

**THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA
CORPORATE SERVICES BUSINESS GROUP
SMALL GRANTS FUNDING ALLOCATION – MAY 2017**

This report asks the Head of Community Engagement to decide on applications for one-off grants from the Small Grants Fund 2017-18 Round One

FOR DECISION

- 1.1. **BUDGET: £30,000** **BALANCE REMAINING: £19,834**
- 1.2. In 2017-18 the Corporate Services Small Grants Fund will be managed in two rounds. A total of £30,000 was made available. £10,166 has been awarded in April 2017, and the remaining £19,834 will be available in October 2017.
- 1.3. The purpose of the Small Grants Fund is to assist local community organisations with activities that benefit residents of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. Applications must be from voluntary and community organisations with charitable objectives working in the Royal Borough and the grant used to primarily benefit residents of Kensington and Chelsea.
- 1.4. Organisations should meet the Corporate Services overall grants priorities as follows:
- Information and Advice
 - Community Engagement
 - Infrastructure and Capacity Building

Priority is given to those organisations not already funded by the Royal Borough. The maximum grant awarded will be £1,500 against criteria 1-5 of the grant scheme and, additionally, up to £7,000 is available for applications against criteria 6. Criteria 1-6 are listed below:

1. Items of equipment
 2. To provide some of the costs for community events, outings and festivals
 3. To produce publicity material or meet the costs of taking part in events which publicise the organisation's services
 4. Volunteer expenses and training for volunteers including Management Committee members
 5. Small scale building work that supports the sustainability of an organisation, improves access, facilitates efficient usage, improves the security of Community Centres, and other buildings
 6. Unexpected one-off costs that support the sustainability of an organisation which the organisation cannot meet. This does not include meeting known budgetary deficits or funding shortfalls, which will not be met.
- 1.5 Applications were assessed independently by the Consultation and Research Officer, the Community and Third Sector Support Officer and a City Living, Local Life Project Officer. Decisions for grant applications were then discussed and agreed by the Head of Community Engagement, following consultation by the

Cabinet Member Civil Society and Community Safety.

2. GRANTS REQUESTED

- 2.1. Appendix One details the grant applications received in April 2017 and include recommendations for funding.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. The Small Grants recommended for approval can be met from the Corporate Services Grants budget as set out in the Key Decision Report of December 2014 and confirmed in the Key Decision Report of December 2016.

4. DECISIONS

- 4.1. The Head of Community Engagement agrees the following grants:

Name of Organisation	£
Action Disability Kensington and Chelsea	£1500
Baraka Community Association	£1349
Connaught Opera	£1000
Hodan	£700
KIDS	£1350
North Kensington Law Centre	£1500
Nova New Opportunities	£1500
Youth Action Alliance	£1267
TOTAL	£10,166
Remaining budget for 2017-18	£19,834

- 4.2. 11 applications for funding were refused; reasons for refusals are detailed in Appendix One and more information is available upon request to the applicants.
- 4.3. After payment of the grants round one will close.

5. APPROVAL

- 5.1 I agree the payment of the above grants from the Corporate Services Small Grants Fund.

Melanie Marshman, Head of Community Engagement

Date: _____

Report by:

Shai Richardson
Community and Third Sector Support Officer

APPENDIX ONE

Recommendations for funding from the Small Grants Fund 2017-18 Round One

Name	Project Description	Amount Requested	Recommendation	Recommended Grant Amount	Reasoning
Abundance Arts	Cost of eight sessions of intergenerational creative arts workshops.	£1,250.00	Grant not recommended	£0.00	Organisation not eligible for funding this round.
Action Disability Kensington and Chelsea	Cost for three Independent Living summit meetings for those living with disabilities.	£1,500.00	Award full grant	£1,500.00	Application demonstrates good value for money and a clear community benefit.
Baraka Community Association	Cost for one desktop computer and one laptop for the office administrator.	£1,500.00	Award part grant	£1,349.00	Part grant awarded as the organisation have included costs for an item of software which can be obtained free of charge.
Build on Belief	Hiring a football pitch for 48 weeks of the year.	£1,440.00	Grant not recommended	£0.00	Organisation not eligible for funding this round.
CAPCA	Gifts for the participants of the Children's Costume Parade at the Nursery Carnival.	£1,500.00	Grant not recommended	£0.00	Grant not recommended due to insufficient information provided in the application.
Connaught Opera	Costs to perform a free community concert for older residents in RBKC.	£1,000.00	Award full grant	£1,000.00	Good outcomes demonstrated for the older community as well as the project being good value for money.
Golborne Forum	Costs to update the website six times.	£1,500.00	Grant not recommended	£0.00	Concerns about the sustainability of this project. Therefore, the grant was not recommended.
Hodan	Cost for a new PC and printer.	£949.99	Award part grant	£700.00	Partially funded in light of the amount funded for other similar requests for equipment this round.
Hope of Nine	Cost for a refrigerator.	£1,500.00	Grant not recommended	£0.00	Running as a private company therefore they do not qualify for the Small Grants Fund.
KIDS	Cost to replace the soft play mats.	£1,350.00	Award full grant	£1,350.00	A strong justification of need and outcomes for the project were demonstrated.

Museum of Architecture	Costs for materials toward a Sandcastle Exhibition.	£1,500.00	Grant not recommended	£0.00	Lack of information about the project needs and outcomes in the application. Felt the grant would ordinarily be supported by another department.
North Kensington Law Centre	Cost for an industrial printer.	£4,923.31	Award part grant	£1,500.00	A strong justification of need and outcomes for the project were demonstrated. awarded funding the maximum available under criteria 1..
Nova New Opportunities	Cost to migrate emails/storage to Microsoft Cloud.	£3,570.00	Award part grant	£1,500.00	Application is not an unexpected one-off cost and the maximum under criteria for items of equipment has been funded.
Open Age	Costs to create and run a photography exhibition.	£1,500.00	Grant not recommended	£0.00	Organisation not eligible for funding this round.
Response Community Projects	Cost for a mobile phone and laptop.	£629.90	Grant not recommended	£0.00	Organisation not eligible for funding this round.
S.P.I.D. Theatre Company	Venue hire fees, printing and distribution costs detailing free classes and premises for hire, as well as participation to an information sharing event occurring six times per year.	£1,500.00	Grant not recommended	£0.00	Organisation not eligible for funding this round.
St John's Notting Hill Church	Costs for mock-up installation of enhanced lighting.	£5,000.00	Grant not recommended	£0.00	Grant not recommended as the application did not meet the criteria.
Westway Community Transport	Contribute towards the cost (£11,000) of a part-time Administrator for the Popup crèche/nursery.	£7,000.00	Grant not recommended	£0.00	Grant not recommended as the application did not meet the criteria.
Youth Action Alliance	Cost for two PCs and software.	£1,266.98	Award full grant	£1,267	Clear demonstration of benefit for service users and the organisations need for items of equipment.
Total		£40,380.18	Total	£10,166.00	