

LBH Community Infrastructure Grants Panel Recommendations

Table 1 - recommended applications

| | Name | Summary | Decision |
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| 1 | Badu Community CIC | Salary for a communications officer to reach the community and understand needs, monitoring and impact evaluation. Non-financial support including first aid mental health training for all staff, financial reporting to improve system wide understanding of capacity, training about utilising the skills and capacity of our board and ensuring that this system is most beneficial to our community, relationships/ networks with statutory orgs (stage 2 app includes more ideas) | Recommended |
| 2 | Hackney Playbus | Seeking a contribution to the running costs of delivering a programme of weekly Playbus sessions across Hackney, taking play and learning experiences for children to where it is needed, offering parenting support, health and signposting information, and giving families opportunities to build friendships and support networks to sustain them through the challenges they face. We bring a number of grant streams into the borough in order to support this work. | Recommended |
| 3 | Woodberry Aid | Woodberry Aid requests funding for food shopping, staff cost, admin cost, networking costs and volunteer costs. Lots of non-financial support ideas including networks, collaboration including sharing of resources, delivery of services, volunteers, capacity building. | Recommended |
| 4 | Ivy Street Family Centre Trust | Fund core costs and for training to enhance our offer. Soon moving into a rebuilt facility in Hoxton and are looking forward to expanding the offer to include a Special Needs play session which would focus on children with Additional Needs, giving their parents a place to gather without fear of judgement and want to add this to our offer rather than change an existing session. Also want to employ another local woman to support our Centre Manager and to offer more specialised play sessions such as storytelling and drama. Non-financial: Keen to develop relationships with the Children's Centres, Maternity Services, Social | Recommended |

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| | | Services and Family Support. Also to expand volunteering offer to support local women into employment | |
| 5 | Shepherdfold Ministry | Funding to support part-time coordination of projects, reimbursements for 5 volunteers and running costs for the next 12 months. This funding will mean that the charity will be able to continue its services, providing advice, information and practical support to over 650 disadvantaged BAME families, women, children and young people on Kingsmead, Clapton and Chatsworth estates in the year. Non-financial: collaboration with other services and sharing of resources | Recommended |
| 6 | The Mobile Repair Service | To provide additional staffing capacity within our Side by Side project that will enable attendance and contribution to forums, groups and relevant communities of practice, and undertake engagement work with other services to promote the experience of Side by Side and emphasise its benefits, with the aim of achieving more appropriate service provision that better meets the needs of individuals whose voice has been marginalised particularly those often described as having chaotic behaviours and whose voice is rarely heard. | Recommended |
| 7 | Groundwork London | Grant funding will be used by Groundwork London to re-engage Hackney residents in their local community. We will bring the borough together by offering a safe community space and bringing a previously used local resource back to life for weekly dropins where residents can go for free to feel inspired, enthused, and embraced. Activities will be selected based on local need/interest and include: Tea-and-talk , Yoga , Digital inclusion session, Reminiscence, Arts & crafts , Wellbeing. Non-financial support requests including networks, introductions, collaboration, co-location and training | Recommended |
| 8 | Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team (AMURT) UK | Funding to sustain current services and begin our expansion in the areas of food provision, healthy cooking and signposting we need to maintain our current, and increase slightly, our human resources and structure of functioning, which is becoming increasingly difficult due to a reduction of funding streams since the end of last year. 1) Programme manager (14hours/week) who will manage and coordinate the current feeding projects, and plan and organise the extension of support to beneficiaries as well as the Healthy Eating and Cooking 2) Volunteer Coordinator (7hours/week) who will coordinate the volunteer hub, volunteer training and engagement. 3) Fundraiser (3hours/week), who will fundraise for current and future projects 4) Administrator(6hours/week) who will take some of the administrative load off the other roles. | Recommended |

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| 9 | The Boiler House Community Space | <p>Funding for staffing costs (including salaries and training) of our Engagement Team who are supporting and connecting local people and organisations and increasing partnership working and shared learning around the North Hackney area. Our Engagement & Support Coordinator and trained volunteers are available for 1:1 conversations and support, this includes general signposting to statutory services and organisations as well as a consistent, person-centred relationship around current challenges and identification of tailored solutions. Non-financial: access to training or other joint initiatives, We can offer space at any of our four centres should the Council have capacity to provide outreach support or otherwise need to reach or engage our community. For example, we would particularly welcome additional provision of specialist support around community challenges, such as youth support, mental health support, benefits advice, workshops such as first aid or healthy eating, which would benefit our residents and/or volunteers and boost the capacity of our small staff team.</p> | Recommended |
| 10 | Immediate Theatre | <p>To contribute to salaries for key members of staff whose work reaches beyond the direct services we deliver, creating joined up work with both VCS and council services. This would contribute towards:</p> <p>Jo Carter, Artistic Director's salary, contributing towards her work with the 16+ Network group and her involvement in contributing to local strategies such as Ageing Well, Reducing School Exclusion and City & Hackney Emotional Health and Wellbeing Partnership Schools, Education, Training and Employment Subgroup.</p> <p>Charmain Humphrey, Participation Manager's salary, to provide dedicated time for her to support key working young people and their parents facing complex issues and help them access other services.</p> <p>Jermaine Julie, Positive Pathways Officer's, enabling him to continue the excellent work he has been doing with young people at Pupil Referral Units and with the young unemployed (particularly Young Black Men). Project funding for this post is drawn from Young Londoners fund (finishing in December) and Henry Smith Charity (finishing in October).</p> <p>In addition, we would provide supervision for Jermaine which we have requested from IRIE</p> | Recommended |

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| 11 | Derrman - For The Well-being Of The Kurdish And Turkish Communities | <p>Organise awareness-raising/information-giving sessions and running diabetes groups regularly during the grant period. We want to make improvements to our website/social media usage making it more interactive in both languages, Turkish/English, to be able to reach different sections/age groups of our communities such as young people/old people/LGBTQ effectively. We also want to use the grant to get the quality standard for our advice service as well using it towards the cost of getting help for bid writing /funding applications to increase/sustain our income to be able to provide much needed services/activities/projects for our communities.</p> <p>The list/types of activities/work we are planning this grant to cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derman will organise monthly health promotion/awareness raising/information sessions on health and wellbeing such as: Mental health/Chronic pain management/Obesity/Healthy Eating/British Education System/Long covid/Gambling/Parenting at Derman/GPs/Community settings. • Diabetes is a big health issue amongst our client group. In collaboration of our Health Advocacy and Mental Health Services together with the help of Hackney Diabetes Centre of Homerton University Hospital the Turkish speaking Diabetes Lay Educator/Health Advocate we will run a Diabetes group as part of expert education programme for Kurdish/Turkish/Cypriot Turkish patients at Derman/GPs/Community settings. Derman will run 3 Diabetes Groups x 3hrs each session x 3 quarters (autumn/winter/spring) • Improving our website and using social media to make it more interactive in both languages, Turkish/English, to be able to reach different sections/age groups of our communities such as young people/old people/LGBTQ group more effectively. • Advice Quality Standard (AQS) Accreditation cost of our advice service | Recommended |

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| | | <p>Our Advice service is vital for our communities to reduce poverty. To get accredited will help the service to seek more funding from other bodies/agencies. So, we can increase the capacity of the service provision which is desperately needed by our communities as service is under resourced and we are struggling with the demand/need.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution towards our fundraising cost of external help from expert professionals for our bids/tenders/fundraising applications. We don't have big resources to be able to compete in what is now an increasingly competitive funding climate/environment to gain a crucial competitive edge in our submission of bids and tenders to sustain our service provisions increase our capacities to reach out more people to help and support them. | |
| 12 | African Community School | <p>1. To provide a holistic training and support programme for 20 marginalised women who are facing social exclusion due to complex needs exacerbated by covid. Non-financial - training/ stronger relationships and support from other agencies and amalgamation of networks to reduce time going to all of the different ones. 2. To provide wrap-around non-clinical therapeutic and signposting support for 10 of the most vulnerable families on our wider programmes who have been further impacted by covid, as well as a 13 week 'strengthening families, strengthening communities' parenting programme for wider families. Non-financial - training/ stronger relationships and support from other agencies and amalgamation of networks to reduce time going to all of the different ones.</p> | Recommended |
| 13 | London Gypsies and Travellers | <p>To deliver a range of programmes with Hackney's Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) communities. This includes: accommodation advice and advocacy work , our Bright Futures youth programme, community development to support collective representation of GRT residents, and the Phoenix Arise programme for survivors of domestic abuse.</p> | Recommended |
| 14 | East London Advanced Technology Training | <p>This grant will be used to fund our essential staff who are not covered by our other funders or statutory funding. This includes staff who carry out initial assessments, Information advice & guidance (IAG) for those new to ELATT. This is often the first person that residents meet & who engage communities. They are assessed using ELATT's whole person approach including ensuring they have access to statutory services where they are entitled, or</p> | Recommended |

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| | | signposts to organisations which can help if they have no recourse to public funding/are not entitled to assistance. This includes housing, welfare, educational & employment advice. Non-financial - volunteers, networking, additional training | |
| 15 | H.O.P.E. | <p>Fund some time for a Community Centre Co-Ordinator for some of the wrap-around support we provide for residents and our collaboration work with other community organisations, which is difficult to fund with our usual project funding. A dedicated worker would enable us to connect all of the different activities currently taking place at the Community Centre and consult and research new activities requested by residents. The co-ordinator could also take bookings, promote the centre and activities taking place providing sustainability for the future.</p> <p>Senior Youth Worker: To organise and lead a programme of youth activities, focusing on wrap around support for young people and families. Liaise with young people, feedback to Management Board, identify further funding.</p> <p>Education/Homework Support Supervisor: to oversee all aspects of education support, as young people have requested an increase in support, organise and arrange sessions.</p> <p>Chair Based Exercise Practitioner, for elders - given the large numbers of attendees at the Chair Based Exercise Sessions the sessions have been extended to two sessions per week on a Friday. The facilitator of these sessions is qualified to deliver the sessions.</p> <p>Training for all staff and volunteers, First Aid, Safeguarding, health and safety etc.</p> | Recommended |
| 16 | New Future Collective Ltd | This grant would contribute to the salaries of two key staff members who deliver our community infrastructure - Georgia Murphy our Project and Engagement Coordinator and Nina Lyndon our Co-Director. The Project and Engagement Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the delivery of our Cultural Communities Programme, which includes the weekly: Disco Loco Library (Tuesdays), Easy Rollerz soft play disco for babies (Wednesday), Youth Club (Thursdays) and the over-60s lunch club (Fridays). Non-financial: | Recommended |

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| | | help to strengthen networks and pathways to services | |
| 17 | Skyway Charity | We are seeking funding for part of our Community Engagement Manager's salary. This role is fundamental to the supportive and developmental work we do with disadvantaged young people, their families and the local community. Funding would mean we are able to secure this role for 12 months and enable us to scale up our family-focused work, and our support of smaller volunteer-led organisations. Non-financial: to be connected to smaller grass-roots orgs they can support | Recommended |
| 18 | Idia's Community Kitchen | With the additional funding from the Hackney Council, we could hire a chef, an accountant, a fundraising manager, and a day-to-day operation manager on, initially, an annual contracted basis. Given the expected increases in food, we expect an incremental cost in transportation and fuel costs. Our technology expenses will enable us to continue to grow from primarily offering food and groceries to addressing digital poverty and supporting more beneficiaries than is currently possible using personal devices belonging to volunteers. We appreciate your consideration in the funding of our organisation. A grant from the council could fundamentally supercharge our capabilities. Non-financial: training, networks, sharing resources | Recommended |
| 19 | Connecting All Communities CIC | To fund women's wellbeing session for women who are trying to recover from the impact that Covid and poverty is having on their lives. In addition to exercise, advocacy and advice, we will include mindfulness and resilience building activities to concentrate on building all-round well being for women so that they are better able to support their families and the communities around them. Organise group trips to women's swimming sessions so that women can also discover the health benefits of swimming. These sessions are very much needed as the women who use our services do not feel able to access mainstream exercise, wellbeing and advice services - due to the lack of women's only sessions and cultural and language barriers. The representation of East African and wider Black and minority communities in these services is very low. The weekly sessions will take place at Banister House community hall and continue our partnership with other local community groups such as Bridge The Gap, Hackney Community Closet, Morningside & Gascoyne and any other local community groups that would like to work with us. Non-financial: training, and | Recommended |

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| | | networks/ relationships for pathways of support for residents | |
| 20 | Clapton Commons | to enhance existing work and develop and build capacity over the coming year funding key leadership and management roles and investing in our core infrastructure to enable key 'overheads' that are difficult to fund from grant-makers are therefore supported, i.e. research and development, IT, marketing and communication and vital training and recruitment practices. By investing in the core infrastructure of the organisation, this will enable us to further develop our community building and organising work, shaping a collaborative process with local residents to build trust, connection and relationship with statutory services. An example of this is through our work with the local Primary Care Network, working with local GP surgeries and their broader health and social care workforce, supporting their aims to work towards a greater focus on addressing the wider determinants of health, building a healthier community and reducing health inequalities. | Recommended |

Table 2 - not recommended

| | Name | Summary | Decision |
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| 1 | BetaMinds CIC | Funding to create full and part time roles for our facilitators, enabling service to sustainably offer our specialist support to our local community (across a wide range of activities), and purchase of equipment for student study groups. Non financial support including co-location opportunities, training, relationships with other orgs and help to remove barriers to services for Black African and Caribbean members of the community | Further Discussion |
| 2 | Gascoyne One Community Centre (G1CC) and Gascoyne Residents Association (GRA) | We would use this grant to reach our target annual budget to pay costs for a Managing Coordinator (MC) role will be the driving force to build and develop a local network with residents and the above links. The MC role would include management and training volunteers to help in our outreach project offering advice and support to locals residents struggling with technology and benefits applications and or signposting to health and/or legal services. Create a vibrant and sustainable centre, participating in local community networks and taking the lead on health and safety, improve wellbeing of local people by offering a | Further Discussion |

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| | | range of activities suiting the needs of different groups. Exploring different ways to generate income through hall hire and applying for grants. Managing financial budgets, meeting and reporting back to the G1CC Trustee board. Asking for £45k. Non-financial asks are: | |
| 3 | Hackney Chinese Community Services Association Limited | Funding advice service capacity in order to cater to the more complex casework around immigration and hate crime and further developing advice and advocacy service to the ESEA community (inclusive of Hongkongers); develop our partnerships with police and public authorities, existing specialist agencies such as the Citizen Advice Bureaux, Law Centres or Refugees and Migrant services to facilitate them in developing services to support said community and build capacity for other ESEA and Hongkonger advocacy organisations in advice work, through more roundtable discussions and similar networking events. Non-financial: consultation and advice on sustainability | Further Discussion |
| 4 | Clapton Park United Reformed Church | This grant will contribute to the salary of the interim centre manager alongside consultant time and advice to ensure that the Round Chapel Old School Rooms CPURC can put all of this in place to ensure a solid footing to continue to be a place in the community that people can reliably come to, to give and receive support, for a long time into the future, for whatever comes next. Non-financial: training, reflective practice, meeting rooms | Further Discussion |
| 5 | East London Cares | £25,000 from the Community Infrastructure fund will support us to continue our pivotal role in building trusting relationships with the most isolated older neighbours in Hackney, and helping them to access local specialist services for a range of complex needs, beyond their lack of social connection. We'll invest this grant in salary costs for our four delivery staff, who share responsibility to provide this holistic support, alongside the day-to-day running of their programmes. £10,000 - Outreach Coordinator £7,500 - Love-Your-Neighbour Coordinator £2,500 - Social Clubs Coordinator £5,000 - Head of Programmes (oversight over all programmes). Non financial: space for events, networking/ partnerships, training | Further Discussion |
| 6 | Volunteer Centre Hackney | This grant will contribute towards the staff costs required to maintain and grow our place based social action programme Our Place, as well as training and support costs to to engage and support more residents and expand our activities beyond the two sites. Non-financial | Further Discussion |

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| 7 | Manor House Development Trust | We plan to use this grant to contribute to our organisation's core costs. This grant would enable us to spend more time developing our organisational capacity and building relationships and networks of support within our own, and across other organisations. We draw down money for restricted project funds, and as such a lot of our staff capacity is taken up with the day to day running and management of these projects. This grant will give us the freedom to enable our staff to spend their time developing their skills, researching and applying for further grant funds, building networks and spending time with the vulnerable members of the community to inform exactly what kinds of support they would like to see from us. Non-financial: capacity building the community infrastructure | Further Discussion |
| 8 | Peter Bedford Housing Association | To develop their Wellbeing and Support service, a new volunteer-driven service enabling tenants and participants to access support aimed at connecting with the wider community as the pandemic recedes. We will recruit a cohort of 30 Wellbeing and Support Volunteers who will deliver the service with assistance from the PBHA staff team. | Not Recommended |
| 9 | XLP | Staff and programme costs. Non-financial: volunteers, networking and work with schools | Not Recommended |
| 10 | Apex Community Hub CIC | Funding to support the delivery our 'Narrowing the Attainment Project' which will include drama, theatre, sport, mentoring & education." | Not Recommended |
| 11 | The Shoreditch Trust | We require funding for staff time, specialist facilitation support and event costs. We aim to run 2 unconferences a year, gathering c. 50 to 100 people; 2 design challenges a year (3-4 months each) engaging around 25 individuals per challenge. The design challenges work with a smaller group of people (20-30) to address a particular issue which they have lived experience of by coming up with new solutions to that issue. Key outcomes include: services more influenced by community insight; new community innovations; increase in local agency and voice; increased community entrepreneurship. We piloted this model through Paul Hamlyn Funding, with 15 young people in Hackney. | Not Recommended |
| 12 | My Hope CIC | N/A | Not Recommended |

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| 13 | Dalston Eastern Curve Garden | aim to use this one year project to build our understanding and knowledge of and connections with Council strategy work and services that will help us signpost Garden users to appropriate support | Not Recommended |
| 14 | The Yard Theatre Ltd. | This grant would support core salary costs for posts that directly deliver our community and youth programme. Two full-time staff members and life-long East Londoners ensure its smooth and effective running: Local Producer, Katherine Igoe-Ewer (project lead) and Local Coordinator, Holly Campbell-Smith. Non-financial: access to employment support, anti-racism training and other training and collaboration | Not Recommended |