



Report of: **Executive Member for Community Development**

Meeting of:	Date	Agenda item	Ward(s)
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	8 April 2019		All
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## **SUBJECT: Community Festivals Fund 2019**

### **1. Synopsis**

- 1.1 The Community Festivals Fund (CFF) 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.
- 1.2 The annual CFF budget in 2019/20 is £10,000. Under the CFF eligibility and selection criteria (adopted in January 2015) Islington based organisations can apply for a minimum grant of £1,000 and up to a maximum of £2,500 to deliver community festivals and events that provide borough-wide benefit and will deliver against the council's equalities, place-shaping and community development agenda.

### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 To award grants of £2,500 from the £10,000 Community Festival Fund to each of the four applicants for the following community festivals:
  - All Change (on behalf of World2019 Festival) - **Word2019** - 17-30 June 2019 & 7-12 October 2019
  - Canal & River Trust (on behalf of Angel Canal Festival) - **Angel Canal Festival** - Sunday 1 Sep 2019
  - City YMCA (on behalf of Whitecross Street Party) - **Whitecross Street Party** – 13-14 July 2019
  - Islington Play Association (on behalf of Cally Fest) - **The Cally Festival** - Sunday 23 June 2019

### 3. Background

3.1 The Community Festivals Fund budget for 2019/20 is £10,000.

3.2 The 2019/2020 Community Festivals Fund scheme and was promoted through LBI Communications on the council external website, Children Services Bulletin, as well as through Voluntary Action Islington news group, directly to Housing Estates and Community Centres, to the wider sector via LBI departments (Youth Services, Housing, VCS Team, BME Forum, School Improvement Service, Libraries), and direct mailings to previous applicants and arts sector organisations.

Application forms and criteria/guidance notes could be downloaded from the Islington Council website or were sent to applicants on request. The deadline for applications was Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 12 noon.

3.3 The scheme received a total of 19 applications this year which is a decrease on the previous year (14 applications were received in 2017; 26 applications were received in 2018). The total amount requested by organisations in this funding round was £42,120. Details of all applications received are attached at **Appendix A**.

3.4 All applications were assessed by officers against the published eligibility and selection criteria. Full details of the 2019/20 criteria are listed at **Appendix B**.

3.5 Festivals have been recommended for support based on the evidence applicants provided:

**Cultural Benefit:** In line with the Council's Arts Strategy 2017–20, "Inspiring Islington"; events will need to deliver high quality, innovative, 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.

**Equality:** 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.

**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 should provide evidence of their success (e.g. press cuttings, photographs and any evaluation reports).

**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; and that organisers have the knowledge, skills and capacity to deliver the event independently and effectively

**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 demonstrate a

commitment to using environmentally friendly policies and practices.

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 organizers:

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

Applicants will need to detail which of these groups will participate in the event and how they will encourage them to be involved. All festivals must be open and accessible to the general public and provide benefit across Islington, not just to the organisation's own members.

**Match Funding:** Applicants are advised 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.

**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.

3.6 Officers have recommended supporting four applicants to produce the following festivals:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Name of Festival</b>	<b>Dates of Festival</b>	<b>Ward (event)</b>	<b>Award recommended 2019</b>
All Change on behalf of Word2019Festival	<b>Word2019</b>	17-30 June 2019 & 7-12 October 2019	Borough-wide	<b>£2,500</b>
Canal & River Trust on behalf of Angel Canal Festival	<b>Angel Canal Festival</b>	Sunday 1 September 2019	St Peter's	<b>£2,500</b>
City YMCA on behalf of Whitecross Street Party	<b>Whitecross Street Party</b>	13-14 July 2019	Bunhill	<b>£2,500</b>
Islington Play Association on behalf of Cally Fest	<b>The Cally Festival</b>	Sunday 23 June 2019	Caledonian	<b>£2,500</b>

3.7 Out of the remaining fifteen applications, five applications were potentially ineligible for the fund due to their narrow targeted audience; not offering sufficient additional external funding; or were fundraising events.

3.8 Applicants who applied for funding support for smaller community events that will primarily provide benefit to local neighbourhoods or specific ward areas will be encouraged to apply to the Local Initiatives Fund and Islington Community Chest. The Council's Arts Service will provide advice and guidance to applicants where requested to support them to find alternative funding sources.

- 3.9 As in previous years, an officer will visit each festival to monitor the success of the event. Organisations awarded funding will be required to complete a short self-evaluation form and to submit supporting evidence for all expenditure.

## **4. Implications**

### **4.1 Financial implications**

- 4.1.1 Funding available to support festivals outlined in this report is £10,000 for 2019/20. The revised eligibility and selection criteria first introduced in 2015/16 have resulted in the provision of larger grants to a smaller number of key strategic festivals in Islington which has reduced the amount of grant administration time for both applicants and Council officers, reduced multiple applications to CFF and Local Initiatives Fund for single events, supported groups to apply for external funding (through a higher level of Council match funding support) and ensured that grant funding contributes to the Council's wider equalities, community cohesion and place-shaping objectives.

### **4.2 Legal Implications**

- 4.2.1 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.

### **4.3 Environmental Implications**

- 4.3.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this proposal.

### **4.4 Residents Impact Assessment**

- 4.4.1 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.
- 4.4.2 The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding and when considering proposals, the VCS Committee will take relevant equalities implications into account. The Community Festivals 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.
- 4.4.3 The addition of new Equality funding criteria in 2015/16 has helped to strengthen the selection of organisations who will deliver festivals that meet the needs of local residents and communities across the wider borough.

## 5 Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 5.1 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 – 2019/20 Community Festival Fund - All Applications Received  
Appendix B - Festival Grants 2019/20 – Funding Criteria and Guidance

**Background papers:** None

**Final report clearance:**



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## Appendix A 2019/2020 Community Festival Fund - All Applications Received

Organisation	Name of Festival	Ward (event)	Expected Audience	Description	Applied for	Amount Recommended
All Change (on behalf of World2019 Festival)	<b>Word2019</b>	Borough-wide	30,000+ live and online	Now in its 8th year, the Word festival is a partnership initiative between All Change and Islington Council's Library Services and other arts and community organisations. It will see a programme of over 30 events for all members of the community, with a particular focus on older adults with dementia; young people with mental health difficulties; children; and their families.	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£2,500</b>
Canal & River Trust	<b>Angel Canal Festival 2019</b>	St Peter's	Between 8,000-11,000	The Angel Canal Festival is a one-day, free, community festival which started 33 years ago not only to celebrate the successful campaign to save the City Road Basin, but to promote the canal as an historic, local, community, environmental and leisure asset, close to the heart of the city.	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£2,500</b>
City YMCA	<b>Whitecross Street Party</b>	Bunhill	6,000	Whitecross Street Party has been running in Islington since 2010 and provides community arts outreach programme during which the commissioned artists engage with residents, businesses and schools to create content. Lasting a whole weekend, the Saturday will take the form of a community set up day to create rooms along the street. The Sunday will become the street party itself.	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£2,500</b>
Islington Play Association (On behalf of Cally Fest 2018)	<b>The Cally Festival</b>	Caledonian	8,000	The 2018 Cally Festival is now into its 9th year as an annual large-scale community event in "The Cally" – a distinctive place with a strong sense of community. It will feature 3 music stages, performance areas, children's activities, sports areas, arts and crafts and a street market.	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£2,500</b>
African Single Mothers Association	<b>Multi colours Fashion Show</b>	Mildmay	300	Fifteen single women interested in fashion will have the opportunity to make and design their own t-shirts, clothes or costumes following this by a cultural fashion show showcasing on the Festival in Newington Green. Women with fashion skills will have the opportunity of passing the skills on to the younger women who will take part. This will be a fun free event, with food, drink and music.	<b>£2,450</b>	<b>£0</b>
Amnesty International - Islington and Hackney Local Branch	<b>AI Summer Fair 2019</b>	St Mary's	1,000	Annual summer festival to celebrate the life of refugees. The programme will include music by refugees musicians and international ethnic bands, speeches by human rights and torture survivors, cake stalls, food and entertainment, such as book stalls, raffle, face painting etc. Organized on Islington Green, the festival is open to all residents.	<b>£2,000</b>	<b>£0</b>

Almeida Theatre	<b>Almeida for Free</b>	St Mary's	800-1,000 young people aged 25 and under	Four-day festival when Almeida will make their main stage show exclusively available to those aged 25 and under for free, offering hundreds of free tickets to young people in the local community and beyond. In addition, they will host a diverse programme of activity to unlock the themes and issues of Chekhov's Three Sisters, encourage participation, and inspire audiences.	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£0</b>
Archway Town Centre Group	<b>Archway Audio Adventure</b>	Junction	2,000	A showcase of Islington's emerging artists; including training and live experience for the young people of Islington. With 100 acts over 10 venues, volunteers are tasked with working as a team, to ensure each venue runs smoothly. Venues are themed; Rock, Indie, Jazz, Funk, etc.	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£0</b>
ArchWay With Words	<b>ArchWay With Words Finale Event</b>	Junction	1,000	This 9 day long large-scale festival provides low cost or free presentations, performances and entertainments, and creative, educational and social opportunities which enrich the lives of individuals, reward practitioners and create opportunities for social cohesion.	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£0</b>
Breakin' Convention	<b>Breakin' Convention Hip Hop Festival London</b>	Clerkenwell	300	Breakin' Convention seek funds from the Islington Community Fund to support community engagement within the foyer of Sadler's Wells and extended community area, with activities such as: Resident DJs Tha En4cers and open circles Beatbox Performances 1st Circle: "Find your feet and learn the freshest moves with our instructors" 2"d Circle: Graff Zone "Learn to tag with Mr Dane"	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£0</b>
Clerkenwell Festival	<b>Clerkenwell Festival</b>	Clerkenwell	500	Local festival run by people from the community and local charities, and which compromises two music stages, dog show, kids area, stalls, sporting activities and other activities.	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£0</b>
Company Three	<b>Free Play</b>	Holloway	200 live and 1000 online	Free Play will showcase a series of solo and small-scale performances. Working with 40 young people aged 11-19, all of whom are Islington residents and Company Three members, who will each create solo and small-scale pieces in a "takeover" of the Pleasance Theatre building. It will be free for them to take part. Over two days we will open up the Pleasance building for the local community to come and engage with the work which will take place in every nook and cranny of the building.	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£0</b>
Friends of Paradise Park	<b>Paradise Park Fun Day</b>	Holloway	2000 to 2500	An event designed to draw all sections of the community to the park, especially families with children. With music, food, stalls, games and free entertainment for children and their families.	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£0</b>

International Youth Centre	<b>The Green African Drumming Festival</b>	Mildmay	150	The Festival include the combination of outdoor music, sound, percussion, rhythm, song, and dance in an open green space. It will give the opportunity to a number of young people and adults to learn African drumming in a fun and friendly environment.	<b>£1,740</b>	<b>£0</b>
Islington Chinese Association	<b>Community Lion Dance Festival</b>	Tollington	Not specified	Celebration of the different aspects of Chinese culture through a month festival in the summer introducing the history and tradition of the Chinese Lion Dance	<b>£1,610</b>	<b>£0</b>
Little Angel Theatre	<b>Little Angel Theatre Summer Party</b>	St Mary's	1500	Now in its 11th year, the summer party is a special one-day event for all family members to celebrate the ongoing work of Little Angel Theatre. The event is preceded by several taster puppet making activities and workshops with at least four of the most disadvantages groups in the Islington community.	<b>£1,820</b>	<b>£0</b>
Peel (The)	<b>Exmouth Market Street Party</b>	Clerkenwell	500	Street party themed in the 'local crafts and creativity'. It wants to develop pride in the neighbourhood by celebrating and reviving the history of craftsmanship in the area. Stalls expected are hands on creative workshops including printmaking, painting, soap making, and flower pressing. Further entertainment includes a brass band and a bouncy castle to attract families	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£0</b>
Poet in the City	<b>Poetry and Lyrics</b>	Caledonian	1200 (whole festival) Live event: 100 & Roundtable event: 30	2-day music and literature festival Poetry & Lyrics in collaboration with Kings Place to provide a public platform to champion the deep-rooted rapport between lyrics and verse. Funding will support 16-25 aged young producers to work in collaboration with the local community to produce two free event: (1) Community engagement roundtable discussion (2) Live event.	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£0</b>
Sapphire Foundation (The)	<b>Identity</b>	Not yet specified	100 to 150 Young people aged 13 to 30	Festivals to celebrate all the work achieved by fashion students and give these voices a chance to express themselves through the beauty of fashion. The day would consist of music, poetry, speakers, dance and a fashion show. There would be food and drink.	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£0</b>

**Total Request Community Festivals 2018/19**

**£42,120    £10,000**

# Community Festivals Fund 2019 Funding Criteria and Guidance Notes

Community Festivals Fund grants will be awarded in amounts from £1,000 to a maximum of £2,500.

The deadline for applications is **noon Wednesday 20 March 2019**. Applications will be assessed competitively and recommendations made to Islington's Voluntary and Community Sector Committee:

Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the following eligibility and selection criteria.

## A. Eligibility Criteria

- Funding is restricted to voluntary, community and faith organisations based in Islington.
- Organisations can only apply for funding for one festival in the annual 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.
- The following are not eligible for funding: events of a political nature; events promoting a religious doctrine; fundraising events, including fundraising for charities; events viewed as offensive or defamatory; profit-making organisations; individuals.
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- Festival applications must demonstrate how they will provide borough-wide benefit for Islington residents.
- 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](mailto:LocalInitiativesFund@islington.gov.uk) to discuss eligibility to apply for [Local Initiatives Funding](#).

## B. Selection Criteria

Applicants will need to show that the proposed event meets all of the following funding criteria:

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## 7. Partnership Working

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## C. 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](mailto: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.
- **Islington logo:** Organisations must include an acknowledgement of the support from the London Borough of Islington by displaying the Islington logo on all festival publicity. This will be sent to you separately, together with guidance on its use, should your application be successful.

## D. How to submit your application

Please email your completed application form to [angeles.gordo@islington.gov.uk](mailto:angeles.gordo@islington.gov.uk) by **noon Wednesday 20 March 2019**.

Applications can also be posted to:  
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