

NEW COST OF LIVING CRISIS PROPOSALS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HOMES AND COMMUNITIES BETWEEN 9 NOVEMBER AND 13 DECEMBER 2022 (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

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Arsenal / Caledonian / Finsbury Park / Highbury / Junction / Laycock / Mildmay / St Peter's & Canalside / Tufnell Park	Streets Kitchen	Provision of a full festive Christmas dinner with entertainment and activities such as bingo, karaoke, board games, carol singing and special guest appearances. This event is targeted specifically at people experiencing homelessness so invites will be targeted through day centres, via homeless outreach and will be extended through partner organisations such as Help On Your Doorstep and Age UK. Funding to pay for food and beverages, transport, bingo/karaoke equipment hire and prizes, printing and take away containers and cutlery.	Islington Assembly Hall, Upper Street	Sunday 25 December 2022, event from 12pm to 5pm	Targeted specifically at people experiencing homelessness	100	2,790	2,790	Not applicable	
Arsenal	Highbury Vale Blackstock Trust	Warm place at Elizabeth House (EH) with inclusive activities and support for community members. As well as a warm place where people can receive direct support from their community team, they will offer a range of inclusive activities to improve physical and mental wellbeing for all participants. These will include chair yoga (proven to enhance physical mobility and reduce anxiety), a weekly hot lunch and refreshments, talks and health information, arts & craft, advice and referrals, tech support and a vital warm space. Funding to pay for the costs of an activity facilitator and community chef for 16 weeks, supplies, resources, refreshments, food and contributions towards room usage and utilities, management and admin costs.	Elizabeth House, 2 Hurlock Street	Monday (11am to 3pm) and Wednesday (10.30am to 3pm) over 16 weeks (30 November 2022 to 29 March 2023), term time only	Those aged 65+, the most vulnerable and those living in Arsenal ward, other residents attending activities at EH	Up to 30 per session (100 people overall)	2,986	10,700	Information not requested	
Holloway	The Pleasance Theatre Trust	Provision of a Warm Space for the local community to sit or work remotely mid week if they cannot afford to turn their own heating on. They will look to open the foyer space in the theatre as a Warm Space from early January. The end date of the project is unknown at this stage, but they will treat the first few weeks of the project as a trial so that they can adapt the offer and be responsive to the needs of the community. They will provide hot drinks such as tea and coffee free of charge, as well as water and free wifi. Those using the space will also be welcome to read books from their small theatre library in the foyer and use their supply of toys and games. Toilets will also be available with free female hygiene products for those who may need them. Funding to pay for extra staffing to supervise for three weeks, feminine hygiene products, a local marketing campaign (leaflet printing and distribution) and refreshments (teas and coffees).	Foyer space of the Pleasance Theatre	11 am - 5pm, Tuesday to Thursday (which may be updated in line with needs of the community), starting in January (first few weeks are a trial)	Local residents	10 to 30 per session	1,000	1,000	Local marketing campaign (designer time), management time and contribution to heating and lighting - all gifted in kind	

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Laycock	Light Project Pro International (LPPI)	The food bank provides parcels to those in the neighbourhood who can't afford to buy food. The boxes feature healthy essentials, with fresh produce, wholefood ingredients and store cupboard ingredients. Bulk orders of essentials are combined with food donations from local partners. With the cost of living increasing food prices, they expect to see more people struggling to feed their families or provide a decent level of nutrition. In addition, the Ringcross food bank has recently been shut and they have taken on some deliveries and members from there but have not been able to take everyone due to limited supplies and diminishing supply chains/donations. Funding to pay for food items, non-food items (toiletries, nappies, sanitary products, cleaning products) and travel costs (for the collection and delivery of food/items).	Food bank at The Exchange, Watkinson Road, N7 (Ringcross Estate)	Dec 2022 to March 2023 but buying food items that last longer, open Wednesdays 12 to 2pm for walk-ins, delivery of food parcels on Wednesdays too	Local residents	70 to 150 (96 households registered currently)	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	
St Peter's & Canalside	St Clement's Church	Warm Winter Wednesdays, a warm space with hot snacks (initially) throughout the day so that people can spend the whole day in a warm space thereby saving themselves both heating and eating costs. There will be opportunities to socialise, to talk privately with someone or watch documentaries or a film (on their projector and screen). When needed, they will signpost people onto other warm places that are open on different days, e.g. libraries, other churches, community centres, CAB, etc. They have already spent several hundred pounds on printing leaflets and fliers and having them delivered to most of the homes in the parish and they aim to do another flier drop in the next week or two. Funding to contribute towards heating, food and drinks, publicity distribution and printing / copying.	St Clement's Church, King Square	Up to 6 months (5 October 2022 to 29 March 2023), every Wednesday from 9am to 5pm	Local residents	20-30 people per week	1000	2,430	Information not requested	
Tufnell Park	St George's Church	Wellbeing Lunch and Food Hub. The existing Wellbeing Café will be extended, so that there is a warm space for people to come to and relax on Wednesdays. There will be tea/coffee/pastries and activities, such as crafts. They will add in a hot lunch and food for people to take away. Food will partly be provided by waste food being collected from the local supermarket. This is already happening on an ad hoc basis, but they would be able to pay someone a sessional fee to investigate local food waste, collect food, store it safely in a community freezer space and cook it for the lunch. Waste food which cannot be made into a hot lunch will be put out the front of church for anyone to help themselves to, as a new food hub for the local area. Funding to pay for a sessional staff worker, a community freezer, heating and building costs, food (in addition to the waste food) and advertising.	St George's Church, Crayford Road	Wednesdays 10.30-1.30pm for twelve weeks, 9 January – 31 March as a trial period, but a view to continue if successful	Local residents struggling with heating and food bills	15+ per session	2,550	3,000	Information not requested	

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Arsenal	Highbury Vale Blackstock Trust	Warm place at Elizabeth House (EH) with inclusive activities and support for community members. This funding will go towards the expansion of their community services to support more residents through the cost of living crisis. With funding from the Islington Food Partnership, they plan to start another weekly community meal and will continue to run community activities, the Food Hub and a warm place offer throughout the winter and into early spring. Their mixed offer enables residents to meet others, access food, participate in wellbeing activities while being in a warm space. Their 'Warm Place' programme is simple: to have regular activities for everyone, in a multi-purpose space where there is no stigma and facilitate access to practical support (food parcels, signposting) and opportunities (volunteering, training, grants and more). Funding to pay for an activity facilitator for six weeks, a community chef for six weeks, supplies, resources, refreshments and food and a contribution to room usage and utilities.	Elizabeth House, 2 Hurlock Street	March to May 2023, Monday (11am to 3pm), Tuesday (11am to 1.30pm) and Wednesday (10.30am to 3pm) to May 2023 - term time only	Those aged 65+, the most vulnerable and those living in Arsenal ward, other residents attending activities at EH	Up to 35 per session (overall at least 100 people)	1,000	13,300	Co-funded by LIF (£2,986 awarded in Nov), The Raising Trust and individual donations	
Arsenal / Barnsbury / Caledonian / Canonbury / Finsbury Park / Junction / Laycock / St Peter's & Canalside / Tufnell Park	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 (in a small Whatsapp group, or by phone/email) who offers support and encouragement and posts videos and tips. At the end, participants are invited to join long term support groups through Facebook/Whats App. The Facebook group has over 1,500 other graduates. The mentored approach combined with long term support groups mean lasting changes to people's diets resulting in improved health and well-being, better finances and improved mental health. 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)	4,666.63	15,000	£1250 Arsenal Foundation, £3,000 tbc Islington Giving Food Fund, £2,500 tbc Compass Well being	The amount requested from 13 wards is £7,280 (£560 per ward).

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Arsenal	St Thomas the Apostle Church, Finsbury Park	Tea at St Thomas's, a weekly session which is open to all. It is a chance to come together for conversation, tea, cake and sandwiches, all of which are provided free of charge. It addresses loneliness and improves mental health for local residents. This warm space provision has been registered with the Warm Welcome campaign. They are planning a fresh advertising campaign with posters and leaflets in various places in the local area. They also advertise this via their website and social media. Funding to pay for heating, refreshments and advertising.	St Thomas's Church, Monsell Road, N4 2PQ	January to December 2023, Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm	Open to all	5 to 25 per session	500	500	Not applicable	
Bunhill	St Luke's Parochial Trust	St Luke's Food Hub provides disadvantaged households with healthy and good quality food for 8 weeks. Their main food donation suppliers are Felix Trust and City Harvest. In addition, the Hub purchases a small stock of produce each week to supplement these donations ensuring the offer is culturally diverse and includes fresh fruit/vegetables and toiletries. This funding application will enable St Luke's to purchase these additional items. Eligibility criteria ensures the project supports the most disadvantaged members of our community who are experiencing food insecurity and rising costs associated with the current cost of living crisis. Funding to pay for eight weeks of supplementary food, fruit, vegetables and toiletries.	St Luke's Community Centre, 90 Central Street, EC1V 8AJ	February to March 2023, every Tuesday and Wednesday from 1.30pm to 3.30pm for 8 weeks	The most disadvantaged residents who are experiencing food insecurity and rising costs	Up to 25 residents per session, 120+ residents each week	1,009.92	1,009.92	Not applicable	
Hillrise	Hanley Crouch Community Association	For the past two and a half years, they have been running a food bank and are also now providing a warm space to go to as the cost of living increases. The communal heating at Holly Park Estate will be turned off between the hours of 11am to 2pm which is the time for their warm spaces service so the warm spaces have been linked with the food bank. Their warm spaces will offer hot soup, teas and coffees including a take away meal. There will be additional support such as DV support, debt kiosk and signposting to relevant organisations. There will also be classes in Afrikan yoga and internet access and board games will be provided. Practical support such as hot water bottles, hats etc. will also be available. Funding to pay for disposable cutlery/bowls, hats and gloves and board games.	Brickworks Community Centre	November 2022 to March 2023	Local residents	50	500	2,434	£1934 Islington Council	

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Junction	Cooperation Girdlestone	Girdlestone food outreach, to develop a programme to reach households who would benefit from a food share programme on and near the Girdlestone estate. As part of this, they aim to increase the number of local suppliers who offer reduced cost or donate food and household goods, to survey members to ensure they are providing goods that they need, to look at developing a social programme during the winter and spring months that would enable members to increase their social interaction and share basic recipes and a light snack or lunch and to purchase a range of fresh food and essentials / basic equipment that is not available currently. Funding to pay for tutor fees (for warm hub such as dance and singing), bulk and fresh foods, kitchen equipment, food hygiene equipment for volunteers, cleaning products and equipment, printing and publicity, floor covering and storage for food store, volunteers' expenses and signage and training costs for volunteers.	Girdlestone Community Centre, Under 151 Salisbury Walk	January to June 2023	Junction ward residents (Girdlestone Estate mostly)	100	1,866	1,866	Not applicable	
Mildmay	St Jude and St Paul's Church, Mildmay	Annual costs for a Tuesday Drop-in and The Living Room - weekly welcoming and warm spaces. For the Tuesday Drop In, they provide hot food, refreshments, a book bank and clothes bank. This runs alongside a food bank provided by the Newington Green Action Group in the same space. They ask for a £1 donation where possible. The Living Room provides a free after school drop in for primary aged children with their parents/carers where they can take part in craft and games. Snacks and drinks are provided. They hope to eventually include a light hot meal. Funding to pay for hot food, heating / lighting, takeaway containers and cups and games/crafts/activities.	St Jude and St Paul's Church Mildmay, London, N1 4PL.	March 2022 to March 2023, Drop In every Tuesday from 12pm to 3pm, Living Room is every Thursday from 3.30pm to 5pm (in term time)	Local residents (Drop In), primary aged children with their parents/carers (Living Room)	30-40 for Drop In per week, 30-35 for Living Room per week	732.35	5,500	Not applicable, small donations from Drop In attendees totalling £450 (last year)	The amount requested is £5,500.

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Arsenal / Finsbury Park / Tollington	Holloway Neighbourhood Group on behalf of Finsbury Park Women's Group Network	Summer Celebration for Women, a community event for BAMER and migrant women and their children on the Andover Estate to promote social cohesion and celebrate their achievements, talents and diversity. Members of the Finsbury Park Women's Group Network including One True Voice; Turkish, Kurdish and Cypriot Women's Welfare Group; Jannaty; Kurdish and Middle Eastern Women's Organisation; Maa Shanti; Holloway Neighbourhood Group; Community Language Support Services; Middle Eastern Women and Society Organisation; and Stepping Stone4 will come together to organise an event to celebrate the achievements of local women. The groups will exhibit their cultures, music and dance and share traditional food. Funding to pay for food and refreshments, child care and face painting, sundry items, management, bouncy castle hire, hall hire, cleaning, a henna artist and a dance facilitator.	Finsbury Park Community Hub, Corker Walk	Event on a Saturday in early August 2023 (exact date tbc)	Mainly women from BAMER communities	120 (60 from Finsbury Park, 30 from Arsenal, 30 from Tollington)	2,000	2,300	£300 Holloway Neighbourhood Group (2 days salary for co-ordination)	
Arsenal	Al-Abrar Foundation	Al-Abrar Foundation runs various community empowerment programmes. This two month long project focusses on enabling members of the community (particularly young people) to get access to jobs, public services as well as provide personal development activities. This includes counselling and coaching services for 16-24 olds for 4 hours per week and online job search and CV writing sessions for 2 hours per week. Two community conversations will also be held for 40 older people and community leaders (one per month) focussing on issues like the cost of living crisis, sustainability, crime prevention and media inclusion. Funding to pay for staffing for 58 hours, refreshments for two Community Conversations, venue hire for 4 hours and stationery.	Al-Abrar Community Centre, 89/93 Fonhill Road	2 May to 30 June 2023 (two months long)	Islington residents, mainly from the Somali community	150 (30 young adults (16-24 yrs) and 80 to 100 community members)	1,023.10	1,023.10	Not applicable	
Arsenal	Rafiki Wema CIC	A six week digital inclusion programme for 15 adults from disadvantaged ethnic minority communities who have limited English and IT skills. This digital training will primarily cover popular computer applications (such as Word and Excel), how to use online search engines (particularly for job searches and filling applications) and online and social media safety. One four hour session will be delivered once per week over the six weeks. Funding to pay for workshop venue hire, transport costs for the tutor and stationery.	London Fashion Center, 89/93 Fonhill Road	15 May to 25 June 2023 (4 hours per week for 6 weeks)	Young adults from the most disadvantaged communities in the borough	15 young adults	960	960	Not applicable	

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Arsenal	Galbur Foundation	Let's Talk – Promoting young women and girls' mental health. Following the success of 'Girls Mind Matters' workshops in October 2022, two more three hour workshops will be held relating to Mental Health; the first workshop will be on key concepts for development of mental well-being and resilience and provide self-help tips for young girls. The second workshop will be focusing on the stigma and cultural sensitivity around mental health in BAME communities and providing information where they can get support. The workshops will be held in the summer half-term holiday and it will provide support to the young people during a very strenuous exam period. Funding to pay for a workshop consultant, refreshments, venue hire, volunteers, project management/overheads and printing / promotion.	Al-Abrar Community Hub, 89/93 Fonthill Road	Two-week period consecutively during the exam period, first workshop on 26 May 2023, second workshop on 2 June 2023 (each workshop is 3 hours long)	Young women and girls in Islington that are in the Somali and Arab speaking community	Up to 30 young women and girls	1,000	1,130	£130 Galbur Foundation (in kind)	
Arsenal	Jubba Youth Community Association	Take Another Chance. The objectives of this organisation are to build the capacity of young people by developing leadership skills and building confidence, to provide support, advice and guidance for young refugees and the wider Somali community through educative programmes and cultural projects and to provide a safe and open space for young people to talk about issues affecting them. Their overall aim is for young men not to join gangs but instead develop life skills and go into education, training or employment. By improving their skill in sport, the young people will gain a sense of achievement and great self-confidence. Football training will teach the participants courage and self-discipline. Funding to pay for football pitch hire, a football coach for 10 weeks, football equipment and volunteer expenses for 10 weeks.	Whittington Park	23 July to 24 September 2023 (2 hours per week for football)	Young people from BME backgrounds (most aged 14-21), who are demotivated, low achievers, or not accessing training, education and apprenticeship opportunities	20 to 30 but could grow to 60 by July 2023	1,000	1,650	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1650.
Arsenal / Barnsbury / Bunhill / Caledonian / Highbury / Hillrise / Junction / Laycock / Mildmay / St Peter's & Canalside / Tufnell Park	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 pay for food, festival planning and management, community partner/networks contributions and drinks and paper cups (hot and cold drinks).	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)	3,180.14	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).

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Arsenal / Barnsbury / Bunhill / Caledonian / Finsbury Park / Highbury / Junction / Laycock / Mildmay / Tufnell Park	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 or Thursday 29 June 2023	Everyone who is interested, people of all faiths and no faiths	6,500 (250 per ward for most wards) with 2,500 from Finsbury Park	5,929.31	18,400	£3,400 Muslim Welfare House	The amount requested is £15,000 from 14 wards (£1071 per ward)
Caledonian	LBI Community Partnerships (Cally Festival / Jean Stokes)	Jean Stoke Community Centre improvements and community engagement for the 2023 Cally Festival. The 2023 Cally Festival will be the 11th annual large-scale community event on Caledonian Road. The event will build on last year's event which featured music stages, performance areas, children's activities, sports areas, arts and crafts and a street market. Jean Stokes Community Centre will be central to the delivery of the festival with a number of activities taking place in the community centre. These costs are linked to the We are Cally Plan which aims to work with local people and organisations to create new opportunities, to improve local facilities and shape a brighter future for the Cally. Funding to pay for equipment for Jean Stokes Community Centre and community engagement for the Cally Festival.	A 400 metre section of Caledonian Road (from the junctions of Richmond Avenue to Offord Rd) for the festival and Jean Stokes Community Centre	31 January to 1 September 2023	Festival - Islington residents, with the majority from Caledonian and neighbouring wards	6,000	5,725.77	52,275	£45,500 tbc match funding (£20,000 tbc S106/CIL, £16,000 tbc sponsors, £4,500 tbc commercial (market) income	The amount requested is £6,775.
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 feature performances by young people as well as 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 to identify local residents' safety concerns and gather feedback on how these safety concerns can be addressed. Local PCSOs will also be attending the event. Soap Box youth hub will also be attending and 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	1,280.47	4,155	£1115 2023-24 Canonbury LIF, £960 Rose Bowl / Isledon (staffing including DJ), £800 Rose Bowl / Isledon (posters, leaflets and banners)	The amount requested is £2,395. £1115 balance to be deferred to 2023/24.

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Canonbury	Islington Street Associations	A local organisation building and sustaining resident-led Street Associations to make their streets more friendly and supportive, build bridges between ages and races, and encourage residents to play a full part in their communities – social and civic. 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 as well as the Bentham Estate. They also wish to create three more street associations in 2023. Outreach is conducted across all streets and the estate through 'Door step 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	1,280.47	3,000	£1720 2023-24 Canonbury LIF	The amount requested is £3,000. £1720 balance to be deferred to 2023/24.
Clerkenwell	Marx Memorial Library	MML at 90: Clerkenwell: Our Home; Our Radical History - as part of their 90th anniversary programme, and to coincide with work commencing on the redevelopment of Clerkenwell Green, the Marx Memorial Library will be hosting two weekend sessions aimed at local residents highlighting the radical history of Clerkenwell. There will be a feature tour of their historic building and a workshop drawing on their unique archives making connections between the history of the Marx Memorial Library in their anniversary year and the radical history of the area. This will include material on May Day and on the tolpuddle martyrs for example. This is an opportunity for attendees to feed back on what they would like to see from the MML in future and how they would like to engage with the radical history of the area. Funding to pay for design and printed publicity material, volunteer expenses (volunteer tour guides and workshop supervisors), office supplies and refreshments.	Marx Memorial Library, EC1R 0DU	1 March to 30 September 2023, possibly one session in the school summer holidays to engage young people	Seeking to engage a new younger, more diverse audience from the local community	60	320	320	Not applicable	

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Highbury	Highbury Vale Blackstock Trust (Greening Highbury Quadrant Estate – The Community Nature Gardens)	'Greening Highbury Quadrant Estate – The Community Nature Gardens' began in January 2020 as a partnership with Islington Council, Elizabeth House Community Centre, Octopus Community Network and local residents to transform 3 unused spaces in Highbury Quadrant Estate into thriving Nature Gardens (The Orchard, The Woodland Garden and the Meadow) and extended in 2022 to include new garden spaces on the estate. Elizabeth House and Octopus want to continue to deliver with estate residents and local people, community nature gardening opportunities, food growing skills and opportunities, composting activities and access to nature forest school activities for families and children, showcasing ways to work in partnership to transform, renovate and manage local green spaces for the benefit of the community. They will deliver weekly Saturday morning gardening workshops and a review of the current site-based community-led development plan for the Nature Gardens, as well as facilitate on-going responsive project management and coordination to meet the overall aims of the project throughout the period. Funding to pay for Octopus staff time for 10 weeks (project management / coordination and delivery of 3-hour weekly gardening and community food growing sessions on Highbury Quadrant Estate), publicity and marketing across the estate, resources, materials and equipment.	Highbury Quadrant Estate, N5 in the Community Nature Gardens	January to April 2023	Residents living on Highbury Quadrant Estate and people living nearby, including schools, nurseries and wider community groups (including Elizabeth House groups such as children attending the playscheme)	150 (100 from Highbury, 50 from Arsenal)	3,500	3,500	Not applicable	
Hillrise	Hanley Crouch Community Assoc (Knitworks at the Brickworks)	Knitworks at the Brickworks, a knit and crochet meet up to learn together, teach beginners and chat and socialise in a friendly and inclusive setting. They meet every Saturday morning at the Brickworks for two hours. Outside the meeting times they are connected by a What's App chat and informally help each other out and offer advice. Funding to pay for an annual group outing in October 2023 to the local Knit and Stitch Show at Alexandra Palace (15 entry tickets), knitting supplies and equipment and hot drinks, biscuits etc for the year.	Brickworks Community Centre, 42 Crouch Hill	April 2023 to April 2024, every Saturday morning for two hours	Open to all local residents, particularly older people, young people, BME and LGBTQ+ community members	30 members on list, average attendance is 9 to 14 per session	300	300	Not applicable	
Holloway	Healthy Generations	Continuing live face-to face keep fit classes for older people. Healthy Generations (HG) has been running a keep fit class at the Goodinge Community Centre since the Covid-19 restrictions were eased. These classes help older people to stay as active as possible. They are suitable for people with all health conditions and especially for those with Osteoporosis and Osteopenia. There is a core group who attend each week and numbers are likely to grow post Covid-19. Funding to pay for a keep fit instructor for a weekly keep fit class for an hour for 25 weeks.	Goodinge Community Centre, 2 Goodinge Road	June to December 2023	Open to all older people	30	1,000	1,000	In-kind room hire is provided by Goodinge Community Centre	

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Junction	Girdlestone Gardening Group	Preparing for Spring and Summer gardening, enabling the garden to get supplies to prepare and plant for their spring crops and providing a social outside space for residents. They aim to promote participation in gardening / food and plant growing, raise funds for the garden through fundraising events, enable people to learn about vegetable and herb growing so they could grow plants on their balcony and windowsills, enable residents to try the vegetables and herbs grown, link with the Food Co-operative to promote food security and participation in both projects and enable those who are not able to participate to engage with others in a outside space. Funding to pay for seating with a table and umbrella, timber for climbing plants and bed repairs, a contractor for heavy digging and bush pruning, compost and manure, secateurs, twine, gloves, loppers, insurance, soil improvers, liquid feed, seeds and plants.	Girdlestone Community Garden on the green, Girdlestone Estate	March to September 2023, 2 hour gardening sessions will take place twice weekly (weather permitting)	A diverse group of Junction residents whose background mirrors the local community	25	1,500	1,500	Not applicable	
Junction	The Garden Classroom	Little Explorers is The Garden Classroom's well-established and popular programme of high quality, outdoor, creative, nature workshops for under 5s and their carers. Free of charge sessions offer a unique combination of forest school and traditional playgroup delivered in urban green spaces. Each week adults and children will play together in equal partnership to share learning about nature. Activities will be age-appropriate and sensory: making artworks from natural objects, planting seeds, bug hunts, noticing and naming wildlife and trees, exploring the park, mud kitchens, water play and storytelling. All sessions will be guided by experienced TGC facilitators and supported by volunteers. Healthy, vegetarian snacks will be provided. Funding to pay for the delivery of six 2 hour drop in sessions (a senior facilitator, a junior facilitator, project management, equipment and resources including art/craft supplies, refreshments, a finance officer, a resources manager, a community officer for outreach/publicity, marketing and volunteer expenses).	Whittington Park	19 April to 24 May 2023, six drop in weekly sessions on Wednesday mornings, each lasting 2 hours.	Under 5s and their parents, carers and guardians with a focus on hard to reach families and families in need (including refugees)	50+ beneficiaries with 200 unique visits, some of whom will be from neighbouring wards	500	2,144	Not applicable	The amount requested is £2,144.

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Mildmay	Healthy Generations on behalf of Mildmay Extra Care	40 weekly one hour Music and Movement Classes for older people at 2 Mildmay Extra Care Units over a year. The project combines movement and mobility with singing. Most of the residents are frail and elderly living with dementia, many physically disabled, and some live with mental health and learning difficulties. These activities on a regular weekly basis provide social events, bringing everyone together as well as giving them the opportunity to exercise through singing, dancing and movement; facilitating community engagement on a regular weekly basis and maintaining and improving levels of balance, flexibility and core strength and hopefully reducing obesity. In the past few summers these sessions have been held outside in the garden. LIF will cover 40 sessions at one of the two care settings with Notting Hill Genesis funding 40 sessions at the other. Funding to pay for the musician / instructor leading the sessions.	73 Mildmay Street and 20-26 Mildmay Park, N1	April 2023 to April 2024 (weekly sessions for an hour, usually Wednesday mornings)	Older people and people with mental health issues	100	2,000	5,000	£2,000 Notting Hill Genesis, £1000 tbc (for increased musician's fees and to deliver another 10 sessions at each location)	
St Peter's & Canalside	Awesome Elm CIC (Waterside Adventure Playground - fun day for coronation)	To organise and host a family fun day for all local residents to celebrate the King's coronation which will have free food, drink and activities. Activities likely to be included are arts and crafts, a raffle, cardboard city, a lucky dip, crown making, a treasure hunt, ring toss and archery. Last year they hosted a Jubilee family fun day which saw over 600 people attend and an increase in registrations / attendance to the free play service they provide. Funding to pay for food and drinks, a bouncy castle and activities.	Waterside Adventure Playground, 50 Dame Street, N1 7FR	Monday 8 May 2023	Children aged between 6-13 and their extended families (their current user group)	400-600 children, young people and their families	450	450	Not applicable	
St Peter's & Canalside	Canal and River Trust (Angel Canal Festival 2023)	Angel Canal Festival 2023, an annual community focussed festival which has been running for over 30 years. The aims of the festival are to raise local awareness and use of local canals and towpaths to support the health and wellbeing of the local community. Activities that will be taking place on or near the canal include kayaking, canoeing and pedalling, or boat trips which may not be readily accessible. There is free entertainment throughout the day including performances from a theatre boat, bands, dancers, Punch & Judy, Morris dancers, and circus skills. A food market also offers food from around the world for sale. Funding to pay for 30 boat trips, 30 water activity taster sessions e.g. canoeing/kayaking/pedalling and a contribution towards theatre boat entertainment.	Along the Regent's Canal towpath (Colebrook Row to Wharf Road Bridge), Danbury Street Bridge, Graham Street, Graham Street Park and a short stretch of Vincent Terrace	One-day festival taking place on Sunday 3 September 2023	People of all ages, lots of activities for children and young people	5,000+ visitors	2,500	28,000	£25,500 Canal and River Trust	

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St Peter's & Canalside	LBI Tree Service (St Peter's Street)	Tree planting on St Peter's Street in the 2023/24 planting season (November 2023 – March 2024). The tree replaces a fallen tree and will be a semi mature specimen, planted with double stakes, guard and watering bag. The tree/s will be purchased with a 3-year establishment guarantee and once established will be managed by the council. Funding to pay for the purchase of a semi-mature tree planted in Highways with a three years maintenance, watering and establishment guarantee.	St Peter's Street	Planting in November 2023 to March 2024	St Peter's Street residents and visitors	Unable to quantify	1,500	1,500	Not applicable	
Tufnell Park	St George's Church (pancake party)	A free fun community event with bouncy castle, games, crafts and pancakes. The event would be after school, and involve hiring a bouncy castle in the church, setting up games and crafts, and a café area where people can help themselves to plenty of pancakes with savoury and sweet fillings. There would also be a quiet sensory space for children with additional needs. Funding to contribute towards food and drinks, a bouncy castle, resources for crafts and games, publicity (banners), volunteer expenses and heating, lighting and building wear and tear.	St George's Church, Crayford Road	21 February 2023	Open to all but aimed at families with young children	250	450	500	£50 church donations	
Tufnell Park	St George's Church (sensory library)	Sensory Lending Library: to loan free sensory equipment to families with children with additional needs. The Sensory Library will run as a fortnightly drop-in at St George's, starting at Easter 2023. Children and families can come along and try out or borrow equipment such as therapy balls and weighted blankets for free. Last year their Autism Party and Egg Hunt brought together 40 children (of all disabilities and none) and their families to celebrate Autism Acceptance Week and Easter at a party in church where children could play on sensory equipment, have space alone in quiet areas, play with Lego, or blow bubbles in the garden. In the past six months they have gathered donations of equipment from individuals both inside and outside of church to create a 'seed' stock of 20 smaller pieces of equipment including ear defenders, wobble cushions, scooter boards and therapy balls. Funding to pay for a stock of larger items - 4 full size weighted blankets, 4 folding mini trampolines, 10 wobble cushions and 4 folding crash mats.	St George's Church, Crayford Road	1 April to 30 September 2023	Families with children with additional needs (both disabilities and special educational needs), half of whom are from Tufnell Park	20 families will benefit from the equipment in the first six months, another 20 to 40 families during the second six months.	1,185.36	2,885.36	£500 individual donations / in kind, £200 church donations (staff and overheads), £500 tbc Gunners Fund, £500 tbc Parochial Church Council	

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Tufnell Park	Pro Touch SA CIC	Pro Touch SA - Whittington Park Sports Active & Wellbeing Project, providing various multi sports including fitness exercise, fencing, tennis, ball games, mixed martial arts etc to local targeted BAME disadvantaged (single families, refugees, referral from Islington YOT, excluded from schools etc) children and young people aged between 6 - 16 years of age. Weekly one hour long sessions are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. They also want to offer 16+ young people or adults an opportunity to volunteer on the project, gain experiences and put them on NGB youth and sports courses which can and will lead to paid positions with Pro Touch SA as well as external partners and organisations. Funding to pay for 22 weeks of costs (venue hire, lead youth and sports, assistant youth and sports, volunteers courses, training, workshops, etc, project admin, sports equipments (balls, bibs, first aid, cones, skipping ropes, hurdles, boxercise gloves and pads, etc), refreshments, volunteer expenses, marketing materials and trophies and awards.	Whittington Park - Sports Pitch & Hall	18 April to 17 September 2023 (22 weeks), Tuesdays and Thursday evenings for an hour per session	Mainly children and young people aged 6 to 16, opportunity for 16+ young person or adult to volunteer too	50 to 60 members	1,000	4,359	£600 through sponsor (Quarters by Bravo), £400 All Seasons Foods, £359 Pro Touch SA fundraising, donations, subs etc	The amount requested is £3,000 from 3 wards (£1000 per ward).
Tufnell Park	Cut Moose	Walking Art Workshops which combine observation and exploration of the local environment, walking and the creation of art-works along the way. These art works will be created on the surrounding streets, inserted in unexpected places, as well as being created afterwards at Hilldrop Community Centre (Hilldrop CC). The group would be aimed at unemployed 50-60+ year olds recruited through their links at local job centres, mosques, churches, G.Ps and Community Centre food banks/social lunches. The workshops will take place on a weekday morning and be offered to 15 people. The principle of the walking art workshops is shifting each participant's perception of exercise and raising their personal goals. Funding to contribute towards artistic walks leader fees, hire of Hilldrop CC and storage space, fees for recruitment and organisation of families/individuals, general admin (registration etc) and social media and managing giving page online for donations to Hilldrop CC to sponsor the participants walking in aid of the Centre, publicity (printing, leaflet design, flying) and art equipment.	Hilldrop Community Centre and the surrounding area	May 2023 to April 2024, workshops will happen weekly during term time initially in the morning (3 terms of 10 weeks)	Aimed at unemployed 50-60+ year olds beginning their fitness journey	15 Tufnell Park residents	1,150	13,650	£12,350 tbc in match funding (£6,000 tbc Better Walkers (for physio/trainer), £2,850 tbc Gosling Foundation, £2,500 tbc Sporting Equals Fund, £1000 tbc Hollick Family Charitable Trust)	The amount requested is £2,300.

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Tufnell Park	Tufnell Park Primary School	Expanding outdoor and STEM learning at Tufnell Park Primary School by making a reclaimed pond garden more accessible as a teaching facility for a class of 28 students and staff. The requested funding would enable them to convert an on-site shed into a rudimentary field lab, clear an area adjacent to the pond for use as an "outdoor classroom", allowing assembly and seating of 28 children and provide basic pond dipping equipment for a class of 28. Funding to pay for 14 foldable stools, outdoor sink, counter top/shelves/work bench, 10 medium size trays for pond dipping, coat hangers and boxes for bags, 10 pond dipping nets, hose trolley and hose splitter, outdoor magnetic chalk board, 10 hand held magnifying glasses and 10 magnifying bug pots.	Tufnell Park Primary School, 31 Carleton Road	April 2023 to March 2024, when fully operational, the pond garden and garden classroom will be in use daily	Children and their families	430	1,000	1,000	Not applicable (all labour done by volunteers)	

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Arsenal	LBI Arsenal ward partnership	The Arsenal ward partnership meeting will be a chance for residents of Arsenal ward to hear from councillors and officers. Topics discussed will be the council's work on the cost of living crisis and its refugee response to the crises in Afghanistan and Ukraine. Funding to pay for security for the meeting.	Aubert Court Community Centre, Avenell Rd, Highbury Square	22 November 2022	Local residents	Up to 100 previously (when online)	278.76	278.76	Not applicable	
Arsenal	LBI Arsenal ward partnership	The Arsenal councillors are keen to move the ward partnership event away from a sit-down, formal meeting into a more collaborative, interactive event where Islington residents can engage with councillors, officers, and other local residents in a more flexible and less formal way. To achieve this, councillors are hoping to hold a 'fun day' event at Elizabeth House (dependent on availability) where there will be activities for families and opportunities to speak to relevant local figures. The exact format and type of activities is still being decided upon. Funding expected to pay for room hire, refreshments and activities.	Elizabeth House, 2 Hurlock Street (to be confirmed)	25 March 2023	Local residents	Up to 100 previously (when online), 5 at last in person meeting	500	500	Not applicable	

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Caledonian	LBI Caledonian Ward Partnership	A ward partnership meeting on 21 February 2023 to discuss the Cost of Living Support, the We are Cally Plan and the Cally Liveable Neighbourhood. Funding to pay for light refreshments and projector hire.	Jean Stokes Community Centre	21 February 2023	Local residents	40 to 80	49	49	Not applicable	
Canonbury	LBI Canonbury ward partnership	Canonbury Ward Partnership stakeholder meeting, a closed meeting not open to the public. Funding to pay for 20 sandwiches and 20 cakes.	Dove Rooms, Threadgold House	30 November 2022, 7pm to 9pm	Local residents	20	104	104	Not applicable	
Holloway	LBI Holloway Ward Partnership	A fun day held at Williamson Street Community Centre, the theme being jobs, training and opportunities. There will be stalls with information on small business grants, apprenticeship and training opportunities, coaching services, local parks and free programmes for residents. As it is a fun day, there will also be children's activities including face painting, popcorn and candyfloss and there will be refreshments. Funding to pay for refreshments (water, juice, teabags, milk, sugar, coffee, biscuits, fruit and chocolate).	Williamson Street Community Centre, 68 Parkhurst Road, N7 0SX	Saturday 28 January 2023, 12pm to 4pm	Local residents	At least 80	50	850.58	£600 Peabody (venue hire, popcorn, candy floss cart, printing), £200 City of London (facepainting, printing)	

Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining

Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2022-23:	£221,000
Total carried forward from previous LIF budgets / allocations:	£39,904
Total amount available to allocate:	£260,904
Amount allocated to date:	£188,701
Balance remaining:	£72,202
Ward partnership proposals approved under delegated authority:	£982
Cost of living proposals approved under delegated authority	£21,601
New proposals for March VCS Committee:	£41,735
Total amount remaining to allocate in 2022-23:	£7,885

2022-23 Balance remaining by ward:	
Ward	Balance:
Arsenal	£825
Barnsbury	£505
Bunhill	£0
Caledonian	£635
Canonbury	£0
Clerkenwell	£635
Finsbury Park	£1,000
Highbury	£0
Hillrise	£1,000
Holloway	£201
Junction	£236
Laycock	£1,000
Mildmay	£0
St Mary's & St James'	£109
St Peter's & Canalside	£384
Tollington	£419
Tufnell Park	£937

Notes:

Includes £5,679 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

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£7,885

	2021/22	2022/23
Projects funded:	124	151