

**THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA
CORPORATE SERVICES BUSINESS GROUP
SMALL GRANTS FUNDING ALLOCATION - NOVEMBER 2016**

This report asks the Head of Community Engagement to decide on applications for one-off grants from the Small Grants Fund 2016-17 Round Two

FOR DECISION

1.1. **BUDGET: £30,000**

BALANCE REMAINING: £15,000

1.2. In 2016-17 the Corporate Services Small Grants Fund will be managed in two rounds. A total of £30,000 was made available. £15,000 was awarded in April 2016, and the remaining £15,000 has been awarded in November 2016.

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 Third Sector Development 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 for Voluntary Organisations and Resident Engagement.

2. GRANTS REQUESTED

- 2.1. Appendix One details the grant applications received in October 2016 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 2015.

4. DECISIONS

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

Name of Organisation	£
Al-Hasaniya Moroccan Women's Project Ltd	1200
Bishop Creighton House	1300
Cara Trust	300
Kalayaan	1200
Meanwhile Gardens Community Association	6000
Portobello Business Centre	1000
Venture Community Association	3000
Women's Association For Networking and Development WAND UK	1000
TOTAL	15,000
Remaining budget for 2016-17	0

- 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 two will close. The future of this programme will be set out in the Key Decision Report due December 2016.

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 2016-17 Round Two

Name	Project Description	Amount Requested	Recommendation	Recommended Grant	Reasoning
Al-Hasaniya Moroccan Womens Project	To participate as partners of the Nour festival. To paint and recarpet the flood damaged rooms within the centre.	£3,000.00	Award part grant	£1,200.00	The Nour festival aspect would be retrospective so ineligible for funding. Funds awarded to paint the community centre.
Beanstalk	Volunteer training and expenses for three workers to offer reading support for primary school students.	£1,398.00	Grant not recommended	£0	Grant not recommended due to insufficient evidence provided in the application.
Bishop Creighton House	Volunteer training and expenses	£1,425.00	Award part grant	£1,300	A strong justification of need and outcomes for the project were demonstrated. Only partial award due to limited information on the budget breakdown.
Cara Trust	For the cost of design and marketing materials to advertise its specialist services for older people living with HIV.	£477.80	Award part grant	£300.00	Marketing materials will advertise the support services for older people with HIV the organisation offers. Partially funded due to large demand for the budget this round.
Hestia Housing and Support	Cost of project to support young people	£7,000.00	Grant not recommended	£0	Does not meet the criteria as a funding shortfall is being sought for a project that is being funded by another department.
Jimmy Asher Foundation	Cost of a 6-week healthy cooking workshop for young people.	£1,450.00	Grant not recommended	£0	Grant not recommended due to insufficient evidence in the application.
Kalayaan	To recarpet the room within the community centre.	£1,500.00	Award part grant	£1,200.00	Project will improve the building environment of the centre for its users and staff team. Partially funded due to large demand for the budget this round.

Kodjo Yenga Trust	Cost of community awards event for young people who have excelled.	£950.00	Grant not recommended	£0	Grant not recommended due to insufficient evidence on the application.
Latymer Christian Fellowship Trust	Purchase of furniture for community sessions	£1,500.00	Grant not recommended	£0	Grant not recommended due to the demand on the budget this round.
Meanwhile Gardens Community Association	Repairs to a leaking flat roof.	£7,000.00	Award part grant	£6,000.00	Work is vital to the safety and effectiveness of the centre for both volunteers and staff. Award is conditional on plans to secure match funding.
My First 1000 Days	Cost of project materials	£1,350.00	Grant not recommended	£0	Concerned about the sustainability of this project and whether focus will be on residents of RBKC. Therefore, it was felt that it did not sufficiently meet the criteria.
Octavia Foundation	Cost of an Apple Mobility Cart	£1,500.00	Grant not recommended	£0	Need for this equipment not demonstrated in the application.
Persian Care Centre	Group outing to Brighton	£1,096.00	Grant not recommended	£0	Insufficient evidence of benefit provided.
Portobello Business Centre	Cost for equipment	£1,490.00	Award part grant	£1,000.00	Application demonstrates good value for money and community benefit. Part funded due to the high demand for funds.
Response Community Projects	Cost of programme computer licenses, and 5 years' maintenance	£956.55	Grant not recommended	£0	Excessive costs. Organisation was funded during the round one. Not prioritised due to the oversubscribed round.
St John's Church Chelsea	Install a platform lift outside of the Church	£7,000.00	Grant not recommended	£0	Asking for more than the upper limit of the category and would be a minimal contribution to a large project.
St Quintin Park Residents Association	Cost of a pantomime to be held in Dalgarno Community Centre.	£750.00	Grant not recommended	£0	Insufficient evidence provided of benefit to RBKC residents. Short notice for project to run effectively.
The Kensington & Chelsea Foundation	Leaflet printing and distribution costs	£1,500.00	Grant not recommended	£0	RBKC has funded this same project in the past. Repeat funding for projects is not the aim of the small grants programme.

Venture Centre Community Association	Refurbishing the community kitchen	£3,640.00	Award part grant	£3,000.00	Clear demonstration of benefit for service users. Not fully funded due to the high demand on this round's budget.
Victim Support	Grant to sustain a positive intervention project	£8,500.00	Grant not recommended	£0	Small grant fund does not cover funding shortfalls or projects that would normally be funded by other departments.
Woman's Trust	Volunteer expenses	£1,500.00	Grant not recommended	£0	Grant not recommended due to insufficient evidence of benefit for RBKC residents.
Women's Association For Networking and Development WAND UK	Cost of project to raise health awareness, including volunteer costs, printing and stationary.	£1,450.00	Award part grant	£1,000.00	Good outcomes demonstrated for community engagement activities. Partially funded in light of funding this project previously through small grants
Young People's Progress CIC	A fight club two hours a week for 6 weeks	£1,025.00	Grant not recommended	£0	Grant not recommended due to insufficient evidence of benefit for RBKC residents.
23 Applications were received	Total	£57,458.35	Total	£15,000.00	