalside	MerryGoRound	MerryGoRound, who collect donations of quality second hand children's clothes, shoes and books to gift for free as bundles to local families in need. Each bundle has enough clothing for one child for a week. Families are referred to them by a professional who knows their circumstances well, e.g. a teacher or pastoral care worker, social worker, GP, etc. Funding to pay for storage boxes, storage bags, clothing shortfalls, website and email costs and tables for sorting donations (some of these costs have already been incurred).	Storage unit is based at Islington Square, 116 Upper St, donations are often dropped off at their founder's house in Prebend Street	1 September 2020 to 31 March 2023	All of Islington	440 children from March 2022 to March 2023, with 330 of these children being Islington based	2,148	7,709	£372 of LIF grant spent as proposed, £3,865 LBI Community Chest, £824 donations, £500 Arnold Clark Community Fund Grant	£2,520 awarded in July 2020 to pay for costs for a year for storage, paper mailing bags and insurance. £2,148 was for storage of clothing donations. Since then, they have been able to store clothing at no cost in various venues so they would like to use the money proposed for storage to cover other costs.

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

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Bunhill	LBI Finsbury Ward Partnership celebration event	Finsbury Ward Partnership recognition event, a celebration event to hand out certificates to those that were nominated as community covid heroes at a ward partnership meeting in October 2021. From 22 nominations, all nominees were congratulated at the meeting and approximately 10 nominees were selected by a panel - including ward councillors and local organisations St Luke's and the Peel - to receive vouchers donated by the Old Street partnership. Funding to pay for tea/coffee, water and two packages of biscuits.	Committee Room 4, Islington Town Hall	16 September 2022, 7pm to 8pm	Local residents	30	25.50	25.50	Not applicable	
St Mary's & St James'	LBI St Mary's and St James' ward partnership	Ward Partnership drop in public event to be held on the 8 October at Popham Community Centre. Funding to pay for delivery of 1000 flyers, printing of 1300 flyers and refreshments.	Popham and Cummings Community Centre, Popham Street, N1	Saturday 8 October 2022, 2pm to 4pm	Local residents	20	210	210	Not applicable	

Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining

Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2022-23:	£221,000
Total carried forward from previous LIF budgets / allocations:	£39,817
Total amount available to allocate:	£260,817
Amount allocated to date:	£86,888
Balance remaining:	£173,929
Ward partnership proposals approved under delegated authority:	£236
Cost of living proposals approved under delegated authority	£16,843
New proposals for November VCS Committee:	£84,735
Total amount remaining to allocate in 2022-23:	£72,116

2022-23 Balance remaining by ward:	
Ward	Balance:
Arsenal	£11,922
Barnsbury	£2,022
Bunhill	£1,513
Caledonian	£8,291
Canonbury	£3,225
Clerkenwell	£955
Finsbury Park	£2,983
Highbury	£4,405
Hillrise	£2,071
Holloway	£2,251
Junction	£5,729
Laycock	£4,473
Mildmay	£3,751
St Mary's & St James'	£89
St Peter's & Canalside	£6,747
Tollington	£919
Tufnell Park	£10,771

£72,116**Notes:**

Includes £5,679 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

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