



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 **11 July 2023 at 6:30pm.**

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Substitute Members

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

Observers

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

Quorum: is 2 Councillors



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

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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

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London Borough of Islington

Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 20 March 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held in Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 20 March 2023 at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillors: Kaya Comer-Schwartz, Roulin Khondoker and Una O'Halloran

Jason Jackson and Claire Zammit (observers)

Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz in the Chair

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

Received from Councillor Nurullah Turan.

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

None.

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

None.

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

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

RESOLVED:

(a) That the new proposals and changes to previous proposals submitted by Ward councillors and detailed in Appendix A of the report of the Executive Member for Homes and Communities be approved in principle, subject to the Corporate Director of Community Engagement and Wellbeing being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any outstanding issues resolved.

(b) That the declarations of interest made by councillors having a connection with organisations that they are recommending funding for, as detailed in paragraph 4.3 of the report, be noted.

(c) That the Corporate Director of Community Engagement and Wellbeing be authorised to make changes to the use of previously awarded funding.

(d) To note that, although further applications received for projects addressing the cost of living crisis would be accepted until the end of March 2023, they would not be funded from the Local Initiatives Fund budget and would be considered by the Cost of Living Board and the Corporate Director Community Engagement and Wellbeing.

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. The approved proposals represented a wide range of activity and delivered significant benefits to local communities.

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted – none

16 **ISLINGTON COUNCIL VENUES COMMUNITY FREE HIRE SCHEMES ROUND 2 (Item B2)**

RESOLVED:

(a) That "Britain's Got Reggae/Cally Connects-US" be offered one free hire use of the Assembly Hall between June and September 2023

(b) That "Head Held High" be held in reserve, in case of the inability of the applicant in resolution (a) above to negotiate appropriate dates and timings.

(c) That "Stonewall Housing" and "The Sapphire Community Group" offered one free hire use of the Town Hall Committee Rooms between June and September 2023.

(d) That "Eritrean Community in UK" be held in reserve, in case of the inability of the applicants in resolution (c) above to negotiate appropriate dates and timings.

Reasons for the decision

The scheme provided an opportunity for the Council to support local organisations through free use of the Assembly Hall and civic space. Applications had been assessed through a clear and transparent process.

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted – none

17 **LONDON BOROUGH GRANTS SCHEME 2023/24 (Item B3)**

RESOLVED:

To note the 2023/24 London Boroughs Grants Committee budget of £6.668m and Islington's annual contribution of £0.184m, as approved by the Executive on 12 January 2023, and detailed in the report of the Corporate Director of Resources.

Reasons for decision

The Council's decision on the 2023/24 London Boroughs' Grants Committee budget and Islington's contribution was due to be notified to London Councils no later than 13 January 2023. For reasons of urgency, the approval was gained by the Executive on 12 January 2023 and was being notified to Voluntary and Community Sector Committee for information.

Other options considered – none.

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted – none

The meeting ended at 6.35 pm

CHAIR

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

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

Meeting of: Voluntary and Community Sector Committee

Date: 11 July 2023

Ward(s): All 17 wards

Subject: Local Initiatives Fund

1. Synopsis

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

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To consider the new proposals and changes to previous proposals submitted by ward councillors as set out in Appendix A and to agree these proposals in principle subject to the Corporate Director of Community Engagement and Wellbeing being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.
- 2.2. To note the declarations of interest made by councillors due to having a connection with organisations that they are recommending funding for. These are detailed at paragraph 4.3.
- 2.3. To continue with delegated authority to the Corporate Director Community Engagement and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Executive Member for Homes and Communities, to make changes to the use of previously awarded funding.

- 2.4. To note that further applications received for projects addressing the cost of living crisis up to the value of £1000 will continue to be considered by officers on an ongoing basis in between VCS Committees but will not be funded from the Local Initiatives Fund budget subject to sufficient extra funding being available. This is detailed at paragraph 3.11.
- 2.5. To note that authority was delegated to the Corporate Director Community Engagement and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Executive Member for Homes and Communities, to award funding to projects related to the Coronation of King Charles III.

3. Background

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

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

- 3.8. Due to the increased amount spent on honorariums/ incentive payments to co-ordinators and the larger number of wards, the amount of funding available in each ward budget in 2023/24 for local schemes is £13,000. This means there is a reduction of the overall LIF budget from £240,000 to £238,000. Of this £238,000, £17,000 is spent on honorariums with £221,000 left to allocate to local schemes.
- 3.9. In November 2019, authority was delegated to the Head of Community Partnerships, to allocate funding, up to the value of £250, to activity to support Ward Partnership meetings. Awards approved under delegated authority should be reported to the next VCS Committee at which Local Initiatives Fund awards are considered. In September 2021, it was agreed that funding up to the value of £1,000 can be approved by the Head of Community Partnerships and Corporate Director Community Engagement and Wellbeing for activity to support Ward Partnership meetings.
- 3.10. Due to the challenges being faced by the cost of living crisis, the decision was made to open up LIF for applications during the winter period (Oct 2022-March 2023) to ensure that voluntary and community sector organisations were able to respond on the ground to the crisis, and that funding was awarded and processed promptly to support the sector during this difficult time.
- 3.11. In early March 2023, it was decided that any further applications received for projects addressing the cost of living crisis would continue to be prioritised beyond the end of March but would not be funded from the Local Initiatives Fund budget. £20,000 of extra funding from the North London Waste Authority was set aside to fund any further cost of living crisis related proposals received. From 23 March to 2 June, £11,355 of this extra funding was allocated to 11 applications leaving £8,645 still to be allocated. These applications were not considered by ward councillors but by officers in the Community Partnerships team. The maximum that can be applied for under this process is now £1000. The relevant ward councillors have been informed of any decisions made for projects related to their ward. These awards are listed in Appendix A for information only.

4. LIF Awards 2023/24

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

In March, we learned of the cancellation of the Angel Canal Festival which was due to be held on 3 September and which had been recommended for funding of £2,500 by the St Peter's and Canalside councillors. The reason cited by the Canal and River Trust was 'the economic climate, together with a continuing real-terms cut in the Trust's Government funding, has forced our charity to review all of its costs'. This £2,500 has been returned to the St Peter's and Canalside budget for

reallocation. A smaller scale version of the festival will now be run on 3 September and the accountable body will be the Islington Boat Club.

In April 2020, £1,500 was awarded to Andover Community Centre to kit out a Men in Sheds project at the rear of the centre to engage isolated men in the Finsbury Park area. This project was first delayed due to Covid and then there was scaffolding in the garden area for the block which ruled out access to the shed and gardens. This £1500 has been returned to the Finsbury Park budget for reallocation.

In August 2021, £750 was awarded to Community Toolbank (now called Things in Common) to set up a free tool lending service on Priory Green Estate. There was an underspend of £400 due to the delay in the time that the funding was approved and when the insurance policy was renewed with their broker. In the interceding time they managed to get further funding, against which they posted the insurance costs. The other funds for website and engagement were spent. This £400 has been returned to the Barnsbury budget for reallocation.

In April 2023, £500 was awarded under delegated authority to a Coronation street party on St John's Grove in early May which was subsequently cancelled. This funding was paid out to the Toy Project (the accountable body) but has been returned in time for this Committee so the details of this party are not listed in Appendix A.

Residual amounts of 2022/23 funding from 13 wards totalling £7,886 have also been added back into the ward budgets.

Two changes in the use of previously awarded funding have been agreed by councillors and are listed in Appendix A:

- £1374 was awarded by Canonbury and St Peter's in February 2020 to the Friends of Rotherfield School for a 'Gaspard the Fox' show, a 'Fun Run' and a 'Food and Culture evening' which were to be held between March and July 2020. These events were cancelled due to Covid restrictions in place at the time. The funding will now mainly be spent on a summer fete on 7 July 2023.
- £1000 was awarded in March 2022 to Highbury Quadrant TRA for a fun day which did not take place. This unused £1000 will now be spent on the creation of three meadows, a bee bank and small shrub habitat area on Birchmore Walk instead (a project being run in partnership with the LBI Housing Community Gardening Team). An additional £1000 has been allocated to this project by the Highbury councillors in this round meaning that a total of £2,000 LIF has been allocated to this project.

These amendments to the ward budgets are reflected in the budget summary on the last page of Appendix A. In total, £12,286 has been returned to the ward budgets in this round. This increases the amount available to allocate in 2023/24 from £221,000 to £233,286.

- 4.2. Since the last VCS Committee in March 2023, 64 applications for the Local Initiatives Fund have been received. Another 9 cost of living crisis related applications have been received which were fully covered by the additional NLWA funding. 2 further applications were funded by both LIF and NLWA. This means a total of 75 applications have been received since the last VCS Committee in March 2023.

Four of the 66 LIF applications were related to Ward Partnership activity, were recommended for funding and then formally agreed by the Head of Community Partnerships / Corporate Director of Community Engagement and Wellbeing under delegated authority. These four applications totalling £698 are listed in Appendix A for information only.

Two of the 66 LIF applications were related to the King's Coronation and were approved under delegated authority by the Corporate Director Community Engagement and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Executive Member for Homes and Communities. One of these projects didn't take place so is not listed in Appendix A. The other project is listed in Appendix A for information only.

Of the remaining 60 LIF applications, one application was withdrawn, one was deferred until the second round of 2023/24, one application was not recommended for funding by ward councillors and three applications will be funded by the Community Infrastructure Levy instead leaving a total of 54 applications recommended by ward councillors.

As some wards were heavily oversubscribed for their remainder in the last round, councillors could not afford to fully fund all of the LIF applications received so some applications were part funded or fully deferred to this round. 5 of the LIF applications submitted initially in March 2023 were part or fully deferred to this round.

If the remaining 54 councillor funding recommendations are formally agreed by this VCS Committee, there will be £139,930 left in the 2023/24 budget and would mean that 59 LIF grants have been awarded in 2023/24 to date.

A list of the 54 LIF applications recommended for funding and the recommended amount for each application is set out in Appendix A.

9 of the 66 LIF applications received are from first time applicants to LIF and 6 of these have been recommended for funding (one was deferred and one was withdrawn) . Four organisations are listed more than once in Appendix A (i.e. have submitted more than one application to this round).

The total amount of LIF allocated to cost of living crisis related applications between October 2022 and the March VCS Committee was £21,601. £11,355 of NLWA funding has been allocated by officers to cost of living projects since the March VCS Committee. As there is a cap of £1000 on NLWA funding applications, two cost of living applications in the round were part funded by LIF and NLWA (the NLWA amount of £2,000 for these two is included in the £11,355 above). This means the total amount allocated to cost of living crisis related applications since October 2022 is £32,956.

4.3. Councillors must always declare their interest if they have a connection with an organisation that they are recommending funding for. Declarations of interest have been made for the following applications reported to this Committee:

- Cllr Valerie Bossman-Quarshie is a trustee of YMCA London City and North that has been allocated £3,000 for the Whitecross Street Party.
- Cllr Marian Spall is the chair of Caxton House Settlement that has been allocated £3,500 for the Hillrise summer festival.
- Cllr Michelline Ngongo is a holding trustee of Caxton House Settlement that has been allocated £3,500 for the Hillrise summer festival.
- Cllrs David Poyser, Michelline Ngongo and Marian Spall are the main organisers of the Hillrise summer festival that has been allocated £3,500.
- Cllr Anjna Khurana is a trustee of Hanley Crouch Community Association that has been allocated £500 for a 50th anniversary event and £2,725 for health and well being workshops.
- Cllr Jenny Kay is the vice-chair of the federated governing board of Newington Green Primary School that has been allocated £1,100 for geographical globes for classrooms and financial assistance for children unable to afford school trips. The PTA applied for this funding.
- Cllr Tricia Clarke is a governor of Tufnell Park Primary School that has been allocated funding for three projects: £500 for a Coronation Bee Garden, £1000 for a computing and robotics project and £960 for outdoor play rickshaw carts.

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

- Junction Ward Partnership – meeting on 29 March - £22.70
- Laycock Ward Partnership – meeting on 27 April - £100
- St Mary's and St James' Ward Partnership – fun day on 10 June - £480

- Tufnell Park Ward Partnership at Hilldrop Community Centre Spring Fair on 6 May - £95

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

5. Implications

5.1. Financial Implications

The Local Initiatives Fund in Financial Year 2023/24 has a total of £233,286 to allocate. This is comprised of an annual budget of £221,000 and a carried forward underspend/unallocated amount of £12,286 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 2024/25.

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

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

5.2. Legal Implications

The general power of competence pursuant to Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 provides the council with very broad powers 'to do anything that individuals

generally may do'. This covers the power to give grants to voluntary and community sector organisations as proposed in this report and includes anything which it considers is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of the whole or part of its area or all or any of the persons resident or present in that area. The provision of resources through the Local Initiatives Fund is likely to promote the social and economic well-being of Islington's residents.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

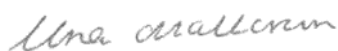
Appendices:

Appendix A – Local Initiatives Fund Proposals

Background papers: none

Final report clearance:

Signed by:



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

Ward	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Community Engagement and Wellbeing Comments
Arsenal / Barnsbury / Canonbury / Clerkenwell / Highbury / Hillrise / Holloway / Junction / Laycock / Mildmay / St Mary's and St James' / Tufnell Park	Islington Play Association (Islington Playday 2023)	Islington Playday 2023 in Paradise Park run in partnership with Awesome Elm CIC. Playday is an annual national event promoting and celebrating children's right to play. The event is run by qualified playworkers from Islington's 12 Adventure Playgrounds. The event will showcase the Adventure Play approach to play encouraging child led fun with water, paint, building, messy play, dancing and games and activities with some challenge and risk such as climbing nets in the trees, using tools, tug of war and high jump. Around 300 children from each ward attend Islington's Adventure Playgrounds and staff will bring children from playgrounds to the event. Funding to contribute towards equipment and resources, a PA and generator, porta loos, fruit and water and transport to get equipment from playgrounds to site and back.	Paradise Park Mackenzie Road N7 8SE	2 August 2023	Children /young people and their families	1000 children and families	3,950	14,300	£3,500 Awesome / IPA , £1,000 LBI Bright Start, £500 IPA, £500 Big Alliance, £3,800 tbc Arsenal, LBI Greenspace, Institute of Physics, Hyde Housing	The amount requested is £5,000 from all 17 wards across the borough.
Arsenal / Barnsbury / Canonbury / Clerkenwell / Finsbury Park / Holloway / Junction / Highbury / Mildmay / St Mary's and St James' / Tollington	Muslim Welfare House (Eid in Highbury Fields Park 2023)	An Eid Festival for Islington in June 2023 on the special Islamic day of Eid Ul Adha, a fun fair in Highbury Fields Park with food, activities and music which will be open to everyone. There will be cultural food, cultural music and traditional clothing exhibition/stalls for the public to view and try on. There will also be face painting for kids and henna tattoos for adults. The event aims to promote social inclusion, community cohesion and cultural diversity. This year they hope to invite all local mosques and churches as well as other faiths. Funding to contribute towards equipment hire (tables, game stalls, chairs, 10 fun fair rides), toilets, food, entertainment, stage and sound system, marketing, toys to give away and other associated costs.	Highbury Fields Park	Event on Wednesday 28 June 2023	Everyone who is interested, people of all faiths and no faiths	10,000 (500 per ward for most wards) with 2,000 from Finsbury Park	6,471.98	18,850	£3,400 Muslim Welfare House, £5,929 2022-23 LIF	The total amount requested from all wards over 2 rounds is £15,450. £5,929.31 awarded in March 2023 means a total of £12,401.29 has been allocated.
Arsenal / Finsbury Park / Highbury / Hillrise / Junction / Tollington / Tufnell Park	Islington Mind (open access)	A summer trip for residents who access the Islington Mind Open Access Drop-In to an open space, which will be co-produced by the service users themselves through monthly planning sessions. The event will seek to increase the confidence, wellbeing, social connections and resilience of residents participating who experience complex and enduring mental health problems, many of whom do not usually get the opportunity to go on trips. Funding to pay for coach hire and refreshments on the day.	The trip will depart from Islington Mind, 76-80 Isledon Road, N7 7LB	15 July 2023 to 15 October 2023	Residents with mental health problems; 45% BAME	75	1,250	1,300	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1300 from 7 wards.

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Arsenal / Finsbury Park / Highbury / Hillrise / Junction / Tollington / Tufnell Park	Islington Mind (Outcome LGBTQ+ service)	A summer trip for residents who access the Islington Mind Outcome LGBTQ+ service to an open space, which will be co-produced by the service users themselves through monthly planning sessions. The Outcome service includes a large number of LGBTQ+ asylum seekers and refugees who have had to flee their home due to discrimination and abuse, many of whom do not have recourse to public funds. The trip will be co-produced by the service users themselves through monthly planning sessions. Funding to pay for coach hire and refreshments on the day.	The trip will depart from Islington Mind, 35 Ashley Road, N19 3AG	5 July 2023 to 15 October 2023	Residents who identify as LGBTQ+ and have mental health issues	50	1,166.67	1,300	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1300 from 7 wards.
Arsenal / Finsbury Park / Holloway / St Mary's and St James'	Galbur Foundation	Summer Camping Programme in partnership with Al Huda Centre in Birmingham for children and young people aged 11 to 16 from marginalised communities who have or are at risk of having mental health issues. There will be 52 children and 7 staff/volunteers from Islington. The objectives of the 4-day programme are to support children and young people in developing their character, confidence, resilience, and skills through an array of sports, workshops, and cultural activities. Activities for the Summer Camp 2023 include a bonfire night, motivational speeches, hiking, low ropes, air rifle shooting and sumo wrestling. Funding to contribute towards the costs for the Islington children only - campsite hire including activities, food (3 meals per person) and bus transport.	Woodhouse Park Activity Centre, Fernhill, Almondsbury, South Gloucestershire	25 to 28 August 2023 (4 days, 3 nights)	Children and young people from marginalised communities who have or are at risk of having mental health issues	52 from Islington	3,300	8,000	£1500 Galbur Foundation	The amount requested from 7 wards is £6,500.
Arsenal / Finsbury Park / Highbury	Ambler Primary School on behalf of Yoga Club	Yoga Club – a scheme that uses yoga to help address the mental health crisis facing school children by teaching yoga and mindfulness. Funding is requested to deliver 84 lessons each 30 minutes long to all 410 children in the school over a six week period. Each child will therefore receive six 30 minute lessons. The classes will be delivered by a qualified children's yoga teacher supported by the class teacher or teaching assistant. Funding to pay for yoga teacher and project management costs for the 382 Islington schoolchildren only.	Ambler Primary School, Blackstock Road, N4 2DR	September to October 2023 (first half of the Autumn term)	Children attending Ambler Primary School	410, of whom 382 are from Islington	1,666	3,820	Not applicable	The amount requested is £3,820 from 3 wards.
Arsenal / Finsbury Park	Wu Shi Taiji Quan & Qi Gong Association	Sit, Stand, Walk and Talk (SSWT), a free, dedicated Tai Chi programme to improve the physical, mental and social wellbeing of older Islington residents living with complex and debilitating health conditions. Traditional Tai Chi and Qi Gong exercises are offered that teach simple, achievable movement and balance skills, respiratory awareness and techniques, and meditational practices. One instructor and one volunteer teach two group classes a week (one in-person at the Studio and one online via Zoom) for 10 weeks with each class lasting one hour. Funding to pay for instructors' fees for 10 weeks, studio rental for 10 weeks, promotional activity and administration/coordination.	Wu Shi Studio, Ground Floor, 20 Blackstock Road, London, N4 2DW	2 October to 8 December 2023 (10 weeks)	Older Islington residents with 88 per cent of participants over 60	70	1,760	4,540	£2,780 LBI Community Chest to run full programme until Dec (2 instructors teaching 4 classes a week)	The amount requested is £1,760 from 2 wards (£880 per ward).

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Arsenal	Highbury Vale Blackstock Trust	Annual community event on 29 September 2023. This year, Elizabeth House (EH) is also celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Charity, Highbury Vale Blackstock Trust, which owns and manages the community centre and which was founded to save the community centre in the early 90s and to run it. There will be food, refreshments, guest performances, DJ, games and awards. The event will be centred on what the charity has achieved over the 3 decades through EH, bring people together to connect with others and with their activities, showcase what the charity has done as well as consult with residents about future activities and services. Children and young people will be invited to perform, and groups running activities at EH could run taster sessions to get more people to sign-up. Funding to pay for performances (lighting, sound and/or fees) and food/refreshments.	Elizabeth House, 2 Hurlock Street, London N5 1ED	29 September 2023, 6pm to 10 pm	Arsenal ward and surrounding areas	250	600	2,000	HVBT £700; HVBT in kind £200 (facilities); £500 tbc other funding	
Barnsbury	Friends of Barnard Park	Barnard Park Summer Pop-up Party which provides free family activities to bring people into the park, encourage neighbourhood cohesion and creative use of an important urban space. As before, the pop-up will offer various activities including art and entertainment for children, Scruffs show for dogs and their owners, music and sport. The Adventure Playground will join them to offer adventure play activities for ages 6 to 13. Highbury Wolves will offer football activities to children. They will also be working with Bright Start, which provides services for children under five in Islington. The Young Actors Theatre will provide drama workshops. Funding to pay for activities and entertainment (including Mrs H, Amberleigh Drummers), activities for under 6s, tables, chairs and other equipment.	Barnard Park, Copenhagen Street N1 0ER	17 June 2023	Local residents from Barnsbury and Caledonian, particularly young children and families	550	1,000	2,600	£400 from park cake stall, £1,200 donation from film unit rental of the park pitch	
Barnsbury	Offord Road Green Alliance	Greening Offord Road - expanding existing tree pits and putting in edging to allow for planting by residents of Offord Road. The council will extend existing tree pits on two buildouts by removing the paving and will create a much more suitable and sustainable soil surface. They will remove the current paving to four locations and recreate edging around the planting areas. The council is willing to work with residents to find suitable planting options and will also supply all the soil. Funding to pay for the cost of paving removal and edging installation (staff time), plants, tree pit edging, wild meadow seeds and compost.	Tree pits on Offord Road	July to September 2023	Offord Road residents and users/passers by	Unable to quantify	1,500	3,384	£930 LBI (soil)	The amount requested is £2,454.

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Barnsbury	Healthy Generations	Continuation of this seated keep fit class at the West Library. HG has been running classes since 2014 at the West Library. This class is a hybrid delivery meaning the live class is streamed live over Zoom as it is happening and so helps isolated people who live within Barnsbury ward who cannot get to the library to enjoy the class. Funding to pay for an instructor for a keep-fit chair yoga class for an hour for 50 weeks.	West Library, Thornhill Square	August 2023 to July 2024	Older people	30	750	2,000	West Library (in kind room hire), HG (in kind admin and publicity)	The amount requested is £2,000.
Bunhill	YMCA London City and North (Whitecross Street Party)	Whitecross Street Party 2023, an annual two-day summer street party and an outdoor art exhibition, that celebrates community and creative arts, culture and heritage through street arts, local music talent, poetry, spoken word and participatory cultural and environmental art projects. The event also supports the local economy and food market through the year-long animation of the street through the curated, large scale street art exhibition. Funding to pay for engagement area infrastructure hire, engagement artists' installation costs (showcasing pre-event development), materials for workshops, staffing and stewards for engagement areas.	Bunhill Ward (pre-event projects) and Whitecross Street and adjoining streets for the party	15 and 16 July 2023	Open to all, but mainly families and young people, local community groups, local businesses, schools and artists	3,500	3,000	30,000	£21k ACE National Lottery Grant, £2k Derwent (sponsorship for engagement), £3k tbc other sponsorship	The amount requested is £5,000.
Bunhill	Healthy Generations	HG and Vibast Centre have piloted a weekly one hour dance fitness and a weekly one hour Pilates class at the Vibast Centre since the beginning of May. This application seeks funding for instructor fees to continue both sets of classes from August for a further 25 weeks.	Vibast Centre	August 2023 to February 2024	Mainly older people but open to all	30	2,000	2,000	Vibast Centre (in kind room hire), HG (in kind admin and publicity)	
Bunhill / Clerkenwell / St Peter's and Canalside	City of London FC	Running costs of a football club for around 200 children from the areas of Bunhill, Clerkenwell and St Peters and Canalside to name but a few. The current management took over this club during the Covid pandemic. They started off with 40 children but with advertising and word of mouth there are now over 120 children in their teams and a further 70 children who attend their Saturday sessions on the multiuse pitch at King Square Gardens. They aim to get children off the street, to become fit and healthy by providing quality football training, mentoring and to be part of a team which they can be proud of. Funding to contribute towards pitch hire (Finsbury Leisure Centre), equipment, kits for children, league fees (11 teams in 2 leagues), trophies and medals, referee charges, advertisement, DBS charges for coaching staff and water.	Training at Finsbury Leisure Centre, Saturday - King Square Gardens	1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024	6 to 16 year olds	200	2,500	26,000	£3,300 sponsorship, £15,360 tbc subs (£32 per child), £2,400 tbc Saturday subs (£5 per child), (reduced subs for some)	The amount requested is £2,500 from 3 wards (£833 per ward).

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Caledonian	Copenhagen Youth Project (Cally Festival 2023)	The Cally Festival, 2nd July 2023 - core funding and engagement activities for the largest community street festival in Islington on the Caledonian Road, held every year since 2010 with a gap during the pandemic. A programme of community engagement activities will be held in the run up to the festival targeting especially children and young people (involving five primary schools, Islington Play Association, Help on Your Doorstep, Barnsbury CofE Parish, GLL, Central St Martins (UAL) and around 20 other community and voluntary organisations). The Festival's format features 3 music stages, performance areas, children's activities, sports, arts and crafts and a large street market. Funding to contribute towards production, production facilitation, commissioned community engagement, statutory compliance, promotion, market and evaluation.	Caledonian Road between Richmond Avenue and Offord Road, N1	Organisation started in March 2023, community engagement activities with an emphasis on children and young people in the run up to the festival - festival on Sunday 2 July 2023	Islington residents, with the majority from Caledonian, Barnsbury, Holloway wards, many of whom are in social housing or disadvantaged	10,000	6,000	62,500	£20k S106/CIL, £6k market, £8k LBI Community Engagement (incl £5,726 LIF), £20k tbc sponsors, £2.5k tbc LBI Community Festivals Fund	
Caledonian	Global Generation on behalf of Killick Street Community Planters Group	Planting of the remaining two room size planters between Caledonian Road and Killick Street and maintaining those and the gravel planter. They planted the large gravel planter next to Caledonian Road in Spring 2022 but lost plants due to waterlogging followed by snow and ice. They are aiming to recondition the soil, plant seeds and bee friendly perennials including those flowering in late summer plus some evergreen shrubs. By planting earlier this year the plants will become more established by next winter which will give them a good chance of survival. Funding to pay for late summer flowering perennials and shrubs, mulch, bark chippings and bulbs.	Planters between Caledonian Rd and Killick Street, opposite Killick Street Health Centre, N1 9RH	July to November 2023	All residents of properties overlooking the area, passers by and patients of the health centre	Most of the 5+ volunteers are from Caledonian, hundreds (for wider public / passers by / residents)	200	200	Not applicable	
Caledonian / Holloway / Laycock	Cut Moose	Five hour long relationship workshops with object puppetry at Robert Blair School - helping children to understand friendships with physical and visual storytelling using every day classroom objects introducing the ideas of boundaries, consent and tolerance in platonic relationships. The workshops will teach young people how to transform classroom objects into personalities and express emotions using their essential properties. Robert Blair Primary and Cut Moose have already conducted a pilot project. Funding to contribute towards the fees of an artistic workshop leader for 5 weeks, a teacher training session (2 facilitators), delivery of a carer's session, assembly, and pupil sharing session, general administration and feedback forms.	Robert Blair Primary School, 62 Brewery Road N7 9NY	September to October 2023, five hour-long workshops weekly during term time	Caledonian, Laycock and Holloway residents	60	1,000	2,000	£500 tbc Bentley's Advancing Life Chances Small Grants Programme; £500 tbc Magic Little Grants	

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Canonbury	Isledon Arts CIC (Rose Bowl Summer Celebration 2023)	Rose Bowl is a Play and Youth provision located in Canonbury managed by Isledon Arts CIC. Rose Bowl delivers an annual one day community event called the Summer Celebration in St Paul's Open Space. This year's event will have performances by young people, sports competitions, a bouncy castle, arts, crafts and a BBQ. Access to Sports will be delivering sporting activities. Help on Your Doorstep will be carrying out a community safety consultation. Local PCSOs and Soap Box youth hub will also be attending and Soap Box will be demonstrating VR headsets as well as 3D printing. Funding to pay for rodeo bull, Disney slide, generator, PA hire equipment, catering, video filming and editing, a face painting tutor, arts and crafts resources, face paint and resources and other associated costs.	St Paul's Park, Ramsey Walk, N1 2PT	Saturday 1 July 2023 between 12pm and 5pm	All sections of the community, though mainly young people come, targeted at Canonbury residents, but residents from neighbouring wards also attend	200	1,114.53	4,155	£1280 2022-23 Canonbury LIF, £960 Rose Bowl / Isledon (staffing), £800 Rose Bowl / Isledon (posters, leaflets and banners)	The amount requested is £2,395. £1280 awarded to this project in March 2023.
Canonbury	New River Baptist Church (Dover Soul 2023)	Dover Soul 2023, a free week-long children's holiday club aimed at 5-11 year olds. There will be four afternoons of children's activities including team games, team building, showcasing talents, four workshops (science, sports, arts & crafts, music), a drama, an uplifting talk, discussion in groups with team scores for each day. An end of week finale will be held on 27 July which will include a 20th birthday party. A reconnect back to school event will also be held on 16 September. These activities are run by volunteers from four local churches. Funding to pay for refreshments and BBQ costs, materials for the four workshops, generator hire (finale/back to school event) and a bouncy castle hire (back to school event).	St Paul's South Open Space (next to St Paul's Church), 1-7 Taransay Walk N1	24 to 27 July 2023, back to school event on 16 September 2023	Mainly children aged 5-11 years old and their parents, many from the Marquess and Dover Court Estates	Up to 100 children per day at the holiday club, 250 at the finale	700	3,500	£2,800 tbc from local churches (£1200 raised so far)	
Canonbury	Islington Street Associations	An organisation building and sustaining resident-led Street Associations. Funding is requested for ongoing support, engagement and outreach with residents across six Islington Street Associations (ISA) (Elmore St, Elizabeth Ave, Yeate St, Halliford Street, Almorah St and the Bentham Estate) and the creation of three more street associations in 2023. Outreach is conducted through 'Doorstep visits' to introduce ISA and upcoming events and discover residents' needs, contact via social media, street events including street parties, jumble and Halloween trails, direct support to vulnerable residents, supporting residents to develop local solutions and ensuring outreach and connections to other support and community groups and Islington Council. Funding to pay for the annual staffing costs of the lead project worker and two assistant project workers, events, publicity, outreach and activities for three new street associations, training by the lead project worker, running costs/expenses and insurance.	Hopefully Almorah Road Community Centre soon alongside outdoor activities in LTN areas, other local venues in the meantime	April 2023 to March 2024	All sections of the Canonbury community	Up to 900 households and gradually increasing over time	1,719.53	3,000	£1280 2022-23 Canonbury LIF	The amount requested is £3,000. £1280 awarded to this project in March 2023.

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Canonbury / St Mary's and St James' / St Peter's and Canalside	St Peter's Children and Young People's Activities Group	Every summer since 2019, the charity has run a summer programme for disadvantaged children in years 5 and 6 nominated by their local schools. Most are entitled to Free School Meals and/or have additional needs. This year, 60 children from six local primary schools will attend (10 per school). The schools are New North Academy, Rotherfield, Moreland, Hanover, St John the Evangelist and St Mary's. These 60 children will attend the Summer Programme and will benefit from activities and sessions aimed at enhancing their confidence and skills. As well as kayaking, children will go to museums, the seaside and enjoy the Arsenal stadium tour. They will build on their maths and English through drama and coding sessions so they are ready to learn and succeed when they return to school after the holiday. Funding to pay for kayaking tuition sessions for 60 children in 3 groups run by Islington Boat Club.	Programme at New North Academy Primary School, children from 6 primary schools (New North Academy, Rotherfield, Moreland, Hanover, St John the Evangelist, St. Mary's)	24 July to 4 August 2023 (10 days), kayaking for 3 days	60 children in years 5 and 6 who attend six local primary schools and are nominated by their school (10 from each school)	60 children from the 4 wards applied to	3,700	27,200	£15,000 Drapers Company, £2,500 LBI Community Chest, £5,000 John Murray Foundation	The amount requested is £4,500 from 4 wards.
Finsbury Park	LBI Community Partnerships (Andover Community Centre) (Brighton trip)	Annual outing to Brighton in July for local families who otherwise would not have an opportunity to get out of London during the summer. Funding to pay for 5 coaches, with the cost partially recouped by ticket sales	Brighton	Summer 2023 exact date tbc	Targeted at local families and older people	200	3,000	5,000	£2,000 tbc income from ticket sales (£10 each)	
Finsbury Park/ Hillrise / Tollington / Tufnell Park	The Hive Foodbank	A small independent volunteer run food bank seeking to tackle food poverty by providing food parcels to those in need. They use a voucher based referral scheme enabling referrals from GPs, schools and other local organisations. The three most frequently reported reasons visitors are referred to them are problems with benefits, ill health and low income and unemployment. Funding to pay for 200 food parcels - 25 single food parcels per week over an 8 week period.	St Mary's Hornsey Rise, Ashley Road, N19 3AD	9 May to 31 August 2023	Anyone experiencing food poverty, but most expected to be from Finsbury Park, Hillrise, Tollington and Tufnell Park wards	200	1,400	2,400	£1000 North London Waste Authority cost of living funding	The amount requested is £2,400. £1000 cost of living funding allocated leaves £1,400 agreed by councillors.
Highbury	Christ Church Memory Café	Seated exercises at Christ Church Memory Café which is a weekly drop in for people who suffer from memory loss or are elderly and isolated. It runs for a couple of hours every Tuesday morning and provides refreshments, a gentle exercise class, a quiz and community singing. An average of about 30 people attend each week. The Memory Café is staffed by volunteers except for the personal trainer who conducts the exercise class. It takes place in a meeting room provided free of charge by Christ Church Highbury, but is independent of the church. Funding to pay for a qualified personal trainer's fee for 20 weekly sessions.	Christ Church, 155 Highbury Grove, N5 1SA	April 2023 to March 2024, two hours every Tuesday with the exercise class lasting 30-45 minutes	Older people, especially isolated older people and those experiencing memory loss	60 (weekly attendance is 30 to 40 people)	1,000	2,500	£1500 tbc Cripplegate Foundation and Islington Giving for the rest of 2023/24	

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Highbury	Healthy Generations	Continuation of Healthy Generations keep fit class at the Sotheby Mews Day Centre. These classes help older people to stay as active as possible. They are suitable for people especially with Osteoporosis and Osteopenia. Funding to pay for a keep fit-instructor for a weekly keep-fit class for one hour x 50 weeks.	Sotheby Mews Day Centre	August 2023 to July 2024	Older people from all sections of the community	50	2,000	2,000	Sotheby Mews Day Centre (room hire in kind)	
Highbury	Healthy Minds Healthy Bods	Providing outdoor Zumba sessions for people to interact, have fun and be more active, and day trips to tackle isolation, loneliness and create an environment for people to meet new people for support. Funding to pay for refreshments for 4 or 5 day trips over 8 months, plus Zumba instructor for 20 sessions and publicity materials.	Zumba is at Highbury Fields, trips are various locations	June to December 2023	All Islington residents aged 18+	40-50 (mostly from Highbury ward)	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	
Highbury	LBI Housing Community Gardening Team on behalf of Highbury Quadrant TRA	Highbury Quadrant Meadow. To create three meadows, a bee bank and small shrub habitat area on Birchmore Walk to both increase opportunities for wildlife (bees and butterflies in particular) as well as improving the landscape for residents. The meadows will offer opportunities for volunteering for residents as well as the local school / nursery where children from the estate attend – helping with planting the seed as well as butterfly counting once the meadows are established. The creation of wildflower meadows is a medium term project (up to 5 years). The TRA have agreed to under write the initial cost of meadow materials and Housing Community Gardening Team initial preparation work. Funding to pay for meadow mix seed mulch, a temporary fence and plants.	Highbury Quadrant, Birchmore Walk	May 2023 to May 2024	All local residents	Up to 30 through volunteering, 300+ through improvement of landscape	1,000	3,450	£150 Butterfly Conservation Trust (meadow seed), £1300 Housing Community Gardening Team labour, £1000 2021-22 Highbury LIF	£1000 awarded in March 2022 to a Highbury Quadrant fun day which did not take place. This unused £1000 will be spent on this project instead meaning that £2,000 LIF has been allocated.
Hillrise	Caxton House Settlement (Hillrise summer festival)	The annual summer festival which will be led and organised by a number of local groups, the ward councillors and individuals. Funding to pay for Monkey-Do tree climbing, Wild Fangs animal show, Bee Man, face painters, fitness taster classes, arts and crafts materials, photographer, raffle and bingo prizes, publicity and admin, refreshments and volunteer expenses.	Caxton House Community Centre and Hillside Park	6 August 2023	Local residents and groups	400+ people	3,500	6,489.75	£2,489.75 Caxton House - hall hire, staff pay (LLW), volunteer expenses, comms, additional prizes and materials	The amount requested is £4,000.

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Hillrise	New Orleans TRA (Windrush celebration)	Windrush Celebration to raise awareness of the positive impact the Windrush generation and their children and families have brought to the United Kingdom. Funding to pay for a steel pan band, carnival dancers in costume, food / drinks, facepainting, public liability insurance, bouncy castle and bouncy castle attendant, decorations, raffle prizes, story telling and staffing.	New Orleans Community Centre, New Orleans Walk	24 June 2023, 2pm to 6pm	Open to all	90+	1,145	1,895	£500 New Orleans TRA, £250 LBI Community Partnership s	This event did not take place on 24 June and will now be held at a later date.
Hillrise Junction	Hornsey Lane Estate Community Association	Our Place is an older people's project run by HLECA on the Hornsey Lane and New Orleans estates with a lunch club three times a week, discussion groups, games, dances, exercise, barbeques, trips, telephone befriending, and walking buddies. The aims of the project are to reduce social isolation and bring older people together to support positive ageing and wellbeing. The project gives participants the confidence and support to get out and about. Funding for a coach for a trip to Eastbourne, gentle exercise class (23 weeks for 1 hour a week) and line dancing class (23 weeks for 2 hours a week).	Hornsey Lane Estate Community Association and New Orleans Community Centre	1 June to 30 September 2023	Residents aged 60+	180 people	1,500	4,005	£2005 match funding (£1500 from Morris Charitable Foundation and £505 in donations)	The amount requested is £2,000 from 4 wards.
Hillrise / Junction	Help Mental Health CIC	Emotional Truth – Find your emotional independence. Four workshops and training sessions on topics such as mindfulness, self-care and stress management as well as access to online resources and support networks to help young people in Islington to develop emotional independence and resilience. The project has a focus on young people who may be experiencing mental health challenges or who may be at risk of developing mental health issues but is open to all young people in Islington. Funding to pay for staff, room hire, laptops, insurance, advertising, stationery and refreshments.	Caxton House (129 St. John's Way), Bespoke Spaces (14 Windermere Road), Cape (Crouch Hill) as well as local schools	11 September to 30 October 2023 (4 sessions), the project will run bi-weekly and run for up to 2 hours	Targetted at young people	30 to 80	1,262.50	1,825	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1825 from 2 wards (£912.50 per ward).
Hillrise / Junction / Tufnell Park	Make-Do Play CIC	Make Do Play, a free fortnightly drop-in 3 hour community play session where children can play freely outside and parents can receive support and feel less isolated. In the sessions they provide junk, loose parts, arts and crafts, messy play, mud kitchens, den building, bonfires and tool work for children to explore. Make-Do Play is run by two directors/ founders, who share the management and delivery both front and back of house. Funding to mainly pay for two staff (founder/owners) to deliver and organise 9 sessions between July and November. These two staff manage the finances, social media and publicity, safeguarding and health and safety, plan the session content including sourcing resources, and deliver the sessions. Funding also to pay for a small amount for venue hire.	The Tollyrise Happiness Garden at St Mary's Hornsey Rise, Ashley Road, N19 3AD	July to November 2023 (9 fortnightly sessions on Thursdays for 3 hours during term time and school holidays)	Children of any age (most under 7) and parents or carers, including children with additional needs and families with no access to a garden	31 Islington children per session plus parents, 568 unique children in the past 13 months across 28 sessions	1,840.30	9,461 (for Feb 23 to Apr 24)	£3k LBI Community Chest, £500 Islington Giving, £2.5k tbc Arsenal Community Fund, £641 crowdfunding and donations	The amount requested is £2,565 from 4 wards.

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Hillrise / Tollington	Hanley Crouch Community Association (50th anniversary)	50th Anniversary event with art and history displays, music and dance demonstrations, and speeches and poetry from former staff, trustees and elders. The event will also be a launch for their Friends of Hanley Crouch group. Funding to pay for refreshments, invitations and stationery, staff, cutlery and volunteer expenses.	Brickworks Community Centre, 42 Crouch Hill, N4 4BY	8 July 2023	Local residents and groups	250+	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1000 from 2 wards (£500 per ward).
Hillrise / Tollington	Hanley Crouch Community Association (tranquil health and wellbeing workshops)	Monthly health and well being workshops, each lasting 3 hours, incorporating social and therapeutic activities. The activities include singing (for memory), exercise, poetry, music, dance and health advice. Funding to pay for ten workshops (refreshments, volunteers expenses, therapists and travel expenses).	Brickworks Community Centre, 42 Crouch Hill	June 2023 to Feb 2024 (10 monthly sessions)	Older residents, BAME residents and other adults	55 (of whom 50 are from Islington)	2,725	3,150	Not applicable	The amount requested is £3,150 from 2 wards (£1,575 per ward).
Junction	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 event consists of dog agility and obedience with activities and stalls for families and children (e.g. a balloon artist, music). Across the previous 5 annual events, they have managed to raise £4,000 towards the installation of a water drinking fountain which Greenspace will match fund. Funding to pay for crowd control barriers and 2 park keepers to help to set up and get down.	Whittington Park	10 September 2023	Open to all, local residents who have a love for their pet dogs and training (competitors) plus spectators	600	350	2,000	£1,000 Tesco, £650 tbc through private classes	.
Junction	Healthy Generations	New line dancing class at Whittington Park Community Association following on from a successful taster session. Funding to pay for instructor for 50 weekly classes.	Whittington Park Community Association, Yerbury Road, N19	1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024 (weekly sessions for a year)	Open to all but aimed at older people	30	350	2,000	In kind support from Whittington Park CA for venue	The amount requested is £2,000.
Laycock	Ellington Street Residents Association (ESRA)	Annual free fireworks event in Arundel Square which has not been held since the pandemic. As they are limited to 500 people in the square at any time, they have two different fireworks displays to allow for more people to benefit. Funding to contribute towards fireworks (two shows from a professional company), food and drink, St John's First Aid, security, equipment hire (e.g. safety barriers), merchandise and insurance.	Arundel Square gardens	November 2023 - exact date tbc - usually on a Sunday (two different fireworks displays)	Local residents	800	1,500	5,000	Income tbc from donations and sale of refreshments and merchandise on the night	

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Laycock	Hope Church Islington	Jazz in the Gardens, free outdoor jazz concerts in St Mary Magdalene Church gardens for the community on two consecutive Friday evenings in July 2023. Funding to contribute towards the costs of 6 musicians over the two events and fees for a council application.	St Mary Magdalene Church Gardens, Holloway Road, N7	14 to 21 July 2023, performances from 6.30pm to 8.30pm	Local residents (open to all)	400 over the two evenings	1,260	2,060	£800 Hope Church Islington	
Laycock	Prospex	Youth-led podcasting. Prospex is a youth charity that supports vulnerable young people to build key life and employment skills. This project will give young people a voice and equip them with the skills to produce, record and edit podcasts which explore topical, social issues. The participating young people will acquire transferable skills, including employability skills. Many of the young people are impacted by poverty and face social deprivation, poor mental health, and are at risk of being drawn into gangs and antisocial behaviour. Some have been excluded from school, are attending Pupil Referral Units (PRU) or are not in education, employment, or training (NEET), and are struggling with complex family issues. Funding to pay for podcast editing/training, sound engineer/recording sessions support, a contribution to organisational overheads, youth work support, publicity, travel expenses and refreshments.	The Underground Youth Centre, Piper Close, N7 8TQ	1 September 2023 to 29 February 2024, 8 podcasts recorded over five months, weekly podcasting training (2 hours per week)	Young people aged 8 to 21	20 will directly benefit through the training (15 from Laycock)	3,622	3,622	Not applicable	
Laycock	Islington Clean Air Parents	Greening Liverpool Road - expanding existing tree pits and putting in edging to allow for planting by residents of Liverpool Road. The council will remove the current paving and recreate edging around the planting areas. The council is willing to meet with the residents, work with them to find suitable planting options and will also supply all the soil. Funding to pay for the cost of paving removal and edging installation (staff time), plants, tree pit edging, wild meadow seeds and compost.	Tree pits on Liverpool Road	July to September 2023	Laycock residents and users/passers by of Liverpool Road	Unable to quantify	2,234	3,164	£930 LBI (soil)	
Mildmay	Sweet Patootee Arts	TURNING POINT project at Mildmay: screening and social celebrating community participation in a black heritage video installation. The film uses comedy and melodrama to address 4 universal themes, with entertaining and compelling storytelling. The themes are black pride/ self-esteem, confronting sexual exploitation, gender identity/ human worth and colourism/ class rivalry. They will play the film on a loop in the hall so that people can drop in and out at any time. Funding to pay for video screening costs (equipment hire), an audio-visual technician, food and refreshments, a project manager, an event co-ordinator, transport for local older visitors and paper.	Mildmay Community Centre, Woodville Road, N16	Screening on 19 or 26 July, weekly consultations with organisations/ stakeholders in Islington from 22 June to 31 October 2023	Mildmay ward residents will make up majority of attendees	130	996	1,496	£500 Mildmay Comm Centre in kind (use of building and garden, staff support)	

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Mildmay	Newington Green Primary School	The PTA are requesting funding for 16 geographical globes (one for each classroom), to aid learning and development and encourage children to explore the world, plus financial assistance for children unable to afford school trips. This will ensure that all children have access to the full range of cultural entitlement and not be disadvantaged.	Newington Green Primary School	September 2023 to June 2024	Young people	Approx 450	1,100	1,100	Not applicable	
St Mary's and St James'	XLP	Funding for four weekly activities supporting disadvantaged young people through in-school mentoring and weekly youth provision services. XLP aims to equip young people to make wise life choices by: choosing to stay in (or return to) school and succeed, choosing not to be involved in (or to get out of) gangs, crime and anti-social behaviour and choosing to set goals for the future and to work hard to achieve them. They do this through long term 1-1 support and group mentoring. The X-Mobile Project (a Mobile Recording Studio Project) uses two specifically designed vans to help young people not only express the challenges they face through music, but to find positive pathways to success. Funding to pay for 12 months running costs for a mobile youth centre and mobile recording studio (fuel, staff training, DBS checks, food and refreshments for after school sessions and insurance) and their literacy and numeracy project (educational resources and training of tutors).	Mildmay: City of London Academy Highbury Grove (COLA Highbury Grove), and St Marys and St James: City of London Academy Islington (COLAI)	4 September 2023 to 31 August 2024, four weekly sessions, two at COLA Highbury Grove, and two at COLAI (one in the school and one on an XLP bus at each of the two sites)	Disadvantaged young people aged 10-17 who face barriers due to economic poverty or racial discrimination	125	1,000	145,000	£15k London Marathon Trust, £25k Benefact Trust, £4k London Youth Cost of Living Support, £98k Allan and Gill Gray Philanthropy	The amount requested is £3,000 from 2 wards (£1,500 per ward).
St Mary's and St James'	Healthy Generations	40 digital inclusion classes for older people at the Islington Pensioners Forum hall which is delivered via Zoom. The project teaches people how to better use their digital equipment, computers, smartphones and tablets and better connect with family, friends and services online. It also aims to make people aware of scams and fraudsters, helps them find better deals for their digital equipment and rentals and helps them to solve any digital problems. Funding to pay for the instructor to run the 40 one hour weekly classes.	Islington Pensioners Forum, 1A Providence Court, N1	August 2023 to July 2024	Older people	30	1,000	2,000	In kind support with venue	The amount requested is £2,000.
St Peter's and Canalside	Friends of King Square Gardens	To provide a community Christmas event for children and families in King Square Gardens. The event will help to bring the community together and will highlight the work of Friends of King Square Gardens. Funding to pay for a giant snow globe, Santa's grotto plus generator, Reindeer Rodeo and generator, a bouncy castle, operator and generator, Santa and Elf, decorations and volunteer expenses.	King Square Gardens, Lever Street, EC1	15 December 2023	Mainly young children and families	500	1,790	7,440	£3,160 Berkeley Homes, King Sq TRA, St Clement's Church & LBI Parks (labour), £700 tbc St Lukes	The amount requested is £3,580.

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St Peter's and Canalside	Islington Boat Club (Angel Canal Festival)	An annual community festival based in Graham Street and City Road Basin and the associated water space. Local canal based organisations will offer free entertainment and activities aimed at local families. Local charities and action groups will promote their endeavours. It will be manned by volunteers from St Pancras Cruising Club and local residents. Graham Street will be closed to traffic and catering stalls will provide food for sale. Boats from SPCC and the two passenger boats from Angel Community Canal Boat Trust and The Canal Museum will offer trips through the tunnel. Funding to pay for portable toilets, ambulance and first aiders, signage and site plans, stewards' id and tabards, programmes and publicity and hire of a marquee.	Centered on Islington Boat Club, 16-35 Graham Street, N1	Event on Sunday 3 September 2023, 11am to 4pm	Local residents, particularly families with children	5,000 to 6,000	2,500	8,500	£5,000 tbc LBI Community Chest, £1000 Canal and River Trust	
Page 25 St Peter's and Canalside	Awesome Elm CIC on behalf of Cluse Court Gardening Group	Summer Event on Cluse Court Estate. The focus of the event will be the Planter Garden including the new mosaic which will be on the wall behind the planters. There will be opportunities for anyone who wants to sow some seeds, with advice on how to do this. There will also be an art activity provided by Hackney Mosaics, a charity which has experience of working with communities, including gardens. The activity will teach people how to make a mosaic, either to take home, or to use to decorate the community veg growing area. There will be refreshments and soft drinks, including snacks from the different communities on the estate. Funding to pay for the creation of the mosaic and a workshop activity for residents, refreshments, event insurance and paper plates, cups, napkins and wooden cutlery.	Cluse Court Estate N1, food growing garden and green space on the Baldwin Terrace side of the estate	A weekend in late July or August 2023	Estate residents	156 properties on the estate, 50+ people expected to attend	375	375	Not applicable	
Tollington	The Toy Project on behalf of the Kiver Road and Fortnam Road street party	An annual Kiver Road and Fortnam Road street party. This event would be a second street party for local residents following on from a successful Platinum Jubilee Street Party in June 2022. There was a call for street parties to run every year to continue to build upon the community spirit and cement the relationships they had created. This year's street party would be centered around this, created and planned by local residents. Funding to pay for entertainment.	Kiver Road and Fortnam Road, N19	10 September 2023 tbc (organising starting in June)	Local residents	200 Tollington residents	500	500	Not applicable	
Tufnell Park	Healthy Generations	Continuation of Healthy Generations Pilates class at the Cat and Mouse Library. There are 12+ participants at each class. These classes help older people to stay as active as possible. They are suitable for people especially 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	August 2023 to July 2024	Open to all older people	50	600	2,000	In-kind room hire is provided by Cat and Mouse Library	The amount requested is £2,000.

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Tufnell Park	LBI Housing Community Gardening on behalf of Ivinghoe House TRA	Community food growing start up. Installation of three large plastic tubs filled with soil for use by residents to see if there is a interest from residents for community food growing over the summer before a commitment is made to develop the site which is temporary for now. There will be an initial starter session with the Housing Community Gardening team and then ongoing support. Residents will have to commit to a couple of hours per week. Funding to pay for three 350 litre plastic tubs, 1200 litres of soil / compost, seeds, watering cans and tools.	Ivinghoe House car park	June to October 2023	Residents of Ivinghoe House	Details to follow	1,000	1,750	£750 LBI Housing Community Gardening Team (support and labour)	
Tufnell Park	Tufnell Park Primary School PTA (rickshaws)	Expansion of the outdoor play offer at TPPS as part of their Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) programme. The programme is based upon the fact that children attend primary school for seven years, of which around 1.4 years will be spent in breaks/recess, playing outside. OPAL champions outdoor activities to help improve gross motor skills, children's mental health, academic performance, social development, and cognitive development. Funding to pay for 4 outdoor play rickshaw carts.	Tufnell Park Primary School	September to December 2023	Young people	300	960	960	Not applicable	
Tufnell Park	Tufnell Park Primary School (computing and robotics)	The school uses robotic 'Bee-bots' and physical computing parts (the parts to make basic robots) as a fun and engaging way to develop problem-solving and computer programming skills with KS1 and 2 children, many who live in households with little or no access to computers. Using the kits, TPPS would like to start an after-school club, as well as support lunch and in-class sessions, with the support of staff and parent volunteers. Funding to pay for 8 Bee bot floor robots and parts to assemble 4-5 robots.	Tufnell Park Primary School	September 2023 to February 2024	Young people	250+	1,000	1,000	Not applicable but staff time contributed	
Tufnell Park	St George and All Saints Church, Tufnell Park	Wellbeing Café, Tufnell Tots and Back to School Party: Funding to contribute towards the cost of a catering dishwasher, which would support the work of their free drop-in on Wednesdays (Wellbeing Café), which includes a three course lunch, as well as their free stay-and-play group (Tufnell Tots). Back to School party, an annual community event providing a free meal and a fun space for families to gather and help overcome some of the anxiety that children can have as they prepare for a new school year. Funding to pay for food and drinks for a BBQ, bouncy castle hire, resources for crafts and games and a contribution towards cleaning, building wear and tear and energy costs.	St George's Church, Crayford Road, N7	Wellbeing Café on Wednesdays and Tufnell Tots are ongoing (dishwasher bought as soon as possible), Back to School party - 3 September 2023	Wellbeing Café open to all, Tufnell Tots for children (early years) and parents/carers, Back to School party for families with primary school children	600+	1,100	2,100	£1000 North London Waste Authority extra cost of living funding (dishwasher), church donations and other grants cover staff costs	£1000 of the dishwasher cost of £1600 covered by extra cost of living funding. The remaining £600 considered by councillors as well as the £500 for the Back to School party.

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Tufnell Park	LBI Estate Services on behalf of Penderyn and Treacastle TRA	The replacement of eleven existing wood planters in community garden used for herbs and vegetable growing which are now in disrepair. Children, adults and older people use the veg planters and they are becoming dangerous with the wood splitting. Funding to contribute towards 110 wood sleepers, labour cost for 5 days and 11 bags of soil.	Penderyn Way, N7	September 2023 to July 2024	Local residents, particularly families	250 (200 living on Penderyn Way and Treacastle Way)	1,200	4,675	£3,475 tbc from Borough Investment Panel / Thriving Neighbourhoods	

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

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Junction	LBI Junction Ward Partnership	Funding for pay for refreshments (tea, coffee, juice and biscuits) for a Junction Ward Partnership meeting held in person at the Harry Rice Hall.	Harry Rice Hall, 72-74 Hargrave Park	Wednesday 29 March 2023	Local residents	10	22.70	22.70	Not applicable	
Laycock	LBI Laycock Ward Partnership	Funding for pay for venue hire for a Laycock Ward Partnership meeting held in person at the Ringcross Community Centre. This was a drop-in session for residents to have discussions with local councillors on important issues facing the ward.	Ringcross Community Centre 60 Lough Road, N7	Thursday 27 April 2023, 6pm to 8pm	Local residents	4 attended this meeting but ward is new	100	100	Not applicable	
St Mary's and St James'	LBI St Mary's and St James' Ward Partnership	Ward Partnership drop in public event / Fun Day held on the 10th June 2023 at Popham Community Centre. Funding to pay for facepainting, delivery of 1000 flyers, printing of 1300 flyers and refreshments.	Popham and Cummings Community Centre, Popham St	Saturday 10 June 2023, 2pm to 4pm	Local residents	100 (based on other ward partnership events)	480	480	Not applicable	
Tufnell Park	LBI Tufnell Park Ward Partnership	Fun day in collaboration with the Hilldrop Community Centre Spring Fair. Funding to pay for a popcorn machine.	Hilldrop Community Centre	Saturday 6 May 2023	Local residents	50	95	95	Not applicable	

CORONATION GRANTS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HOMES AND COMMUNITIES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

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Tufnell Park	Tufnell Park Primary School (Coronation Bee Garden)	Building a 32 sqm Coronation Bee Garden (a pollinator-friendly perennial meadow) in the school's pond garden area. It will have 240 plants including species in the coronation emblem: the rose of England, the thistle of Scotland, the daffodil of Wales and the shamrock of Northern Ireland. The school planted 350 daffodils earlier in the year, 40 of which are in the Coronation Bee Garden. There are already 4 rose bushes on-site. In alignment with the King's work with wildflower meadows over the last decade, the garden will include more species of flowers than those in the Coronation emblem. The planting would be led by parent volunteers and the planting event not only had planting activities, but there were also children's activities and a barbecue. Funding to pay for plants for the garden including plants to represent the shamrock and thistle.	Tufnell Park Primary School, 31 Carleton Road	May to October 2023	School children and their families	430 children and their families	500	500	Not applicable (labour done by volunteers)	

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

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Canonbury / St Peters	Friends of Rotherfield School (FoR)	Funding mainly for a summer fete celebrating Rotherfield School's 125th anniversary bringing together the Rotherfield community and getting new children and parents involved. They would also like to buy some new plants for the herb/veg garden which ties in with some of the science lessons and hold a food and culture evening. Funding to contribute towards the costs of a summer fete (food, entertainers, bouncy castle, prizes for games stalls, refreshments), the herb/veg garden (plants, pots and soil) and food and culture evening (refreshments and accessories).	Rotherfield Primary School, Rotherfield Street, N1	May to July 2023, plants purchased as soon as possible, the food and culture evening in May, summer fete on 7 July 2023	350 children and 95 adults (mostly from Canonbury and St Peters wards)	445 in total (370 Islington residents)	1,374	1,580	Details to follow	£1374 awarded in February 2020 to a 'Gaspard the Fox' show, a 'Fun Run' and a 'Food and Culture evening' between March and July 2020 which didn't happen due to Covid.

COST OF LIVING CRISIS RELATED PROPOSALS APPROVED BY LBI COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN 23 MARCH AND 2 JUNE 2023 (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) - COVERED BY EXTRA FUNDING FROM THE NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

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Finsbury Park	Islington Turkish Kurdish Cypriot Women's Welfare Group	Provision of 26 weekly advice sessions once per week for 2 hours per week. Money management and cost of living advice will be provided to disadvantaged Turkish, Kurdish and Cypriot women in the Finsbury Park ward area. Advisors will be invited to speak on topics such as money / debt advice, benefits, support, energy saving measures and warm community spaces. Funding to pay for the salary of a co-ordinator and translator and public liability insurance.	Finsbury Park Community Rooms, Under 32-43 Bolton Walk, Durham Road	1 April to 30 September 2023	Disadvantaged Turkish, Kurdish and Cypriot women in the Finsbury Park area	45 per session	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	
Finsbury Park	LBI Community Partnerships (Andover Community Centre) (Food Project)	Andover Community Centre Food Project which runs on Friday afternoons. Funding to pay for Halal quarter chickens to supplement donated food. They are rarely given Halal food and have a high proportion of Muslim clients. During the month of Ramadan in particular there is a need for high quality protein which many families who rely on food banks are unable to afford.	Andover Community Centre, Corker Walk	March to June 2023, project runs every Friday from 2pm to 4pm	Local families, many of whom are Muslim	100 households per session	500	500	Not applicable	
Hillrise	The Hive Foodbank	A small independent volunteer run food bank seeking to tackle food poverty by providing food parcels to those in need. They use a voucher based referral scheme enabling referrals from GPs, schools and other local organisations. The three most frequently reported reasons visitors are referred to them are problems with benefits, ill health and low income and unemployment. Funding to pay for 200 food parcels - 25 single food parcels per week over an 8 week period.	St Mary's Hornsey Rise, Ashley Road, N19 3AD	9 May to 31 August 2023	Open to anyone experiencing food poverty, but most expected to be from Finsbury Park, Hillrise, Tollington and Tufnell Park wards	200	1,000	2,400	£1400 LIF from Finsbury Park, Hillrise, Tollington and Tufnell Park cllrs (£350 per ward)	The amount requested is £2,400. £1000 cost of living funding allocated leaves £1,400 to be agreed by councillors of the 4 wards (£350 per ward).
Holloway	The Pleasance Theatre Trust Ltd	The Warm Space began in January on a trial basis. They have been opening their foyer space on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, offering free teas and coffees, as well as a warm space to sit and free sanitary products. Users of the space also have access to books and games. They are now working with other local groups like Lumpy Hill Playground, Help On Your Doorstep and Hillside Clubhouse to offer their members support as well as utilising their social media and their network of local businesses to continue to reach new members of the community. Funding to pay for extra staff to supervise for 3 weeks, feminine hygiene products, a contribution to heating and lighting and refreshments (teas and coffees).	Foyer space of the Pleasance Theatre in Carpenter Mews	May to July 2023 - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11am to 5pm	Local residents	10 to 30 per session	1,000	1,000	Not applicable, management time and marketing costs gifted in kind	This is the second application for this project. £1000 awarded in December 2022 for a trial from early January 2023 onwards.

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Junction	Hargrave Hall Community Association	Friday Socials where locals of all ages can gather, play board/card games, eat a light hot meal/snack and watch a film together. This will continue to address the cost of living crisis by offering a safe place where locals can save on the cost of heating their homes and using electricity for one evening a week, enjoy a meal and pick up free hygiene and care products reducing the weekly bills. This winter warm room has been running since January 2023 and has approximately 50 service users each week and the word is spreading through recommendations. Funding to pay for staff costs for 4 weeks, food and beverages.	Hargrave Hall Community Centre, Hargrave Road, N19	Fridays from 4pm to 7.30pm starting 7 April for 4 weeks	Local residents	50+ per session	832	832	Not applicable	This is the second LIF application for this project. £2,000 LIF awarded by the Junction councillors in Nov 2022.
Mildmay	Newington Green Action Group	Newington Green Food Hub providing food packages, a book bank, a clothes bank and advice surgeries. Residents can also have a hot lunch provided by St Jude and St Paul's Church. Funding to pay for extra food (with a focus on culturally-appropriate foods) and extra toiletries.	St Jude and St Paul's Church, Mildmay	Funding to be used between May and August 2023, every Tuesday 12pm-3pm	Local residents	40 per session	1,000	£1200 per month	Information not requested	
St Mary's and St James'	Resurrection Central Food and Clothing Bank	Resurrection Central Food and Clothing bank started in July 2022. To date, personal funds from church members have been used to purchase food and the church members have also been donating clothes. They give away food bags and clothes. They provide coats, jumpers, trousers, hats, scarfs, gloves, etc, to families, provide blankets and sleeping bags to the homeless, as well as tea and coffee, cakes and biscuits. Funding to pay for perishable foods for food bags, heavy duty folded tables, a portable induction hob, a hot water urn, toiletries, pots, leaflets, utensils and tea and coffee.	Outside Gracepoint, 161-169 Essex Road, N1 2SN	Operates 3pm to 5pm every Saturday	Adults, babies and children as well as the homeless	50 to 100 per session	988	988	Not applicable	

COST OF LIVING CRISIS RELATED PROPOSALS APPROVED BY LBI COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN 23 MARCH AND 2 JUNE 2023 (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) - COVERED BY EXTRA FUNDING FROM THE NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

Ward	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Community Engagement and Wellbeing Comments
Tufnell Park	St George and All Saints Church, Tufnell Park	Wellbeing Lunch and Food Hub. Their existing Wellbeing Café has been extended and has become a warm space, providing tea/coffee/pastries and activities like crafts, planting, bingo etc. Since January, they have added in a hot lunch and food for people to take away. Using their previous LIF grant, they paid someone to investigate local food waste, collect food, store it in a community freezer and cook it for the lunch. Surplus food which cannot be used for a hot lunch is put out at the front of church for anyone to help themselves to, as a new food hub for the local area. The lunches have been well attended, including by four Ukrainian refugees, and mostly by older local residents. Funding to pay for a sessional staff worker for 17 weeks, heating, cleaning and wear-and-tear building costs, food (in addition to the waste food), advertising and transport of surplus food.	St George's Church, Crayford Road, N7 0ND	April to July 2023, Wednesdays 10.30-1.30pm for 17 weeks	Local residents struggling with heating and food bills, mostly older local residents who live alone	25 to 30 per session plus more people taking the food from outside	1,000	3,685	Not applicable	This is the second LIF application for this project and requested £3,685. £2,550 awarded by the Tufnell Park councillors in December 2022.
Tufnell Park	St George and All Saints Church, Tufnell Park	Wellbeing Café and Tufnell Tots – funding to pay for a catering dishwasher, which would support the work of their free drop-in on Wednesdays, which includes a three course lunch, as well as their free stay-and-play group. Both these events, especially the lunch at the Wellbeing Café, put a strain on a domestic dishwasher because it cannot do a good enough wash in quick enough time. Volunteers end up staying behind long hours washing by hand.	St George's Church, Crayford Road, N7 0ND	Wellbeing Café on Wednesdays and Tufnell Tots are ongoing (dishwasher bought as soon as possible)	Wellbeing Café open to all, Tufnell Tots for children (early years) and parents/carers	600+ (450 from Tufnell Park) which includes attendees of a Back to School event	1,000	2,100	£1,100 Tufnell Park 23-24 LIF, church donations and other grants cover staff costs	£1000 of the catering dishwasher cost of £1,600 to be covered by cost of living funding. The remaining £600 considered by the councillors as well as the £500 for Back to School party.

COST OF LIVING CRISIS RELATED PROPOSALS APPROVED BY LBI COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN 23 MARCH AND 2 JUNE 2023 (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) - COVERED BY EXTRA FUNDING FROM THE NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

Ward	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Community Engagement and Wellbeing Comments
Multiple	Bags of Taste	A free mentored cooking course which helps residents on low incomes save money and change to a healthier diet. Those most in need are found through referrals and outreach - liaising with community organisations, council services, charities, mental health services, health providers, foodbanks, schools, job centres, community centres, etc. Participants have 2 weeks to cook 3 recipes in their own time, guided by a mentor. At the end, participants are invited to join long term support groups through Facebook/Whats App. The mentored approach combined with long term support groups mean lasting changes to people's diets. Funding to pay for staff costs, flyers, course materials, food purchase, bagging and transport, overheads, food ingredients, phone and insurance, knife sharpeners and specialist materials.	In the home with mentoring by Whatsapp, phone or email	6 courses (each lasting around 2 weeks) from March to December 2023	The most disadvantaged (with almost all being on benefits)	91 (7 per contributing ward)	2,613.37	15,000	£1250 Arsenal Foundation, £3k tbc Islington Giving Food Fund, £2.5k tbc Compass Well being	The amount requested from 13 wards is £7,280 (£560 per ward). £4,666.63 allocated and reported to March VCS Committee. Shortfall of £2,613 considered.
Multiple	Islington Faiths Forum (Celebrate Islington - Community Festival)	Celebrate Islington - Community Festival, all aspects of which will be organised by community partners/networks, including all contributors (performers, volunteers and stall holders), food, drink and health and safety. The confirmed delivery partners are Octopus Community Network, Voluntary Action Islington, Forum+, Islington Refugee and Migrant Forum, Islington Hate Crime Forum and the LBI Community Partnerships Team. The event celebrates Islington's rich diversity thereby promoting community cohesion and safety and promotes joint working between community networks, other VCS groups and LBI departments/statutory organisations all with a view to serving the community optimally together in Islington. Funding to contribute towards performers and volunteers costs on 12 July.	Assembly Hall, Islington Town Hall	Planning by community partners/networks from 1 April 2023 onwards, event on 12 July 2023	Islington's diverse community	262 (based on 2019 figures)	422	8,796	£2,500 Gunners Fund, £2,694 worth of contributions secured under the LBI Free Hire Scheme	The amount requested is £3,602 from 14 wards (£257 per ward). £3,180 awarded by 11 wards in March 2023. Shortfall of £422 considered.

Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining

Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2023-24:	£221,000
Total carried forward from previous LIF budgets / allocations:	£12,286
Total amount available to allocate:	£233,286
Cost of living proposals approved under delegated authority (NLWA funding)	£11,355
Ward partnership proposals approved under delegated authority:	£698
New proposals for July VCS Committee:	£92,659
Total amount remaining to allocate in 2023-24:	£139,930

2023-24 Balance remaining by ward:		
Ward	Balance:	Notes:
Arsenal	£9,601	Includes £825 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Barnsbury	£10,055	Includes £905 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Bunhill	£7,167	
Caledonian	£6,721	Includes £635 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Canonbury	£8,066	
Clerkenwell	£11,772	Includes £635 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Finsbury Park	£8,653	Includes £2,500 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Highbury	£6,413	
Hillrise	£2,936	Includes £1000 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Holloway	£10,948	Includes £201 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Junction	£10,533	Includes £236 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Laycock	£3,951	Includes £1000 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Mildmay	£10,688	
St Mary's & St James'	£7,930	Includes £110 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
St Peter's & Canalside	£8,386	Includes £2,884 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Tollington	£9,938	Includes £419 from previous LIF allocations / budgets
Tufnell Park	£6,173	Includes £937 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

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Cultural Enrichment, Community Engagement and Wellbeing
The Laycock Centre, Laycock Street, London N1 1TH

Report of: Executive Member for Homes and Communities

Meeting of: Voluntary and Community Sector Committee

Date: 11 July 2022

Ward(s): All

Subject: Islington Community Festivals Fund Small Grants Programme 2023 - 2026

1. Synopsis

The Community Festivals Fund aims to support organisations based in Islington to deliver high quality, innovative, community focused festivals that are accessible to, and provide benefit for, residents across the borough and promote cultural benefit, stronger communities and partnership working.

- 1.1. At the Voluntary Community Sector Committee on 4 November 2019, it was agreed the Community Festivals Fund be changed from an annual open competition to a small grants programme, where applicants are commissioned by open competition on a three-year basis, subject to the budget being available year by year, yet still required to report annually on the previous year's activities.
- 1.2. In the event that the Community Festivals Fund is no longer affordable, the council is able to withdraw funding in the second and third years respectively.
- 1.3. The first round of Community Festivals funding under this three-year basis ran from April 2020 and ended in March 2023. Following a competitive application process, four festivals (WORD, Cally Festival, Whitecross Street Party and Angel Canal Festival) each received annual grant funding of £2,500 for the duration of the round.
- 1.4. A review of the 2020 – 2023 scheme informed the preparation and development for the second round of the Community Festivals Fund. There were slight revisions

to the selection and eligibility criteria whilst the overall format and framework remained broadly the same.

- 1.5. Under the Community Festivals Grants eligibility and selection criteria originally adopted in November 2019, the total funding available for this grant programme will be £10,000 per year, for the period of three consecutive years 2023 - 26, to deliver strategic arts-led community festivals and events that provide borough-wide benefit and will deliver against the council’s equalities, place-shaping and community development agenda.
- 1.6. Festivals have been recommended for support from the Community Festivals Fund Small Grants Programme 2023 - 2026 based on the evidence provided by applicants that satisfactorily demonstrated and fulfilled the seven key criteria identified for the fund: cultural benefit, diversity and equality, value for money, inclusivity and accessibility, match funding and partnership, through well-managed festivals and event activities with borough-wide reach which meet the council’s priorities.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To approve the award of Community Festival Fund grants for 2023 – 2026 to the values requested for the festival proposals submitted by four organisations as outlined in the following table:

Name of Festival	Organisation	Ward (Main Event / Venue Location)	Festival Dates	Annual Funding Applied For	Annual Amount Recommended
WORD	All Change	Borough-wide	1-10 October 2023 Plus additional one-off events in Jun 23 and Mar 23 1- 10 October 2024 plus additional one-off events in Jun 24 and Mar 25 1-10 October 2025 plus additional one-off events in Jun 25 and Mar 26	£2,500	£2,500

Name of Festival	Organisation	Ward (Main Event / Venue Location)	Festival Dates	Annual Funding Applied For	Annual Amount Recommended
Cally Festival	Copenhagen Youth Project	Caledonian	2 July 2023 30 June 2024 29 June 2025	£2,500	£2,500
Whitecross Street Party	YMCA London City and North	Bunhill	15 July 2023 and 16 July 2023 13 July 2024 and 14 July 2024 12 July 2025 and 13 July 2025	£2,500	£2,500
The Almeida Theatre's Community Trilogy	Almeida Theatre	St Mary's and St James'	3 - 5 August 2023 1 - 3 August 2024 31 July – 2 August 2025	£2,500	£2,500

2.2. The above dates are only indicative and may be subject to change depending on external circumstances.

3. Background

3.1. The Community Festivals Fund is a small grants programme where applicants are commissioned by open competition on a three-year basis, subject to the budget being available year by year, yet still required to report annually on the previous year's activities.

3.2. The total funding available for this grant programme will be £10,000 per year, for the period of three consecutive years; and the maximum grant available per application is up to £2,500 annually (total grant up to £7,500 for three years).

3.3. The first round of Community Festivals funding under this three-year basis ran from April 2020 and ended in March 2023. Following a competitive application process, four festivals (WORD, Cally Festival, Whitecross Street Party and Angel Canal Festival) each received annual grant funding of £2,500 for the duration of the round.

3.4. A review of the 2020 – 2023 scheme informed the preparation and development for the second round of the Community Festivals Fund.

3.5. An evaluation of the outcomes of the Community Festivals Fund 2020 – 2023 funding round indicated that the grants programme has been successful in fulfilling

the expected criteria especially relating to borough-wide benefits, community cohesion, inclusivity, access, cultural benefit and partnership working.

- 3.6. There were slight revisions to the selection and eligibility criteria whilst the overall format and framework remained broadly the same.
- 3.7. The Community Festivals Fund budget for 2023 - 24 is currently confirmed as £10,000.
- 3.7.1. The council can only guarantee the second and third instalments of the grant as long as sufficient funds are available. In the event that the Community Festivals Fund is no longer affordable, the council is able to withdraw funding in years two and three respectively. It is possible that the indicative amounts allocated to successful organisations may therefore be reduced for future years.
- 3.7.2. The council will pay the grant to successful applicants to the programme 2023-2026 in accordance with the payment conditions as set out in the grant agreement letter which read as follows:
- a) The first payment of the Grant for the period April 2023 to March 2024 will be paid in advance, and subject to receipt of the signed Grant Offer Letter.
You will also need to send evidence of the following:
 - Venue permission
 - Proof of Public Liability Insurance
 - Relevant entertainment licenses
 - Template audience/participant survey
 - Update on plans to liaise with the Council for stalls and marketing relevant to the Council.
 - b) The second payment (period April 2024 to March 2025) and the third payment* (period April 2025 to March 2026) of the Grant are conditional on the council receiving and approving any additional monitoring information we have asked for and proof of match investment annually.
 - c) *The third payment will be released in two instalments of 75% and 25% of the total annual amount due subject to the conditions listed in the payment schedule below.
 - d) Please note the dates listed in the payment schedule are the dates by which we expect you to submit your invoice and the information to meet the relevant conditions. The dates do not indicate when we will send a

payment. It will normally take up to 30 working days to process and release funds.

4. Community Festivals Fund 2023 – 2026 Round Two

- 4.1 The Community Festivals Fund competitive application process was initiated for the second round as per the timeline attached as Appendix A.
 - 4.1.1 Some small revisions have been made to the fund's application documentation to enhance partnership working, facilitate the monitoring process and improve clarity of reporting timescales. These are reflected in amendments to the payment conditions and increased detail in relevant existing clauses relating to marketing and publicity and Islington Council's presence at festivals through provision of free stalls.
 - 4.1.2 In addition, selection criteria have been adapted to embed awareness of the Islington Council's Vision 30: Building a Net Zero Carbon Islington by 2030 strategy and to promote good environmental policy and practices among prospective grant applicants.
 - 4.1.3 Full details of the 2023 - 26 eligibility and selection criteria for applications are listed at Appendix B.
- 4.2 The Community Festivals Small Grants 2023 – 2026 scheme was promoted through LBI Communications, on the council external website and social media, on the internal council staff intranet and in Islington Council, Councillor Updates and Children Services bulletins.
 - 4.2.1 In addition, it was promoted directly at cultural sector meetings and LBI Equalities-led community events as well as through Voluntary Action Islington news group and direct mailings to previous applicants, arts and cultural sector organisations and other third parties who had expressed an interest in the scheme via the Culture team.
 - 4.2.2 Details of eligibility and selection criteria, together with application guidance notes were available on the Islington Council website. In keeping with council accessibility practice, applications were required to be made directly through the online portal. Digital and hardcopy versions of the Community Festivals Fund application form were also made available upon request.
 - 4.2.3 The deadline for applications was Thursday 30 March 2023 at 12 noon.
- 4.3 The scheme received a total of 10 applications for this second round in the three-year grant format which is equivalent to the number received in 2020 for the first

round. The total amount requested by organisations in this funding round was £24,244. This is a slight decrease in comparison to the previous round's total request of £26,050.

- 4.3.1 Details of all applications received by the stated deadline are attached at Appendix C.
- 4.4 All applications were initially assessed for shortlisting against the published eligibility criteria by officers from the Culture team. This included confirmation of organisation eligibility, evidence of governance, safeguarding provisions and borough-wide benefit.
 - 4.4.1 Two applications were ineligible for the fund due to 1) their narrow target audience or limited venue capacity and 2) not offering any or sufficient additional external funding.
 - 4.4.2 The eight remaining eligible applications were shortlisted and further assessed by officers from the Culture, Equalities and Community Partnerships teams against the published selection criteria.
- 4.5 Outcomes for Unsuccessful Applicants
 - 4.5.1 Unsuccessful applicants who applied for funding support for smaller community events that will primarily provide benefit to hyper-local neighbourhoods or specific ward areas will be encouraged to apply to the Local Initiatives Fund and Islington Community Chest.
 - 4.5.2 Additionally, unsuccessful applicants will also be signposted to alternative arts funding sources such as Arts Council England and National Lottery where relevant. This will include an invitation to attend a 'Meet the Funders' event, focussed on arts funding, jointly arranged by Islington Council and Voluntary Action Islington with representation from Arts Council England and Cripplegate Foundation.
- 4.6 Officer recommendations have been made assessing each Community Festivals Fund application received against published funding eligibility and selection criteria and on the quality of the applications.
 - 4.6.1 The applications received from the four organisations outlined in the table below satisfactorily demonstrated evidence and fulfilment of the seven key criteria identified for the fund: **cultural benefit, diversity and equality, value for money, inclusivity and accessibility, match funding and partnership, through well-managed** festivals and event activities with **borough-wide** reach which meet the council's priorities.

Name of Festival	Organisation Name	Abridged Description from Application	Ward (for Main Event / Location)
WORD	All Change	Islington's annual WORD festival produced by All Change celebrates the transformative power of words through a programme of high-quality arts activities, events and learning opportunities that encourage residents to develop enjoyment in reading, writing and freedom of expression. The festival activity extends across the year, with public facing events and celebrations from 1-10 October each year and WORD-badged events in June and March.	Borough-wide
Cally Festival	Copenhagen Youth Project	The festival showcases "The Cally" – a distinctive place with a strong sense of community, many challenges but also resilience and optimism. A section of Caledonian Rd is closed to traffic between 6am and 9pm to accommodate the festival which takes place on a midsummer Sunday of each year. This large-scale community event is the largest street festival in Islington and is an event where the Borough's communities come together and celebrate everything the place has to offer.	Caledonian
Whitecross Street Party (WXSP)	YMCA London City and North	Whitecross Street Party and the exceptional large-scale street art exhibition 'Rise of the Nonconformists' will take over Whitecross Street for the 13th time this year. Programmed together with Islington's local creative communities alongside quality artists and performers, this unique event attracts a diverse and wide-ranging public audiences and local families over two days of the event, whilst being featured internationally through participating artists online platforms.	Bunhill
The Almeida Theatre's Community Trilogy	Almeida Theatre	TRILOGY is a three-year outreach and participation project that will bring together 1,000 people from our local community to make extraordinary theatre. TRILOGY's objectives: •Giving as many local people access to creative opportunities as possible •Building sustained relationships with participants - as audiences, artists, or both •Strengthening wellbeing and intergenerational relationships in our borough TRILOGY will build on our impact during the pandemic.	St Mary's and St James'

- 4.7 Islington Community Festivals Grant Agreements for successful applicants will be informed by the contents of the application form submitted and any supplementary information requested as part of the decision-making process.
- 4.8 Community Festivals Fund 2023 – 2026 Grant offer letters for the four successful awardees will be prepared to reflect any additional special terms and conditions required.
- 4.9 The standard grant offer template as adapted for the Community Festivals Fund 2023 – 2026 is attached at Appendix D with revisions to the previous version indicated where applicable.

5. Implications

5.1. Financial Implications

- 5.1.1. Funding available to support festivals outlined in this report is £10,000 annually. In the event that the Community Festivals Fund is no longer affordable, the Council is able to withdraw funding in years 2 and 3 respectively. It is possible that the indicative amounts allocated to successful organisations may therefore be reduced for future years.
- 5.1.2. This funding has been allocated from the Cultural Enrichment core budget.
- 5.1.3. This report recommends that the Community Festival Fund grant for 2023 – 2026 is allocated to the values requested from the four successful festival organisers. This is detailed in **Table 2.1** and this is within the £10,000 allocated budget.

5.2. Legal Implications

- 5.2.1. There are no legal implications arising from this proposal. Under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council has the power to give support to organisations in the voluntary and community sector to provide services that are likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of residents within the local authority's area.

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

- 5.3.1. The Community Festivals Fund award recommendations are unlikely to have any significant environmental implications as the total amount of funding being awarded (and overall number of events being supported) has not changed from the previous funding round 2020 - 2023.
- 5.3.2. For the Community Festivals Fund 2023 – 2026 application process, the selection criteria have been adapted to embed awareness of the Islington Council's Vision

30 strategy and to promote good environmental policy and practices among prospective grant applicants.

- 5.3.3. All applicants were signposted to Islington Council's Vision 30 strategy as part of the application process and expected to demonstrate that appropriate consideration was given to the environmental impact of their proposed festival.
- 5.3.4. All applicants were required to clearly demonstrate a commitment to using environmentally friendly policies and practices and to identify how these would be embedded in the delivery of the proposed festival with examples. Where an organisation had an environmental or sustainability policy in place, this was to be declared and supported by examples of how sustainable practices would be embedded within the delivery of the proposed festival.
- 5.3.5. The inclusion of a dedicated application section about environmental responsibility provided the opportunity for applicants to indicate 'source local' principles, low carbon behaviours and highlight innovative or creative climate change mitigation projects as part of their proposal.
- 5.3.6. Successful grantees will therefore have made reference to active plans to minimise waste, encourage walking/cycling, minimise car usage and facilitate other best green festival practices as part of their proposed events and activities.
- 5.3.7. By requiring all applicants to consider their proposal's environmental impact and to identify sustainable and environmentally friendly actions, a baseline for monitoring has been created.
- 5.3.8. Successful grantees will continue to receive relevant signposting to the council's Vision 30 initiatives throughout the three-year cycle of the Community Festivals Fund.
- 5.3.9. Successfully grantees will be signposted to arts and culture sector-specific information about evolving sustainability and environmentally best practice and encouraged to seek relevant accreditation where possible.
- 5.3.10. An annual review of environmental impact considerations and best environmental practice forms part of the monitoring and evaluation reporting framework for successful grantees to ensure that their festivals continue to contribute to a net zero carbon Islington by 2030.

5.4. Equalities Impact Assessment

- 5.4.1. 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.
- 5.4.2. An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required in relation to this report, because the Community Festivals Fund has been designed to support Islington-based organisations to deliver high quality, innovative, community focused festivals that are accessible to, and provide benefit for, residents across the borough and promote cultural benefit, stronger communities and partnership working.
- 5.4.3. Equalities values and principles are embedded within the eligibility and selection criteria for the Community Festivals Fund. Grants are awarded upon assessment of the seven key criteria identified for the fund: cultural benefit, diversity and equality, value for money, inclusivity and accessibility, match funding and partnership, through well-managed festivals and event activities with borough-wide reach which meet the council's priorities.
- 5.4.4. It is a core requirement to satisfactorily demonstrate how grant allocation from this fund will be used to ensure accessibility and inclusivity for Islington's most disadvantaged communities, such as those from areas of high deprivation, in addition to being open and welcoming to all from across the borough.
- 5.4.5. Festival organisers must demonstrate a commitment to providing events that meet the diverse needs of local residents, many of whom have protected characteristics. Equality values and impacts must be considered by festival organisers to fully enable the broadest range of Islington residents to be involved in festivals as audiences, participants and organisers.
- 5.4.6. Organisations that are recommended for grant awards from the Community Festivals Fund are assessed on their ability to satisfactorily evidence their ability to deliver events with equality, diversity and inclusion present. This will be demonstrated through one or more targeted approaches that:
- showcase and support creative ideas from communities who are under-represented in or don't usually engage in arts, culture and heritage activities

- provide opportunities for local communities to experience socially engaged art relating to the environment, climate change and/or sustainability, and to health and well-being.
- give under-represented or marginalised groups opportunities to lead or facilitate arts, culture and heritage activities and/or
- increase creative employment and volunteering opportunities for under-represented or marginalised groups

5.4.7. The Community Festivals Fund provides resources for arts-led community-focussed festivals that encourage local people from a range of different backgrounds to engage with a breadth of creative and cultural activities that highlight and celebrate Islington's diverse communities.

6. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

6.1. The Community Festivals Fund provides an opportunity for the Council to support four local organisations to develop and deliver a broad range of events that will provide borough-wide benefit for local residents. Officer recommendations have been made assessing each application against established eligibility and funding criteria and on the quality of the applications.

Appendices:

- Appendix A - Community Festivals Fund 2023 – 2026 Second Three-Year Round Timetable
- Appendix B - Full eligibility and selection criteria
- Appendix C - Applications received for Community Festivals Fund 2023 – 2026 Small Grant Scheme
- Appendix D - Revised Grant Offer 2023 – 2026 template letter.

Background papers:

- None

Final report clearance:

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Appendix A

Community Festivals Fund 2023 – 2026 Second Three-Year Round Timetable	
January 2023 – February 2023	Community Festivals Fund website update including online application form development.
January 2023	Marketing/communication of new round to the arts, voluntary and community sectors including timetable for applications. Offer of advice sessions subject to demand.
w/c 20 February 2023	Application window opens for 6 weeks
30 March 2023	Application window closes
w/c 17 April 2023	Eligibility assessment and provisional shortlisting of applications for Selection Panel members
w/c 24 April 2023	Panel members undertaking individual shortlisting assessment using Selection criteria
w/c 1 May 2023	Selection Panel first review for recommendations
May – July 2023	Executive decision on second round of three year small grants awards
June - July 2023	Applicants notified of outcomes and Grant Offer letters issued

Appendix B

Islington Community Festivals Fund 2023 - 2026 Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Before making an application to the Community Festivals Fund, please read this guidance on Eligibility and Selection Criteria.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the following eligibility and selection criteria. We will be looking to fund and work in partnership with organisations that can help us to achieve the priorities outlined below.

Eligibility Criteria

- Funding is restricted to arts, culture, voluntary, community and faith organisations based in Islington.
- Organisations can only apply for funding for one festival in the three-year grant round.
- Each festival will be eligible for one award. Where a number of organisations are contributing different elements of a festival, they should work together to submit one application.
- Community Festivals Fund applicants must show they have secured external funding for their event and will not be solely reliant on funding from Islington Council.
- Festival applications must demonstrate how they will provide **borough-wide** benefit for Islington residents.
- The following are **not** eligible for funding: events of a party political nature; events promoting a religious doctrine; fundraising events, including fundraising for charities; events viewed as offensive or defamatory; profit-making organisations; individuals.
- Small community events primarily of benefit to local neighbourhoods or specific ward areas are **not** eligible to apply to the Community Festivals Fund but can contact LocalInitiativesFund@islington.gov.uk to discuss eligibility to apply for [Local Initiatives Funding](#).

Eligible **constituted** organisations can apply must fulfil the following criteria:

- Have a written governing document or constitution
- Have a governing body with at least three unrelated members
- Have a UK-based bank or building society account in the name of the organisation, with a minimum of two unrelated signatories

- The organisation must have been active for at least one year and can produce annual accounts for a whole year
- Have safeguarding policies for working with children and vulnerable adults in place

Organisations should **also** note the following conditions for funding:

- The organisation must not have two years of late submissions to the Charity Commission/Companies House within the last two completed financial years
- The organisation must not have two years of net current liabilities within the two most recent completed financial years
- Organisations where Trustees are paid are not eligible unless evidence of approval is provided from The Charity Commission and/or this arrangement is referenced in the governing document

Unconstituted groups or organisations who are unable to meet **all** of the above criteria are eligible to apply for Community Festivals funding under the following condition:

- Must be able to nominate an Islington-based constituted organisation that can accept a grant on your behalf

If you are unsure whether your organisation is eligible, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing culture@islington.gov.uk.

Selection Criteria

The Community Festivals Fund aims to support organisations based in Islington to deliver high quality, innovative, community focused festivals that benefit our residents and promote community cohesion, access, cultural benefit and partnership working.

Applicants will need to show that the proposed event meets **all** of the following funding criteria and compliance conditions. These form the basis for assessment of Islington Community Festivals fund applications:

- **Cultural Benefit**
- **Equality and Diversity**
- **Value for Money**
- **Inclusive and Accessible**
- **Are well-managed**
- **Match Funding**
- **Demonstrate partnership working**
- **Licensing and Public Protection**

Please see below for expanded guidance notes for each individual selection criterion.

1. Cultural Benefit

Events will need to deliver high quality and community focused activities that:

- maximise access to and participation in cultural activities
- celebrate Islington's diversity
- improve, animate and interpret the physical environment
- promote community cohesion and a sense of place.

2. Equality and Diversity

Festivals will promote community involvement and encourage people from a range of different backgrounds to participate. Festivals will recognise and value Islington's diverse communities, promote good relationships between people of different backgrounds and lifestyles and contribute to the Council's commitment to making Islington a fairer place for people to live, where discrimination and inequality are addressed.

These values will be visible in event programming by:

- ensuring that participating artists or components of the festival reflect and are attractive to the diversity of local people, cultures and lifestyles in Islington
- involving local people to define festival aims and objectives
- promoting understanding, tolerance and cohesion.

3. Value for Money

Islington Council is committed to providing value for money in all its services. Event costs should be realistic and clearly itemised with income matching expenditure. If you have organised festivals in previous years, you can provide evidence of their success (e.g. press cuttings, photographs and any evaluation reports).

4. Well-managed

The festival organiser(s) will need to demonstrate that the event will be well managed; that appropriate consideration has been given to the impact and safety of their festival **including** its environmental impact with reference to Islington Council's [Vision 30 strategy](#) working towards a net zero carbon Islington by 2030; and that organisers have the knowledge, skills and capacity to deliver the event independently and effectively – this includes demonstrating appropriate contingency planning.

Organisers will also need to provide evidence of their planned approach to monitoring and evaluation for reporting purposes.

5. Inclusive and accessible

Activities should be open to all the community and accessible and inclusive for Islington's most disadvantaged communities. Applications from organisations that are based in areas of high deprivation will be particularly welcomed. Proposals should clearly demonstrate a commitment to using environmentally friendly policies and practices with reference to Islington Council's [climate emergency guidance](#).

We are particularly keen that festivals will attract people from the following groups (who can often feel excluded from these events) as well as people from across the Islington community, to actively take part in the festivals as audiences, participants and/or organisers:

- Disabled people
- Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee communities
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender groups
- Older people
- Young people
- Children

Applicants will need to clearly detail which of these groups will participate in the event and what engagement method(s), including targeted marketing, will be used to encourage these groups to be involved. Applicants must also demonstrate how they plan to monitor inclusivity and manage the collection of audience and participant demographic data in a respectful and ethical manner.

All festivals must be open and accessible to the general public and provide benefit across Islington, not just to the organisation's own members.

6. Match Funding

Applicants are required to seek funding from more than one source. This may include contributions from the lead organisation itself as well as charities and trusts, business sponsorship, other local grant schemes, Arts Council England or the Heritage Lottery Fund. Applicants seeking Community Festivals Fund support must secure external funding for their event and not be solely reliant on funding from other council sources.

7. Partnership Working

Applicants are encouraged to work with other agencies and organisations that may be able to share costs, facilities and expertise, and support the involvement of participants or beneficiaries.

Funding will be conditional on applicants liaising with the Council in order to guarantee that the Council have a presence at the festival. This includes Islington Council stalls and any marketing, publicity or information that would benefit Islington residents. Stalls should be provided free of charge to the Council. An update on plans to liaise with Council departments must be provided to the Cultural Enrichment Team prior to the festival each year.

8. Licensing and Public Protection

Applicants will need to comply with the following public protection requirements.

- **Venue Permissions:** You will need to obtain written permission from the owner of the space you are using, whether you choose a school, a community centre, an estate or other open space, and attach a copy to your application.
- **Public Liability Insurance:** Funding will be conditional on you obtaining sufficient public liability insurance. You may be able to arrange cover through your existing insurer. You must include the cost of insurance premiums in your budget.
- **Entertainment Licensing:** If you are putting on any form of entertainment, such as live or recorded music, film or video, a disco, bands, or live performance, you will need to apply for an entertainment licence. Applications for a licence need to be received at least 28 days in advance of the event. For all enquiries about this contact the Council's Licensing Team on licensing@islington.gov.uk or telephone 0207 527 3031.
- **First Aid:** You will need to arrange First Aid cover for your event. If you do not already have a trained first aider, a representative from your organisation must complete training or you will need to hire first aid support for the festival.

Appendix C Applications received for Community Festivals Fund 2023 – 2026 Small Grant Scheme

Name of Festival	Organisation Name	Abridged Description from Application	Ward (Event Location)	Funding Applied For	External Funding secured?	Anticipated Annual Audience	FWD to Shortlist?
Arundel Square Community Fireworks	Ellington St Residents Association	Free annual community fireworks event held in Arundel Square with stalls with food, drinks, cakes and merchandise (glow items). November event. First one since Covid. 500 people in the Square at any time and do 2 fireworks displays using professional fireworks company.	Laycock	£2,500	No - Only CCF Stated	750	No - not eligible
Islington Proms	Islington Proms	Two-week festival featuring wide range of music - classical, jazz, folk etc at modest ticket prices. Held in St James' Church, Prebend Street, with an additional open-air 'Pocket Prom' in the Vicarage garden. Performers are mostly professionals, some local and some with national and international reputations, and we also present amateur choirs and a Youth Prom featuring talented local young musicians.	St Mary's and St James'	£2,000	No - Only CCF Stated	500 - 600	No - not eligible
Big Jewish Summer Fete (BJSF)	Chabad-Lubavitch of Islington CIO	Big Jewish Summer Fete (BJSF) is a free, inclusive, family day out, bringing together the entire Islington community in celebration of Jewish culture, in the natural environment of Caledonian Park. Activities include Israeli dance, Klezmer music, Jewish food tasting, arts and crafts for children and talks on all things Jewish.	Holloway	£2,500	Yes - non-LBI expected	750 - 1000	Yes - full eligibility
Go Africa Festival	Go Africa Community Hub CIC	Go Africa Festival and market [to be held on Andover Estate] to promote a positive understanding of the beauty of African culture...interactive workshops: Drumming, Poetry; Tribal Face painting; Tips on braiding and styling Natural Hair, Arts and crafts; African Dance by Kekeli African Dance Ensemble and storytelling by Kora Player Griots.	Finsbury Park	£2,249	Yes - non-LBI confirmed	661 - 940	Yes - flag eligibility conditions

Islington Festival of Music and Art	Islington Festival of Music and Art	Born out of the local garden concerts we organised after lockdown in the summer of 2020, the Islington Festival aims to recreate the community spirit that inspired us during that time and bring people together to experience high-quality live music and art, in different venues throughout the Borough of Islington.	Various - Highbury / St Mary's & St James'	£2,500	Yes - non-LBI expected	1000	Yes - flag eligibility conditions
WORD	All Change	Islington's annual WORD festival produced by All Change celebrates the transformative power of words through a programme of high quality arts activities, events and learning opportunities that encourage residents to develop enjoyment in reading, writing and freedom of expression. The festival activity extends across the year, with public facing events and celebrations from 1-10 October each year and WORD-badged events in June and March.	Borough-wide	£2,500	Yes - non-LBI confirmed	30,000	Yes - full eligibility
Cally Fest	Copenhagen Youth Project	The Festival showcases "The Cally" – a distinctive place with a strong sense of community, many challenges but also resilience and optimism. A section of Caledonian Rd is closed to traffic between 6am and 9pm to accommodate the festival which takes place on a mid summer Sunday of each year. This large-scale community event is the largest street festival in Islington and is an event where the Borough's communities come together and celebrate everything the place has to offer.	Caledonian	£,2500	Yes - non-LBI confirmed	10,000	Yes - full eligibility

Bridge Festival	Kurdish Association for New Generations / Abroad (KANGA)	This cultural festival [to be held in Highbury Fields] shall be jointly organised in London by the Kurdish Association for New Generations/Abroad (KANGA) and the Kurd Clerisy Organization (KCO) on June 16th, 17th through 18th, 2023. Bridge would be the first Kurdish Festival to be held in London... [A] unique opportunity for introducing original Kurdish national culture to British society as well as enriching the multicultural communities of London, both socially and scientifically.[S]upport is going to cover a particular aspect of the festival, Kurdish dance called Govand.	Highbury	£2,495	Yes - non-LBI confirmed	500	Yes - flag eligibility conditions
Whitecross Street Party and the Rise of the Nonconformists	YMCA London City and North	Whitecross Street Party and the exceptional large-scale street art exhibition 'Rise of the Nonconformists' will take over Whitecross Street for the 13th time this year. Programmed together with Islington's local creative communities alongside quality artists and performers, this unique event attracts a diverse and wide ranging public audiences and local families over two days of the event, whilst being featured internationally through participating artists online platforms.	Bunhill	£2,500	Yes - non-LBI confirmed	5000 - 6000	Yes - full eligibility
The Almeida Theatre's Community Trilogy	Almeida Theatre	TRILOGY is a three-year outreach and participation project that will bring together 1,000 people from our local community to make extraordinary theatre. TRILOGY's objectives: •Giving as many local people access to creative opportunities as possible •Building sustained relationships with participants - as audiences, artists, or both •Strengthening wellbeing and intergenerational relationships in our borough TRILOGY will build on our impact during the pandemic.	St Mary's and St James'	£2,500	Yes - non-LBI confirmed	1855	Yes - flag eligibility conditions
			TOTAL	£24,244			

Appendix D

Grant Offer Letter between

London Borough of Islington

and

[Name Organisation]

Grant Offer for Community Festivals in relation to:
April 2023 to March 2026

Date: [Insert date]

Dear [Name]

I am writing to offer [name of organisation] a grant of up to £x,xxx (e.g. Two thousand five hundred pounds) towards the delivery of [Name of Festival] for the year April 2023 - March 2024.

The Council will determine at its sole discretion the amounts (if any) which will be paid for the subsequent years of the agreement April 2024 to March 2025 and April 2025 to March 2026.

Please note that the amounts are indicative. The Council can only guarantee the second and third instalments of the grant as long as sufficient funds from the Council's Corporate Budget are available. In the event that the Community Festivals Fund is no longer affordable, the Council is able to withdraw funding in years 2 and 3 respectively. It is possible that the indicative amounts to successful organizations may therefore be reduced for future instalments.

The Community Festivals Grants Programme is subject to the Council's standard terms and conditions for small grants and the additional conditions set out in this letter.

Islington Community Festivals – Terms and Conditions

The Community Festivals Fund aims to support organisations based in Islington to deliver high quality, innovative, community focused festivals that benefit our residents, promote community cohesion, access, cultural benefit, and partnership working. Festival events will need to deliver a programme of activities that **satisfies all of** the following criteria:-

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Events will need to deliver high quality and community focused activities that:

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- promote community cohesion and a sense of place.

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These values will be visible in event programming by:

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Islington Council is committed to providing value for money in all its services. Event costs should be realistic and clearly itemised with income matching expenditure. If you have organised festivals in previous years you should provide evidence of their success (e.g. press cuttings, photographs and any evaluation reports).

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The festival organiser(s) will need to demonstrate that the event will be well managed; that appropriate consideration has been given to the impact and safety of their festival **including its environmental impact with reference to Islington Council's Vision 30 strategy working towards a net zero carbon Islington by 2030;** and that organisers have the knowledge, skills and capacity to deliver the event independently and effectively – **this includes demonstrating appropriate contingency planning.**

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Match Funding

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Partnership Working

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provided free of charge to the Council. An update on plans to liaise with Council departments must be provided to the Cultural Enrichment Team prior to the festival each year.

Agreed activity

The Community Festivals Small Grants Terms and Conditions of Funding are intended to:

- ensure that funding is spent for the purposes for which it is given;
- make certain that the Council is informed promptly of any significant changes in projects being supported; and
- ensure that the Council receives a proper account of the outcome of the project.

We expect you to complete the activity as set out in the Community Festivals Small Grants programme application form (attached). We recognize that, occasionally, timelines or specific activity may change and we require you to agree any changes to your programme's activity or milestones with the Council. If for any reason any substantial changes are needed to the use of funding, prior written permission for the change must be obtained from the Council.

Payment Conditions

We will pay the grant to successful applicants annually.

The payment conditions are set out in the "Payment Schedule" below.

- a) The first payment of the Grant for the period April 2023 to March 2024 will be paid in advance, and subject to receipt of the signed Grant Offer Letter.
You will also need to send evidence of the following:
 - Venue permission
 - Proof of Public Liability Insurance
 - Relevant entertainment licenses
 - Template audience/participant survey
 - Update on plans to liaise with the Council for stalls and marketing relevant to the Council.
- b) The second payment (period April 2024 to March 2025) and the third payment* (period April 2025 to March 2026) of the Grant are conditional on the Council receiving and approving any additional monitoring information we have asked for and proof of match investment annually.

- c) *The third payment will be released in two instalments of 75% and 25% of the total annual amount due subject to the conditions listed in the payment schedule below.
- d) Please note the dates listed in the payment schedule are the dates by which we expect you to submit your invoice and the information to meet the relevant conditions. The dates do not indicate when we will send a payment. It will normally take up to 30 working days to process and release funds.
- e)

Payment Schedule

Instalment	Amount	Payment Conditions	Payment details
First	£x,xxx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt of signed Terms and Conditions/Grant Offer letter. • Receipt of correctly completed invoice. • You will also need to send proof of the following – no later than six weeks prior to the event: <p>Venue permission</p> <p>Proof of Public Liability Insurance</p> <p>Relevant entertainment licenses</p> <p>Template audience/participant survey</p> <p>Update on plans to liaise with the Council for stalls and publicity.</p>	<p>Within 30 days of receipt of invoice and all conditions met</p> <p>Due: Between April 2023 and March 2024</p>
Second	£x,xxx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt of correctly completed invoice. • Receipt of April 2023 – March 2024 activity evaluation report including full budget details, environmental impact review, community engagement content and results of audience surveys (postcode, age, demographic details etc) – no later than six weeks after the 2023/24 event. • Receipt of confirmation satisfactory to the Council of match funding. • You will also need to send proof of the following – no later than six weeks prior to the 2024/25 event: <p>Venue permission</p> <p>Proof of Public Liability Insurance</p> <p>Relevant entertainment licenses</p>	<p>Within 30 days of receipt of invoice and all conditions met.</p> <p>Due: Between April 2024 and March 2025</p>

Instalment	Amount	Payment Conditions	Payment details
		<p>Event Plan Update (e.g. new partners list, community engagement plans)</p> <p>Template audience/participant survey</p> <p>Update on plans to liaise with the Council for stalls and other publicity.</p>	
Third	a) 75% of £x,xxx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt of correctly completed invoice for 75% of £x,xxx. • Receipt of April 2024 – March 2025 activity evaluation report including full budget details, environmental impact review, community engagement content and results of audience surveys (postcode, age, demographic details etc). • Receipt of confirmation satisfactory to the Council of match funding. • You will also need to send proof of the following – no later than six weeks prior to the event: <p>Venue permission</p> <p>Proof of Public Liability Insurance</p> <p>Relevant entertainment licenses</p> <p>Event Plan Update (e.g. new partners list, community engagement plans)</p> <p>Template audience/participant survey</p> <p>Update on plans to liaise with the Council for stalls and other publicity.</p>	<p>Within 30 days of receipt of invoice and all conditions met</p> <p>Due: Between April 2025 and March 2026</p>

Instalment	Amount	Payment Conditions	Payment details
	b) 25% of £x,xxx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt of correctly completed invoice for 25% of £x,xxx. • Receipt of April 2025 – March 2026 activity evaluation report including full budget details, environmental impact review, community engagement content and results of audience surveys (postcode, age, demographic details etc). – no later than six weeks after the 2023/24 event. • Final Debrief with Council to review funding cycle experience. 	<p>Within 30 days of receipt of invoice and all conditions met</p> <p>Due: Between April 2025 and March 2026</p>

Record keeping and accounts

- Full financial records must be kept and evidence of expenditure must be provided if requested by the Council (e.g. copies of receipts, invoices etc).
- Accounts must be independently audited/inspected as required by legislation at the end of the financial year.
- Records and information must be made available for inspection by the Council at any reasonable time.

Activity Reporting

Organisations must complete a report back form annually to provide information on how the grant has been spent.

The form (see Appendix / Schedule x) must be submitted to the Council no later than six weeks after the core festival event or by 31 March each year, whichever is earlier.

Through this monitoring, organisations will be required to demonstrate how they are delivering against the activities proposed in their application. Full financial reporting, a review of environmental impact considerations, details of community engagement content and results of audience surveys (postcode, age, demographic details etc) are expected.

A final debriefing session with the Council for organisations to review their experience of the funding cycle will take place after the third year's festival.

Publicity

The Council will publish details of grant awards and may include information about funded activity in council publications. Islington Council's support of the event through the Community

Festivals Fund should be acknowledged in any publicity or information relating to the activity for which the funding has been awarded.

Equalities

All organisations must comply with equalities legislation and must promote equalities and good community relations in all areas of its work and the activities for which the grant has been awarded.

Safeguarding

Applicants must comply with relevant legislation regarding the activities being delivered:

- Where projects will involve event team members working alone with children, young people or vulnerable adults, the relevant lead event staff must have up to date Enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks.
- Staff and volunteers should be aware of who to contact if they are concerned a vulnerable adult is being abused or if they have concerns about a child or young person's welfare.
- Organisations/projects providing services or activities specifically for children/young people under 18 years or vulnerable adults must have in place appropriate safeguarding policies and procedures. These should be in line with Islington, London and national safeguarding policy and have been reviewed by the event organiser's management committee within the last two years.
- Organisations working with children and vulnerable adults will be subject to onsite quality and safety audits; these would normally be scheduled, but may be unannounced if the council believes it has reasonable grounds for doing so.

Data Protection

Applicants must comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Accepting our Offer

To accept our offer, please arrange for an authorised person to sign two copies of this grant offer letter, keep one copy and return an electronic copy to Chrys.Chijitomi@islington.gov.uk

If you have any queries relating this Grant Offer please email culture@islington.gov.uk

Signatures

I accept the offer of the grant. I have read and understand the terms and conditions set out in this document and agree to adhere to them.

The grant agreement between the Council and the Grant recipient comprises the schedules attached to this Grant Offer and the Terms and Conditions. Please note that the Council reserves the right to claim back any of the grant awarded through the Community Festivals Fund where the organisation ceases to operate; the need for the funding no longer exists; the funding has not been used for the purpose it was given; the terms and conditions of funding are broken; or it is discovered that the supporting documents submitted by the organisation gave false or misleading information.

Signed on behalf of

Event Title: _____

Name of Organisation: _____

Signed by: _____

(Signature or authorised representative)

Print name: _____

Position in organisation: _____

Date: _____

Homes and Communities
222 Upper Street, London N1 1XR

Report of: Executive Member for Homes and Communities

Meeting of:	Date	Agenda item	Ward(s)
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	11 July 2023		All

SUBJECT: Voluntary and Community Sector Partnership Grants Programme 2024-2028

1. SYNOPSIS

The council’s four-year VCS Partnership Grants programme is due to end on 31st March 2024.

The current grant budget totals £2,696,000 per annum.

Since the launch of the council’s VCS Partnership Grants Programme 2021 - 24, the council has developed a new Corporate Plan - Islington Together 2030, which sets out the vision for a more equal Islington, agreed a series of Missions to help achieve this vision and has undertaken significant work to enable us to tackle inequality and lead the way in early intervention and prevention.

The council’s VCS Partnership Grants Programme is a key component of the council’s efforts to support the development of resilient communities. The Voluntary Community and Faith Sector (VCFS) play a key role in supporting our communities through these difficult times and are themselves facing significant challenges. The Council has committed to maintaining the VCS grants programme. This paper sets out details of the current programme and recommends that authorisation is given to initiate the programme within a framework set out below. It also recommends the overall budget for the programme to be included in the Council’s budget setting.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

To approve the development of the Council’s VCS Partnership Grants Programme, enabling consultation and co-production of the programme with key stakeholders, including elected members, council departments, CCG (Islington Integrated Care Group) and VCS partners

To recommend to the Executive the maintenance of the existing council budget of £2,696,000 from General and Housing Revenue Account funding streams for 2024/25.

To agree the outline timetable for the development and delivery of the 2024 – 28 grants programme as outlined in appendix 1.

To approve negotiations with Islington CCG to seek commitment to continue joint funding for Advice provision in the borough at existing levels (£119K per annum) throughout the duration of the 2024-2028 programme.

3. BACKGROUND

Our recently published Islington Together 2030 plan sets out a bold vision for working together with our communities to create a more equal future for our borough by 2030 and the [five key missions we have set ourselves](#) to achieve this.

In summary, we want Islington to be a place where people know their children will get the very best start in life, where people can access help and support when they need it and where wealth is created and enjoyed locally. A place where people can live sustainable, happy and healthy lives.

The council's corporate plan provides the over-arching framework for our work and the partnerships that the council forms with the voluntary and community sector, through our Fairer Together objectives.

The council has set out ambitions to adopt an early intervention and prevention approach to improve community resilience. Through this work a 'prevention' pyramid was established, segmenting services into four levels; 'specialist', 'targeted', 'universal' and 'place-shaping'. Achieving our aspiration of being the best council in the country at delivering preventative work will require a reorientation towards community resilience and a rebalance of our current spend towards early intervention and prevention work at 'universal' and 'place shaping levels'.

Islington's VCS are key partners in delivering an interconnected system of preventative services in community settings across the borough. The VCS play a key role in supporting our communities and have provided invaluable support through the pandemic and now with the cost of living crisis. Like the council, the sector itself is facing significant challenges. The council recognises the value of the sector and the challenges faced by the sector and has committed to maintaining the grants programme over the next four years. Unlike other boroughs, we believe cutting VCS grants isn't the answer. Instead we need to think about how else we can work together to harness the power of the whole system.

The council's Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy 2016-2020 ended in 2020 and work is underway to develop a new Communities Strategy that will seek to establish a co-produced strategic framework for the council and VCS – framing the whole council's work with the VCS. This strategy will seek to empower communities to enable resilience through our partnership with the borough's VCS.

The Compact which is currently being redeveloped and will come into effect in Autumn 2023 is the framework in which the Council and the VCS sector form alliances to enhance the relationship and equity in which we work. This provides a tool where the VCS are seen as partners in delivering our ambitions of a 'more equal Islington'.

4. VCS PARTNERSHIPS GRANT FUNDING 2021 – 24

£2.7 million of the council’s current annual £44 million spend with the borough’s VCS is allocated through the council’s VCS Partnership Grants Programme 2021-2024, a programme that provides core funding to our strategic VCS partners.

Islington’s VCS Partnership Grants Programme serves as an enabler, ensuring that the borough has a strong, independent VCS that is able to respond to the needs of our local communities and to attract resource into the borough. The current grants programme will end on 31st March 2024 and work was carried out in the last programme to reframe the programme in relation to the Corporate Plan 2018-2022 and the council’s ambitions for early intervention and prevention, and our focus on a fairer Islington.

The exact structure of the council’s VCS Grants Programme 2021-24 was co-designed and co-delivered, with involvement of a range of Executive Members, directorates and external partners, including the CCG (Integrated Care Boards). Based on current arrangements and the opportunities identified through a mapping of grants and contracts that Islington CCG (Integrated Care Boards) and the council held with the borough’s VCS, the current programme is structured around the following strands:

- Community Hubs
- Delivery Partners
- VCS Capacity Building
- Equalities and Cohesion Networks
- Volunteering
- Independent Advice

Funding to organisations across the 6 strands are detailed below, details of the various strands and the indicative levels of funding which were made available up to a total fund of £2,696,000:

2021-2024 Strand	Indicative Total Funding	Indicative Funding Awards
Independent Advice and Navigation	Up to £1.45 million	Up to £500K
Community Hubs	Up to £600K	Up to £60K
VCS Capacity Building	Up to £80K	Up to £60K
Volunteering	Up to £35K	Up to £35K
Delivery Partners	Up to £400K	Up to £25K
Equalities and Cohesion Networks	Up to £150K	Up to £30K

The 2021-24 VCS Partnership Grants Programme provides funding to 50 VCS organisations, designed to meet our early intervention and prevention ambitions. (Details of awards in appendix 2).

All partners are subject to a rigorous assessment process and ongoing monitoring as 'strategic partners'. Organisations are continuously assessed, monitored and supported through a Funder+ model in terms of; service delivery and outcomes for residents, governance, organisational management, financial management, fundraising capacity, communications, safeguarding, and data protection.

5. VCS PARTNERSHIPS GRANTS FUNDING 2024 -28

The Council's VCS Partnership Grants Programme is a corporate undertaking, requiring collaboration across the organisation to ensure that that the programme responds to corporate priorities and the aims and objectives of different departments.

The VCS Partnership Grants Programme 2024, therefore requires a 'whole-council' approach in terms of development, design, administration and monitoring.

The Council is committed to providing funding support to VCS organisations to a total of £2,696,000 per year over the period Financial Year 2024-2028.

The current programme has been successful in moving towards a vision of a 'more equal Islington' and therefore, it is recommended that the programme for the coming period 2024–28, mirrors the current programme in place.

The recommendations are that the six strands and the indicative budgets remain the same, as they are detailed above, with a little more emphasis on collaborative working to ensure smaller grass root organisations are enabled and empowered to be part of the process, and we are able to use their expertise to support our harder to engage/reach communities.

The recommendation is that the application process which was previously just at one stage, be moved to a two stage process, for this to be in the form of a pre-qualifying questionnaire, to ensure the eligibility of applicants and make the process more streamlined and efficient.

The recommendation is for the Grants Programme to be launched in the summer of 2024, with a view for all new contracts to be aligned by 1 April 2024. (Timeline in Appendix 1).

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Council is committed to providing funding support to VCS organisations to a total of £2,696,000 per year over the period Financial Year 2024 - 28. This will be reflected in the Budget Setting report to full Council in February 2024.

Maintaining the Council's existing financial commitment of £2,696,000 per annum to the VCS Partnership Grants Programme requires continued funding of £119,000 from the CCG. The Council are currently drafting a formal agreement to guarantee the funding of £119,000 from the CCG for the next four years. The CCG have indicated support for this, but if the funding from the CCG is not available, the Council will require additional resources to support the programme. **(Appendix 2)**

It is intended that grant commitments will be protected for a four-year period although the award will be issued on a two-by-two-year basis as per the last grants programme.

The Council has been given an indication that its financial settlement for 2024/25 will be in line with the current settlement and the MTFS refresh incorporates a continuation of the scheme as proposed.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The council has power to provide grants to voluntary and community sector organisations under the general power of competence set out in section 1 of the Localism Act 2011.

The Voluntary and Community Sector Committee is a sub-committee of the Executive and has delegated authority, in Part 5 of the Council's Constitution to 'oversee the Council's engagement with the Islington community and voluntary sector and to ensure value for money and fairness in the allocation of council resources to the sector' and to 'be responsible for the allocation off the Islington Community Fund including allocating the VCS Partnership Grants Programme.'

The provision of these grants is likely to be associated with state aid. The council can provide state aid in relation to 'services of general economic interest' (SGEI) as detailed in Article 106(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Schedule 3 paragraph 4 of the Competition Act 1998.

Aid of up to €500,000 (approximately £435,000) may be provided to an organisation for SGEI so long as that organisation has not received de minimis aid from any other source in the last three fiscal years which would result in the total de minimis aid to that organisation exceeding the €500,000 (Commission Regulation No 360/2012, the "de minimis Regulation").

In the event that an organization has received other de minimis aid that takes it over the threshold of £435,000, there is an alternative regime for SGEI exemption for high value compensation that may be used. This was established by Commission Decision (2012/12/EU, the "Decision") that came into force on 31 January 2012. Should this be necessary the detailed rules on calculation of cost and record keeping and reporting set out in the Decision will need to be complied with.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The grant programme in itself has minimal environmental impacts, being limited to those associated with the office use of the staff involved. However, the grants will be used to fund activities that are likely to have a range of environmental impacts. These impacts will be considered during the award process and detailed in the VCS Committee report.

Appendices

- Appendix 1: Timeline fo the VCS Partnerships Grants Programme
- Appendix 2: Voluntary and Community Sector Partnership Grants Programme 2020–2024

Appendix 1

Timeline for VCS Partnership Grants Programme:

Milestone	Key Dates
Codesign draft principles and framework for 2024-2028 grant prospectus in partnership with internal stakeholders	February – May 2023
Develop draft prospectus for 2024 -2028 programme with Executive Member	May – June 2023
Consult with wider stakeholders on draft programme including Cllrs, Senior leadership, VCS Sector	June 2023
Complete final prospectus	June 2023
Take prospectus through decision making process	June – July 2023
Launch grant programme	24 July 2023
Grant programme closing date	1 October 2023
Visits to new organisations	October 2023
Shortlisting	November 2023
Recommendations to VCS committee	November 2023
Final awards agreed	December 2023
Contracts in place	February – March 2024
Programme starts	1 April 2024

Appendix 2:

List of organisations funded through the VCS Partnerships Grant 2021 -24

Independent Advice and Navigation Strand		
Strand	Organisation	Funding per annum
Strand 1 - Navigation	Help on Your Doorstep	£180,000
Strand 2 – Community Advice	Islington BAMER Advice Alliance	£95,000
Strand 2 – Community Advice Strand 3 – Generalist Advice	Arachne Greek Cypriot Women’s Group	£31,000
Strand 3 – Generalist Advice	RCJ Advice and Citizens Advice Islington	£450,000
Strand 4 – Specialist Advice	Islington Law Centre	£450,000
Strand 5 – Targeted Specialist Advice	Islington People’s Rights	£230,000
Total: £1,436,000.00		

Community Hubs Strand	
Organisation	Funding per annum
Caxton House Community Centre	£45,000
Hanley Crouch Community Association	£60,000
Highbury Roundhouse	£45,000
Highbury Vale Blackstock Trust	£50,000
Hilldrop Area Community Association	£50,000
Holloway Neighbourhood Group	£45,000
Hornsey Lane Community Association	£50,000
Mildmay Community Partnership	£50,000
Muslim Welfare House	£40,000
St Luke’s Parochial Trust	£60,000
The ARC Centre	£30,000
The Peel	£50,000
Whittington Park Community Association	£60,000
Total: £635,000.00	

Capacity Building Strand	
Organisation	Funding per annum
Octopus Community Network	£40,000
Voluntary Action Islington	£40,000
Total: £80,000.00	

Volunteering Strand	
Organisations	Funding per annum
Voluntary Action Islington	£35,000
Total: £35,000.00	

Delivery Strand	
Organisation	Funding per annum
ALAG on behalf of the Autism Hub Islington	£17,500
All Change	£20,000
Community Language Support Services	£24,000
Company Three	£15,000
Culpeper Community Gardens	£9,500
Eritrean Community in UK	£22,000
Finsbury Park Mosque	£15,000
Global Generation	£15,000
Healthy Generations	£15,000
Holloway Neighbourhood Group	£20,000
IMECE Women's Centre	£22,000
Islington Bangladesh Association	£22,000
Islington Centre for Refugees and Migrants	£20,000
Islington Somali Community	£22,000
Kurdish and Middle Eastern Women Organisation	£20,000

Light Project Pro International	£24,000
Little Angel Theatre	£15,000
Maa Shanti	£15,000
One True Voice	£10,000
St Mark's Church	£15,000
Stuart Low Trust	£20,000
The Margins Project	£14,500
The Parent House	£17,500
Total: £410,000.00	

Equalities and Cohesion Networks Strand	
Organisation	Funding per annum
Forum +	£30,000
Islington Faith Forum	£30,000
Islington Pensioners Forum	£10,000
Islington Refugee and Migrant Forum	£30,000
London Irish Centre	£20,000
Funds ring-fenced pending for a Black Leaders Alliance	£30,000
Disability Action Islington	£30,000
Total: £180,000.00	

Total Funding Allocations identified by Strand

Strand	Total Amount Requested	Total Amount Recommended
Capacity Building	£115,000	£40,000
Community Hubs	£965,696	£635,000
Delivery	£1,241,558	£410,000
Equalities and Cohesion Networks	£210,000	£120,000
Independent Advice & Navigation - Strand 1 - Navigation	£200,000	£180,000
Independent Advice & Navigation - Strand 2 - Community Advice	£116,262	£110,000
Independent Advice & Navigation - Strand 3 - Generalist Advice	£518,415	£466,000

Independent Advice & Navigation - Strand 4 - Specialist Advice	£460,000	£450,000
Independent Advice & Navigation Strand 5 - Targeted Specialist Advice	£250,000	£230,000
Volunteering	£45,000	£0
Total	£4,121,931	£2,641,000

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