

Appendix 3: VCS Partnership Grants: Funding Recommendations

Strand 1: Borough-wide Partners

Recommendations

Eleven organisations applied under the Borough-wide Partners Strand. Following the assessment process it is recommended that the six organisations receive grant funding as indicated in Table 3 below.

Funding

The budget range in the VCS report was £170,000 to £210,000. The level of funding requested by applicants totalled £439,000. These recommendations would increase the total budget allocated to the Borough-wide Strand to £240,000.

Table 1: Recommended grant funding for the Borough-wide strand of the VCS Grants Programme 2016-2020

Organisation	Recommended Grant Award
Camden LGBT Forum*	£25,000
Every Voice – Islington BME Forum	£25,000
Islington Refugee Forum	£20,000
Manor Gardens Welfare Trust	£25,000
Octopus Community Network Ltd.	£35,000
Voluntary Action Islington	£40,000
Total	£170,000

* To be rebranded as Camden and Islington LGBT Forum

Strand 2: Neighbourhood Partners

Recommendations

14 organisations applied under the Neighbourhood's Strand. Following the assessment process it is recommended that the 12 organisations receive grant funding from the Strategic Neighbourhood Partnership strand as indicated in the Table 4 below.

Funding

The suggested budget range for this strand identified in the report to the January 2016 VCS Committee was £475,000 to £525,000. The level of funding requested by a total 14 applicants totalled £814,000.

As outlined in the VCS strategy Neighbourhood partners have a key strategic role identifying local need responding both directly and facilitating the work of delivery partners in meeting the needs of local residents. In order to ensure that these neighbourhood partners are able to fulfil this function, have the appropriate dedicated staffing to fulfil this role and are therefore more sustainable over the duration of the grant programme it is recommended that the minimum level of award is £40,000 per organisation. This level of funding would be sufficient to cover at least one full-time post. In areas where there are high levels of deprivation or key strategic activities taking place the maximum recommended would be £60,000. The total funding recommended for organisations in this strand is £570,000.

Table 2: Recommended grant funding for the Neighbourhood strand of the VCS Grants Programme 2016-2020

Organisation	Recommended Grant Award
Caxton House Community Centre	£40,000
Hanley Crouch Community Association Ltd.	£60,000
Highbury Roundhouse	£50,000
Highbury Vale Blackstock Trust	£40,000
Hilldrop Area Community Association	£40,000
Holloway Neighbourhood Group	£40,000
Hornsey Lane Estate Community Association	£40,000
Mildmay Community Partnership	£60,000
Muslim Welfare House	£40,000
Peel Institute	£40,000
St Luke's Parochial Trust	£60,000
Whittington Park Community Association	£60,000
Total	£570,000

Strand 3: Delivery Partners

Recommendations

53 organisations applied under the Delivery Partner's Strand. Following the assessment process it is recommended that the 21 organisations receive grant funding as indicated in the Table 5 below.

Funding

The budget range in the VCS report of January 2-16 was up to £330,000-£400,000. The level of funding requested by a total of 53 applicants totalled £959,318. Recommendations for funding the 21 organisations would result in a budget allocation of £365,000.

Table 3: Recommended grant funding for the Delivery strand of the VCS Grants Programme 2016-2020

Organisation	Recommended Grant Award
All Change	£20,000
Asian Women Lone Parent Association (AWLPA)	£15,000
Circle / Alone in London	£20,000
Centre 404	£20,000
Community Languages Support Services	£20,000
Eritrean Community in the UK	£20,000
Healthy Generations	£5,000
Holloway Neighbourhood Group	£20,000
IMECE Women's Centre	£20,000
Islington Bangladeshi Association	£20,000
Islington Centre for Refugees and Migrants	£15,000
Islington Chinese Association	£15,000
Islington Community Theatre	£15,000
Islington Somali Community	£20,000
Kurdish and Middle Eastern Women's Organisation Ltd.	£15,000
Little Angel Theatre	£15,000
One True Voice Women's Organisation	£15,000
The Parent House	£15,000
The Pilion Trust	£20,000
The Stuart Low Trust	£20,000
Tollington Parish Church	£20,000
Total	£365,000

Strand 4: Volunteering Partners

Recommendations

Two applications were received under the Volunteering Partners Strand. Following the assessment process it is recommended that the one organisation receives grant funding as indicated in Table 6 below.

Funding

The budget range in the VCS report was up to £40,000. The level of funding requested by applicants totalled £80,000. These recommendations would result in a budget allocation of £35,000.

Table 4: Recommended grant funding for applicants to the Volunteering strand of the VCS Grants Programme 2016-2020

Organisation	Recommended Grant Award
Voluntary Action Islington	£35,000
Total	£35,000

Strand 5: Advice Partners

Recommendations

Applications were made across the 5 strands by 7 organisations and 1 Consortium. Following the assessment process it is recommended that the 4 organisations and 1 consortium receive grant funding from the Strategic Advice Partnership strand as indicated in Table 7 below.

These funding proposals result in 15.5% of the available fund being allocated to the delivery of an outreach and access service to ensure that residents who most need advice services can access them; 10.6% into the development and delivery of a common access system, triage assessment and referral process across all advice providers; 24.8% into generalist legal advice and 49.2% into specialist legal advice (17.3% and 31.8% for targeted specialist and specialist respectively).

Funding

A proposed minimum budget of £1,406,000 was agreed at the VCS Committee in January 2016. The recommendations outlined would result in a budget allocation of £1,414,000 an increase of £8,000 in the overall budget for advice when compared to 2014/15 expenditure. In addition a further £75,000 of funding is recommended to organisations in the delivery partner's strand who offer advice as a core part of their service offer.

Table 5: Recommended grant funding for applicants to the Advice strand of the VCS Grants Programme 2016-2020

Organisation	Strand	Recommended Grant Award
Help on Your Doorstep	1: Access and Outreach	£219,000*
	Sub-Total	£219,000
Citizens Advice Bureau	2: Primary Access Channel	£50,000
	Sub-Total	£50,000
Citizens Advice Bureau	3: Triage System	£70,000
Help on Your Doorstep	3: Triage System	£10,000
Islington People's Rights	3: Triage System	£10,000
Islington Law Centre	3: Triage System	£10,000
	Sub-Total	£100,000
Citizens Advice Bureau	4: Generalist Advice	£350,000
	Sub-Total	£350,000
Evelyn Oldfield Unit (Consortium)	5: Targeted Advice	£25,000
Islington People's Rights	5: Targeted Advice	£220,000
	Sub-Total	£245,000
Islington Law Centre	6: Specialist Legal Advice	£450,000
	Sub-Total	£450,000
	Total	£1,414,000

* Additional funding to pilot delivery model in GP Clinics across Islington

This level of funding would see allocations to organisations, and elements of the advice model as detailed in Table 8 and Table 9 below:

Table 6: Total recommended grant funding by organisation

Organisation	Recommended Award Amount (All)
Citizens Advice Bureau	£470,000
Evelyn Oldfield Unit - Islington BAMER Advice Alliance	£25,000
Help on Your Doorstep	£229,000
Islington Law Centre	£460,000
Islington People's Rights	£230,000
Total	£1,414,000

Table 7: Total recommended grant funding by strand

Strand	Maximum Award (Up to)	Recommended level of funding	% of Overall Advice Spend
Advice (Strand 1 - Access & Outreach)	£200,000	£219,000	15.5%
Advice (Strand 2 - Primary Access Channel)	£50,000	£50,000	3.5%
Advice (Strand 3 - Triage)	£100,000	£100,000	7.1%
Advice (Strand 4 - Generalist)	£350,000	£350,000	24.8%
Advice (Strand 5 - Targeted Specialist)	£250,000	£245,000	17.3%
Advice (Strand 6 - Specialist)	£550,000	£450,000	31.8%
Total		£1,414,000.00	