

WANDSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

FINANCE AND CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 2ND
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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 2ND OCTOBER 2014

EXECUTIVE – 6TH OCTOBER 2014

Report by the Chief Executive and Director of Administration (on behalf of all officers concerned)
on a proposal to create a new single small grants scheme

SUMMARY

The Council operates a wide range of grants funds which are aimed at making a significant contribution to the vibrancy of the Borough. Over 200 individual awards were made in 2013/14 supporting a spectrum of projects from the arts to youth initiatives and £718,500 is available for distribution in 2014/15.

A review has been completed of these various funds and recommendations are made to bring together constituent grant funds into a new Wandsworth Grant Fund to be administered by the Economic Development Office. The WGF will have two bidding rounds aligned with the current WBSF, with enhanced member oversight to all awards provided through a strengthened Grants Sub-Committee. The Council's website will be updated to provide much clearer and more consistent information on grant funds to local organisations, and signpost to other funds (e.g. local Trusts) not controlled by the council. The WGF will have an overarching and consistent set of award criteria, but evaluation and awards process will be designed such that the original priorities of the constituent grant pots are maintained.

The Director of Finance comments that the new WGF pot will have an estimated budget of £396,500 in 2015/16 which is the current approved allocation of grant within the remit of the new fund. The consolidation of the grants budget is supported in that it will enable a more consistent approach to grant making. The creation of the new fund will require a short term, 12 month resource within the EDO whilst processes are rationalised and standardised, estimated to cost £40,000. The cost of this will be met from overall Council budgets.

GLOSSARY

CYPP	-	Children and Young People
EDO	-	Economic Development Office
FTE	-	Full Time Equivalent
GSC	-	Grants Sub-Committee
OSC	-	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
WBSF	-	Wandsworth Big Society Fund
WGF	-	Wandsworth Grant Fund

VCS	-	Voluntary and Community Sector
YOF	-	Youth Opportunity Fund
YWS	-	Youth Work Service

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Finance and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee are recommended to support the recommendations set out in paragraph 2 of this report. If they approve any views, comments or recommendations on this report these will be reported to the Executive for their consideration.
2. The General Purposes Committee are recommended to:
 - (a) approve the creation of a new post of VCS grants development officer in the Administration Department's Economic Development Office for a fix term of one year to oversee the implementation of the new grants scheme.
3. The Executive is recommended to:
 - (a) agree the creation of a new Wandsworth Grant Fund (WGF) by the combining of all existing grant schemes (with the exception of Youth Opportunities Fund – YOF) from 1st April 2015, building on the processes in place for the WBSF and funded from within existing budgets;
 - (b) agree that the allocation of all grants, and all application in relation thereto, be considered by the Grants Sub-Committee for recommendation to the Executive;
 - (c) agree the proposed changes to the terms of reference of all the Overview and Scrutiny Committees as set out in paragraphs 27 to 28;
 - (d) agree that the membership of the Grants Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee be increased from six Members to eight (paragraph 31);
 - (e) note the proposed creation of a one-year fixed term post in the Economic Development Office to oversee the implementation of the new grants scheme; and,
 - (f) note that a further report will be submitted to this committee on the details for implementing the new scheme.

INTRODUCTION

4. The Council approves a diverse range of voluntary and community grant funds which make a significant contribution to the vibrancy of the borough. Over 200 individual awards were made in 2013/14 supporting a spectrum of projects from the arts to youth initiatives and £718,500 is available for distribution in 2014/15. This includes £197,000 carried forward from the Wandsworth Big Society Fund in 2013/14.
5. Responsibility for allocating these funds rests with multiple divisions within several departments. Grants are allocated in different ways using a variety of criteria that reflect the intended purpose of each grant fund. Given recent changes to the structure of the Council and reductions in staffing resources, a review has been undertaken to identify how the task

of supporting organisations through such small grants can be done more effectively and efficiently, whilst ensuring that the level of support is not affected. The Administration Department's Policy Unit has undertaken this review, working with officers across the Council to ensure that their experience and expertise over many years of administering grants was taken fully into account.

6. A number of grant funds are covered by this review and full detail on each of them is provided in Appendix 1. In addition, there are a wide range of non-Council funds available to local groups, details of which are also provided in Appendix 1.

GRANT BUDGETS

7. Budgets for the current year are shown below. These totals reflect the changes to the WBSF in the EDO review (Paper No. 14-185 to the Finance and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee (FCROSC) and the Executive in February 2014) where the budget for 2014/15 was reduced by £44,000 to £125,000 to better reflect historic grant activity whilst minimising the impact on grant allocations. In addition, Arts Grants budgets were reduced by £25,000 to £65,000 in January 2014.

Fund	Budget for 2014/15	OSC remit	Administered by
Wandsworth Big Society Fund (WBSF)	£322,000 (includes £197,000 carried forward from 2013/14)	FCROSC	EDO
Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF)	£100,000	ECSOSC	DESS (Prevention and Intervention Division)
Children and Young People (CYPP) small grants	£26,500	ECSOSC	As above
Youth Work Service (YWS) community grants	£175,000	ECSOSC	As above
Wandsworth Eco grant	£5,000	CSOSC	Head of Waste Management
Wandsworth Community Fund (WCF)*	£25,000*	FCROSC	EDO
Arts' grants** a) Creative Communities b) Cultural capacity c) Project arts d) Small arts	£15,000 £10,000 £25,000 £15,000	ECSOSC	HCS (Libraries and Leisure Division)
Total	£718,500		

*WCF is managed by London Community Fund and is not Council funding

**A pot of £5,000 to provide interest-free loans to artists to support their commercial viability is not included here.

8. The criteria for eligibility to receive funding from each of these Funds are set out in Appendix 2. Ensuring that all the funds on these schemes are allocated can be difficult. Schemes which operate multiple application windows each year are prone to underspend, even where the average grant awarded is small. This is often due to decisions on

applications being held pending further information and clarification. Efforts are made to help grant-aided projects proceed and the EDO, in consultation with Head of Audit, has recently introduced criteria for rescinding awards if no start has been made within six months of award. The funds available for YWS and YOF grants were almost fully disbursed in 2013/14. For the YOF, it is a requirement of grant that projects complete and that all grant is spent by February each year. For the YWS, it is a requirement that grants are spent by 31st March each year.

REVIEW FINDINGS

9. The current arrangement of grant fund pots helps to maintain and develop strong links between the service and the Voluntary and Community sector (VCS). However, the review has identified several issues which, when examined together, imply that the Council's overall grants offer is not as efficient as it could be, both from the Council's and the VCS's perspective. These issues are summarised below:
- Information on available funds is scattered and uncoordinated. There is no single source of information on available grants. Information is widely scattered across the Council's website. Such links as exist are often to fairly old information. Officers involved in grants often do not themselves have a complete overview of wider grants activity;
 - Eligibility and award criteria vary. For example, most funds provide grants of up to £5,000, the exceptions being the YWS community grants (£500 minimum - £15,000 maximum) and the Cultural Capacity grants (£10,000 max) and Creative Communities (£3,000 max), Small Arts (£2,000) and Eco Grants (£2,500). The Wandsworth Eco Fund awards grants at a minimum of £40. Most grants are for specific time-limited projects not involving a continuing revenue commitment. The exception is the YWS fund which has been used to fund running costs for a number of youth clubs. In practice, the CYP fund has also funded projects on an on-going basis. The types of organisation that may be funded are set out in varying degrees of detail in each fund's list of criteria; WBSF, for example, refers to "constituted" organisations with annual incomes of under £100,000 but others generally refer to "voluntary organisations" without being more specific;
 - Number of grants rounds varies. This varies between 1 to 4 each year. The "success rate" of applicants varies considerably, as does the average level of grant awarded. Similar projects are often funded by WBSF and YOF but applicants to the former are twice as likely to succeed and, on average, receive just over half of the grant awarded under YOF;
 - Some evidence of overlap between grants' funds. WBSF, for example, funds a range of projects for young people, including arts projects, as well as a wide range of sports activity. Individual groups have made grant applications to both the WBSF and the Wandsworth Eco fund and awards from both funds to the same organisation have covered similar projects;
 - Member involvement in grant awards is inconsistent. Some grants are awarded by the Executive on the recommendation of the Grants Overview and Scrutiny Sub-

Committee, other via delegated authority to officers acting on behalf of the Executive without prior consultation under Standing Order No. 83, as applicable:

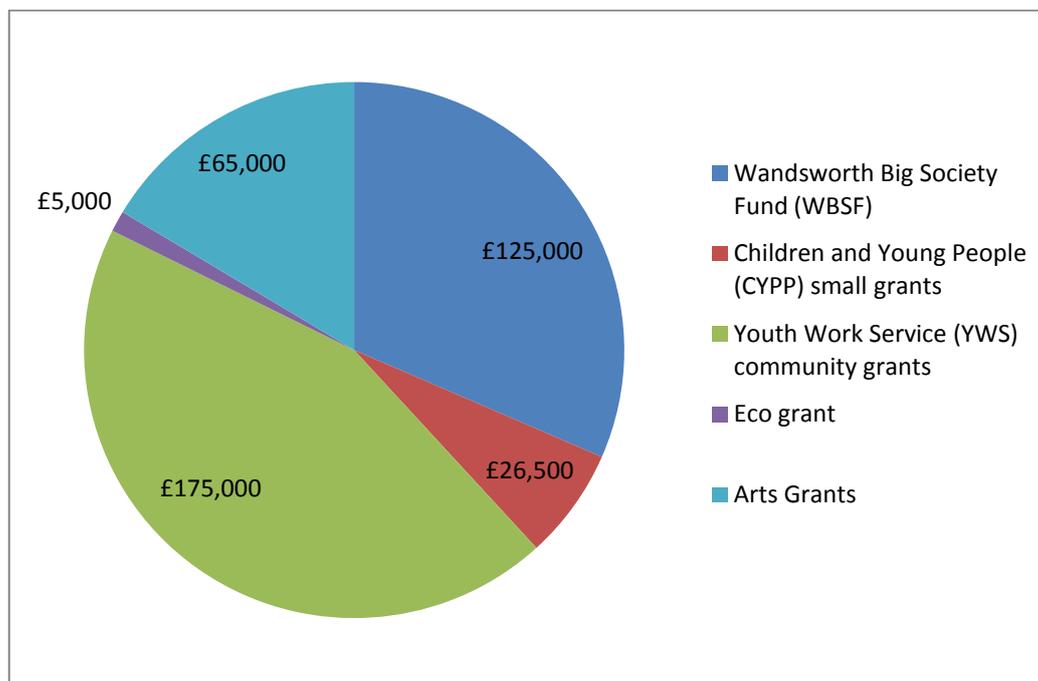
- The evaluation of outcomes, impact and learning is not consistent; and
- Relatively high administrative overheads. In general, the funds are aimed largely at smaller organisations needing relatively small amounts of money for specific purposes. Although small, each award must be assessed carefully and spent properly, i.e. following basic procurement rules such as the funded organisation obtaining competitive quotes before grant funds are released. This can mean a high administrative overhead relative to the amount of grant. This overhead varies with the varying number of grants rounds which are run.

REVIEW PROPOSAL – A NEW WANDSWORTH GRANT FUND (WGF)

10. The overlap between grants funds has been noted above. An organisation may receive grants from several funds and may be pointed towards particular funds where officers feel they would have better prospects of success; this approach is inherently inefficient for the Council and possibly frustrating, and indeed confusing, for local groups. Awareness of some grants funds between departments is also not as good as it could be.
11. It is therefore proposed that the current grant funds are combined to create a single new Wandsworth Grant Fund (WGF) from 1st April 2015 which would provide grants of between £500 and £15,000. The grants would be awarded in two annual bidding rounds (June and November) to align with the current WBSF. A single bidding ‘window’ could be introduced but this is not recommended for a number of reasons, as follows:-
 - a) It allows groups to proceed with minimal delay, especially if urgent works are needed;
 - b) It spreads the administrative workload across the year rather than concentrating it in one period. This enables more help to be provided so as to improve the quality of applications and ensure proper assessment of applications; and,
 - c) It encourages groups to maintain contact with local councillors throughout the year rather than focus only on a single application period.
12. It is proposed that the YOF is excluded from the WGF. The YOF is considered a model of its type. The YOF is the major source of grant aimed specifically at the priorities of younger people, and young people themselves play an important role in deciding the awards which is a feature that would be difficult to preserve or replicate in the WGF model proposed here. Most of the awards are for arts, cultural or sports-related projects. As such, no change is recommended to this fund.
13. The YWS also gives maintenance grant aid to several voluntary sector youth clubs and these amounts are not included in the WGF pot above. However, work will be completed by the Youth Work Service to put these arrangements on a firmer footing. These grants includes; Devas Youth Club (£7,943); Caius House (£2,247) and Katherine Low Settlement (KLS) (£2,247). The Executive agreed (Paper 11-796) that, in line with the Council’s

strategic aim to develop and maintain 'bigger, brighter' youth centres', these grants would remain in place when the YWS Grant scheme was set up. The grant to KLS will be redirected to Caius House when this is fully functioning in 2015. The Youth Service also pays 90% of the annual rent for two other voluntary sector groups based at Ashlone Wharf: Sea Cadets (total rent £26,150) and Wandsworth Youth River (total rent £22,000).

14. The WGF will have an estimated budget of £396,500 in 2015/16, which is the current approved allocation of grant within the remit of the new fund, and will be constituted as follows:-



15. It is proposed that Member-level oversight to grant awards from the new Fund should be strengthened in two key ways: firstly, by ensuring that each organisation making a bid secures endorsement/sponsorship by at least one ward Member; and secondly, by concentrating decision-making within the Grants Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee, subject to approval, of their recommendations by the Executive. Introducing this approach would require some revisions to the terms of reference of the Finance and Corporate Resources OSC as well as widening those of the Sub-Committee; it would also increase the Sub-Committee's business (although not meetings) but would have the advantage of providing high levels of transparency. The implications for this Committee and the Sub-Committee are discussed later in this report.

16. In summary, the new WGF would:-

- (a) Enhance Members' involvement and oversight in the process;
- (b) provide clarity both internally and externally, potentially encouraging projects which are potentially collaborative and multi-disciplinary;
- (c) improve ability to identify trends in applications and to provide more real time advice to local groups, ward members and organisations on where there are 'grant application gaps' – either geographically or by outcomes/objective;

- (d) help to promote better Value For Money (VFM) – trends of multiple bids have been noted in this review for items such as web development time, or sports equipment – bids like this could be combined to deliver the same outcome at a reduced cost;
- (e) allow for easier and more cost-effective communications to potential bidders, thereby potentially attracting a more diverse audience;
- (f) be more efficient to administer; and,
- (g) be easier to monitor than the current disparate arrangements, providing Members with a clearer understanding of the impact of the programme, and easier identification of areas which need reviewing.

17. It is proposed that an annual report on applications, awards, outcomes and spend be provided to Members by the EDO in a consistent format. A single report covering all grants funds would be produced in September each year and be placed in the members online library.

AIMS OF THE NEW WGF

18. The creation of the new WGF is intended to help address the issues set out in paragraph 10 and deliver the benefits set out in paragraph 16. In doing so the expectation would be that grants from the WGF would be awarded to organisations in a way which reflects the constituent grants pots within the overall Fund, namely: Arts; Children and Young People; Youth Work Service; Wandsworth Eco; and Wandsworth Big Society. This is both in terms of the outcomes each Fund individually sought to achieve, and the amount of the original fund. These two factors would be designed into the awards process and marketing materials from the start.

IMPLEMENTING THE WGF

19. It is proposed that the EDO expands its current role to incorporate administering the new WGF, building on the well developed processes that have been put in place for the WBSF. To this end it is proposed to establish a fixed term post of VCS Grants Development Officer for 1 year (funded from existing budgets) within the EDO to deliver the new fund, including processes and online marketing content. The post holder would be expected to work with relevant officers in departments to ensure that the design of the awards process still meets the original aims and objectives of the constituent funds. After one year, the this post will be reviewed by the Economic Development Officer in light of experience in administering the WGF. This may deliver an efficiency saving in 2016/17 once all the processes have been mainstreamed.

20. The design of a new web page which provides contact details and basic information on Council *and other* funds would be critical to its launch. This marketing should include YOF and those groups listed in Appendix 1 which are not controlled by the Council, i.e.

Big Local – National Lottery

Comic Relief Local Communities Programme

Covent Garden Market Authority Community Fund

Sir Walter St. John Trust

Sports England funds
Sports Relief Dispossessed Fund
The Good Neighbourhood Fund
Mayor of London's Sports Legacy Programme
Wandsworth Community Fund
Western Riverside Environmental Fund
Wimbledon Foundation Community Fund

21. A range of measures would also be designed to make the administrative processes for a single pot more efficient whilst leaving the process flexible and responsive to groups applying for small grants. These would include -
- (a) having a consistent statement as to the types of organisations that can receive grants. WBSF is aimed at "properly constituted" bodies with an annual income of under £100,000. A single definition might not be wanted but each fund should have such a statement;
 - (b) guiding principles that the grants schemes will adhere to, such as value for money, procurement policies, wider community benefit, the role of volunteers, expectations about levels of matched funding and meeting Council priorities; and,
 - (c) a description of activities that cannot be supported, e.g. ones that have already been funded or are replicating existing services.
22. The EDO would establish an officer-level *WGF Development Group* to oversee the implementation. This Group would give managers currently responsible for the grants the opportunity to provide ongoing input and challenge into the process. The successful evaluation and awards of grants cannot happen without the input of expertise from officers in departments. For example, the Cultural Capacity, Project Arts and Small Arts pots are about supporting the best quality individuals and projects rather than a more general support for arts activity – as detailed in [Appendix 2](#). In this sense, advice needs to be given by those with the experience and expertise to identify the best quality applicants. As is the case with all grants, the Arts Team would continue to be called upon to provide expert evaluation input to the grant applications even if it were to become part of a Staff Mutual, but the award process itself would remain within the Council's decision making structures.
23. The EDO currently seeks expertise from across the Council in evaluating applications for funding from the WBSF. Strengthening this process would be critical to ensuring that the WGF continues to meet the objectives of its constituent funds.
24. It is likely that there will be calls on the WGF that would constitute an 'emergency' and which couldn't reasonably wait until the next bidding round. Such situations might include, but not limited to, where a local group requires some match funding as a prerequisite to accessing a large sum elsewhere, or where a group requires funding to bridge a gap that would otherwise result in the winding-up of an organisation or an event / service. It is proposed that amounts up to £1000 could be awarded under the Standing Order 83(a) process. These instances would be reported to the next Grants Sub-Committee.

CONSULTATION

25. A draft of this paper was circulated to the VCS and their views will be reported back to the Committee and the Executive. In addition, if the proposals in this report are approved, the EDO will ensure that the VCS are engaged at appropriate stages in the design of the WGF.

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

26. The Equality Act 2010 requires that the Council when exercising its functions must have "due regard" to the need to eliminate discrimination, to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it and to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. As such an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been undertaken on the proposals in this paper. This EIA is attached as an appendix to this report. This EIA has identified no negative impact and has identified that having one source of information and one consistent approach could increase awareness of grant funding across local organisations leading to a more diversity in groups applying and receiving grants

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

27. The terms of reference of OSCs include the following:-

(a) All OSCs except the Finance and Corporate Resources OSC:-

"Financial assistance to organisations, and performance and governance arrangements for all significant partnerships, with activities related to those of this Committee".; and

(b) Finance and Corporate Resources OSC:-

"Overall policies in connection with financial assistance to voluntary organisations, including London-wide and local organisations; financial assistance to organisations, and performance and governance arrangements for all significant partnerships, concerned with general advice giving, multi-purpose organisations and organisations not falling within the terms of reference of any other committee".

28. In order to reflect the proposed arrangements for replacing the various grant funds with a single Wandsworth Grants Fund (WGF) it is proposed that the OSCs' terms of reference be revised so that the OSCs continue to consider proposals for those grants which are effectively service contracts, whilst all other matters concerning financial assistance to organisations would transfer to the Finance and Corporate Resources OSC.

GRANTS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

29. The terms of reference of the Grants OS Sub-Committee are as follows:-

"To consider applications for grant aid to voluntary and community organisations providing services to residents of the Borough, and to make recommendations to the Executive on funding amounts and the terms and conditions of these grants."

30. The current membership of the Sub-Committee is six Members (four Majority Party, two Opposition). The creation of a single grant fund would effectively remove grant awarding 'power' from the CS and the ECSOSCs (and all other OSCs) as described in paragraph 27-

28 above. Whilst it is not felt necessary to propose any change to the Sub-Committee's terms of reference, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Resources proposes that their membership should be increased to reflect the proposals to bring the various other funding streams into one WGF.

31. It is therefore recommended to increase the Sub-Committee by 2 Members (to 8 Members). An increase of two members will enable the Sub-Committee to include an additional Majority and Minority Party Member - this would allow both parties to have members drawn for the present members on the FCROSC, Educ. & Children's Services OSC and the Community Services OSC, i.e. the key OSCs involved in grant awards.

COMMENT FROM THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

32. The Head of Human Resources comments this will increase the Economic Development Office establishment by 1FTE for a fixed-term period of one year. Any extension beyond one year will require further separate approval.
33. The grade of the new post will be determined in accordance with the Council's approved Job Evaluation procedure and recruitment would be via the usual Council recruitment processes. Where the Council has suitable redeployees they will be given prior consideration.

CONSULTATION

34. The Staff Side have been consulted on this report and any comments received from them will be reported to the Finance and Corporate Resources OSC.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE COMMENTS

35. The Director of Finance comments that the current grant budget is £718,500 in 2014/15. Excluding the carry forward from 2013/14, the new WGF pot will have a budget of £396,500 in 2015/16 which is the current approved allocation of grant within the remit of the new fund. The consolidation of the grants budget is supported in that it will enable a more consistent approach to grant making. Departments will still be able to advise on the suitability of grant bids but there will be additional Member scrutiny of applications, more consistency across awards and less risk of duplication. The creation of the new fund will require a short term, 12 month resource within the EDO estimated to cost £40,000 whilst processes are rationalised and standardised. The cost of this will be met from overall council budgets.

CONCLUSION

36. In centralising the current range of grants funds operated by the council this review seeks to create a more transparent, efficient and coordinated approach. In doing so it ensures that the council continues to provide support to the wide range of voluntary and community organisation whose work helps maintain and promote the vitality of the borough.

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Background papers

There are no background papers to this report.

All reports to Overview and Scrutiny Committees, regulatory and other committees, the Executive and the full Council can be viewed on the Council's website (www.wandsworth.gov.uk/moderngov) unless the report was published before May 2001, in which case the Committee Secretary (Graham Collins – 020 8871 6021; email gcollins@wandsworth.gov.uk) can supply it if required.

Fund	Budget 14/15	Awards range	Grant purpose	Aimed at:
WBSF	£125,000 (+ b/f from previous rounds)	£500-5000	<p>Round 9 guidance:</p> <p>Encourage, promote and support active citizenship, civic action and volunteering. (Precedence will be given to projects which lead to more local volunteering efforts); and/or</p> <p>Support the aims of the Borough’s sustainable community strategy, “Our Wandsworth 2018”, to make Wandsworth safer, healthier, more prosperous and sustainable;</p>	<p>(a) an existing constituted ‘not for profit organisation’ or ‘civil society’ organisation based in the Borough of Wandsworth with an income of less than £100,000; or</p> <p>(b) any informal group of individuals based in the Borough of Wandsworth, but also includes more formal groups such as a residents’ or tenants’ association; business association, cultural group; sports organisation; scouts, cubs and guide troops, parent/teacher association, etc.</p> <p>Examples of what our grant can pay for are: equipment hire or purchase; information technology equipment; materials for use in your project; essential building works; local environmental improvement; publicity materials for use in your project; sessional or temporary workers; training; transport costs; venue hire; volunteer expenses; events</p>
Wandsworth Community Fund (administered by London Communities		£250-5000	<p>Fund priorities 14/15 – projects working to further opportunities for young people in the borough. Activities could include:</p> <p>educational attainment over and above statutory school or college provision getting more young people into employment or work ready</p>	<p>Can support projects that meet at least one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve opportunities for children and young people with an emphasis on early intervention and preventative work and increasing the levels of educational attainment for children, young people and adults • Making the London Borough of Wandsworth an attractive, safe, sustainable and healthy place • Providing personalised and preventative care and support to

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Foundation)			<p>promoting entrepreneurship mentoring and confidence building raising aspirations for young people with poor social mobility initiatives and early interventions for those at risk of engaging in criminal behaviours and substance abuse promoting access to opportunities including advice information and guidance on relevant issues promoting increased community involvement increasing neighbourhood identity and pride making places safer</p>	<p>adults in need</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building a prosperous, vibrant and cohesive community <p>Projects must show how they promote more civic and community action and volunteering in Wandsworth.</p> <p>This year, encourage applications from – Furzedown, Graveney, Latchmere, Queenstown, Roehampton and Putney Heath, Tooting and West Hill wards.</p>
Neighbourhood CIL	Substantial			Capital only.
YOF	£100,000	£250-5,000	<p>From application form: We will also be reading your application to ensure that it fits within both the</p>	<p>You need to be part of a group to apply. This could be a pre existing group, or a group that has come together to bid for funding.</p> <p>Your project must benefit young people who are 11-19 and live, work,</p>

Fund	Budget 14/15	Awards range	Grant purpose	Aimed at:
			<p>Children and Young People's Plan and the Council's Raising Aspirations Programme.</p> <p>Which of the following areas, does your project fit in with? (Please tick all that apply)</p> <p>Supporting young people to build emotional resilience</p> <p>Helping young people to have good physical resilience</p> <p>More young people feeling safe in their community</p> <p>Fewer vulnerable young people in Wandsworth</p> <p>Fewer young people experiencing harm at home</p> <p>Young people doing well in school and college</p> <p>Young people enjoying education</p> <p>Fewer young people breaking the law</p> <p>More confident young people</p> <p>More young people as active citizens</p>	<p>study or attend a youth group in Wandsworth.</p> <p>What can YOF fund?</p> <p>Equipment and resources including IT and camping equipment.</p> <p>Activities and projects or events including residentials and transport.</p> <p>Refurbishment and small building works.</p> <p>Start up costs.</p>

Fund	Budget 14/15	Awards range	Grant purpose	Aimed at:
			<p>More young people finding employment</p> <p>Fewer families living in poverty</p> <p>Raising young people's aspirations</p>	
CYPP small grants	£26,500	£5,000 max	<p>Applications will be assessed against how organisations propose to meet CYPP themes which are based on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Educational achievement and play 2. Physical activity 3. Disability 4. Parents/carers/young children 5. Emotional well-being 	<p>For voluntary organisations to provide services to improve outcomes for children and young people living in the Borough.</p> <p>In practice, the fund is little known.</p>
Youth Work Service community grants	£175,000	£500-£15,000	<p>Overall Aims of the Grant</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To support and develop new and existing youth groups in Wandsworth 2. To enhance youth club services provided by the voluntary sector 3. To access a broader range of young people and acknowledge the role of the voluntary and community sector as partners with the Council in meeting 	<p>For voluntary sector youth groups/clubs registered with WBC or uniformed groups serving 11-19s. What can it fund?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Maintenance/core costs including staffing, running costs, room hire, IT, equipment (Youth Workers costs at £15.00 per hour in line with council average costs) b) Capital costs/small building works c) Transport and travel for young people with disabilities to access

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			<p>young people's needs for informal youth provision</p> <p>4. To encourage innovation and creativity whilst preserving good quality youth work within the voluntary sector across Wandsworth.</p>	<p>informal youth provision</p> <p>d) Start up costs where groups are able to show a sustainable plan for development</p> <p>The Community Grant does not fund activities, trips and residential trips. Grants for these are available through the Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF).</p>
ARTS GRANTS				
Creative Communities		Up to £3,000	<p>The Grants will support amateur arts and community-led creative projects or resources. Applications may be for infrastructure costs for a street party, a funday or an amateur dramatic group trying something new.</p> <p>Applications for capital investment are welcome. Unlike the Small Arts Grant, assessment will not be made on the quality of arts provision.</p> <p>The grant aims to:</p> <p>support the delivery of cultural or community celebrations</p>	<p>supports amateur arts and community-led creative projects. examples include community festivals, cultural celebrations or capital investment in cultural resources</p>

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			<p>improve cultural facilities or places for culture in the borough</p> <p>support amateur led creative, cultural or heritage projects</p>	
Cultural Capacity		Up to £10,000	<p>The Cultural Capacity grant is a new scheme. It will support a cultural organisation that is based in the borough and will be used to develop their fundraising capacity and future sustainability.</p> <p>Assessments will be made against 5 areas of equal weight;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ambition 2. Need / demand 3. Local Benefit 4. Value for Money 5. Ability to deliver 	<p>individual cultural organisations based in the borough. Aimed at developing their fundraising capacity and future sustainability. Examples include contributing to the cost of a fundraiser, training for existing fundraising staff, supporting the development of new income/fundraising streams</p>
Project Arts		Up to £5,000	<p>The grant aims to:</p> <p>Benefit Wandsworth residents by providing opportunities for participation, appreciation and understanding of the arts</p> <p>Develop and deliver quality arts led</p>	<p>for professional artists and and organisations to present ambitious, high quality projects. Projects often involve partnership working</p>

Fund	Budget 14/15	Awards range	Grant purpose	Aimed at:
			<p>activity</p> <p>Reach new and hard to reach audiences and participants</p> <p>Create opportunities for skills development</p> <p>Demonstrate partnership working</p>	
Small arts		Up to £2,000	<p>The grant aims to:</p> <p>Benefit Wandsworth residents by providing opportunities for participation, appreciation and understanding of the arts</p> <p>Develop and deliver quality arts led activity</p> <p>Reach new and hard to reach audiences and participants</p>	for amateur and professional artists to carry out arts-led projects which directly benefit residents. Assessment made on the quality of arts engagement for those who may not have made an application before, or want to deliver a small project.
W. Community Safety Trust			<p>Objectives are to:</p> <p>Promote crime prevention, crime reduction, community safety measures and protection of people and property within LBW;</p> <p>Encourage greater public participation in</p>	

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			<p>the prevention of crime and improvement of public safety within LBW</p> <p>Advance education, information, research and practical assistance regarding crime prevention and community safety within LBW.</p>	
Health and Wellbeing Grant (Roehampton)	£33,000			
W. Eco Grant	£5,000	£40 to £2,500	<p>It can support projects designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce waste • Increase recycling/composting • Reduce energy and resource usage • Encourage sustainable travel • Improve local environmental quality <p>Ideas for potential applications include funding for Community Gardens, Give and take days, Composting Equipment, Garden Waste Shredders</p>	Local groups, residents' associations, school etc

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Active Wandsworth sports grant				
Active Wandsworth Club Development grant		£500 max	The Grant is exclusively for Sports Clubs in Wandsworth who are applying for Clubmark or Governing Body accreditation (eg Swim 21, FA Charter mark etc).	Grant can be spent on: Coaching/ Officiating courses (sports specific or generic course), equipment (for additional sessions or expansion only), admin officer/costs (associated with accreditation only)
EXTERNAL GRANTS FUNDS				
Western Riverside Environmental Fund WREF	NK	£5,000-£25,000	The provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or public amenity where it is for the protection of the environment (NB: 'protection of the environment' includes the protection of the social and built environment as well as the natural environment.) Delivery of biodiversity conservation for UK species habitats	Examples include projects which have extensive community involvement and benefit. A church has benefited from funding to transform some waste ground into a community garden (£5K) Local children on a housing estate benefit from improvements to their playground (£20,000) an area has undergone improvements including a new wildlife garden and will be installing benches and signs for the benefit of the local community and visitors to the area (£13,000) Examples include a project that will transform building rooftops into

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			– http://www.wref.org.uk/	“green roofs”. This will enhance biodiversity wildlife spaces in a busy urban environment.
Other funds available to Wandsworth groups		<p>Up to £5,000</p> <p>£500-£5,000</p> <p>£2,500-£10,000</p> <p>£1,000-£5,000</p>	<p>The following are run in conjunction with the London Community Foundation and details can be found at: http://www.londoncf.org.uk/grants/available-grants/wandsworth.aspx</p> <p>Wimbledon Foundation Community Fund</p> <p>Comic Relief Local Communities Programme</p> <p>Covent Garden Market Authority Community Fund</p> <p>Santander Social Enterprise Development Awards (SEDA)</p> <p>Sport Relief Dispossessed Fund</p> <p>The Good Neighbourhood Fund</p>	<p>Mayor’s Sports Legacy Programme (includes grants to run free sports activities during the summer; sports facilities and sports participation funds) https://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/sport/sports-legacy-programme</p> <p>Sport England funds (including Sportivate) https://www.sportengland.org/funding/</p> <p>Big Local – national lottery http://www.biglocalsw11.co.uk/</p>

Fund	Budget 14/15	Awards range	Grant purpose	Aimed at:
			<p>The Walter St John Trust http://www.swsjcharity.org.uk/</p> <p>This list may not be exhaustive – further research is being undertaken</p>	

Equality Impact Assessment

Initial Equality Impact Assessment – Policy Change.

Department	Cross – Council
Policy	Agree the creation of a new Wandsworth Grant Fund (WGF) by the combining of all existing grant schemes (with the exception of Youth Opportunities Fund – YOF) from 1st April 2015
People involved	Clare O’Connor, Jon Evans

<p>1. What are the aims of the policy and what changes are being proposed?</p> <p>The Council operates a wide range of grants funds which are aimed at making a significant contribution to the vibrancy of the Borough. A review has been completed of these various funds and recommendations are made to bring together constituent grant funds into a new Wandsworth Grant Fund to be administered by the Economic Development Office.</p>
<p>2. What is the rationale behind these changes?</p> <p>The consolidation of the grants budget will enable a more consistent approach to grant making. For applicants this means there will be one source of information regarding grants, which will ensure that they do not miss any potential grant sources and clarity of dates of funding rounds, ensuring that applicants can build these into their annual planning cycles.</p>

<p>3. What information do you have on the policy and the potential impact of your policy change in relation to the following?</p>	
	<p>List information you have. Do not put what the information shows you</p>
Race	<p>As information is collected on organisations applying for grants as opposed to individuals an ethnic breakdown is not available.</p> <p>However, a review of the WBSF showed that approximately 16 out of 156 (10%) focus on supporting, or have high participation from, BME residents. It is also worth noting that a number of the grants look to encourage hard to reach groups to apply or projects which engage hard to reach groups.</p>

Gender	<p>As information is collected on organisations applying for grants as opposed to individuals a gender breakdown is not available.</p> <p>However, a review of the WBSF showed that approximately 8 out of 156 (5%) focus on supporting, or have high participation from, female residents. It is also worth noting that a number of the grants look to encourage hard to reach groups to apply or projects which engage hard to reach groups.</p>
Disability	<p>As information is collected on organisations applying for grants as opposed to individuals a disability breakdown is not available.</p> <p>However, a review of the WBSF showed that approximately 17 out of 156 (11%) focus on supporting, or have high participation from, disabled residents. It is also worth noting that a number of the grants look to encourage hard to reach groups to apply or projects which engage hard to reach groups.</p>
Age	<p>As information is collected on organisations applying for grants as opposed to individuals an age breakdown is not available.</p> <p>However, a review of the WBSF showed that approximately 44 out of 156 groups focus on supporting, or have high participation from, young people and children, and 30 out of 156 groups focus on supporting, or have high participation from, older people</p> <p>In addition the Youth Work Service Grant and the Children and Young People's small grants focus on projects which work with young people.</p>
Faith	<p>As information is collected on organisations applying for grants as opposed to individuals a faith breakdown is not available.</p> <p>However, a review of the WBSF showed that approximately 13 out of 156 (8%) focus on supporting, or have high participation from, faith organisations. It is also worth noting that a number of the grants look to encourage hard to reach groups to apply or projects which engage hard to reach groups.</p>
Sexual Orientation	<p>This data is not currently collected.</p>

4. Thinking about each group below please list the impact that the policy change will have.

	<u>Positive</u> impacts of policy change	Possible <u>negative</u> impacts of policy change
Race	<p>Having one source of information and one consistent approach could also increase awareness of grant funding across local organisations leading to a more diversity in groups applying and receiving grants</p> <p>The consolidation of the grants will enable a more consistent approach to grant making. The WGF will have an overarching and consistent set of award criteria, but evaluation and awards process will still be designed such that the original priorities of the constituent grant pots are maintained.</p> <p>The Council's website will be updated to provide much clearer and more consistent information on grant funds to local organisations, and signpost to other funds (e.g. local Trusts) not controlled by the council. This will make it easier for local organisations to identify grants that they can apply for and ensure opportunities are not missed.</p> <p>The WGF will have two bidding rounds aligned with the current WBSF. Whilst in some cases this reduces the number of bidding rounds from 4 to 2 it will ensure that local organisations have clarity on when they can bid and are not having to submit (and therefore allocate resources to) bids throughout the year.</p> <p>There is no reduction in the grants currently allocated and therefore the same level of funding can be accessed via WGF as currently.</p>	None identified.
Gender	As above	None identified
Disability	As above	None identified
Faith	As above	None identified
Sexual orientation	As above	None identified
Age	<p>As above</p> <p>The YOF is excluded from the WGF in order to ensure that the priorities of young people and their involvement in decision making is preserved.</p>	None identified

5. Is a full EIA required? No.

- Does the policy support a frontline service? Yes
- Is it clear what impact the policy change will have on all the equality groups? Yes.
- Overall will the change have a negative impact on any of the equality groups? No.

Comments - Please give the rationale here for not undertaking a full EIA

Impact identified. However to ensure no impact has been missed this EIA will be circulated to VCS organisations as part of the consultation and any issues arising from this will be highlighted to Members.

6. Through the initial EIA have you identified any actions that needed to be implemented to improve access or monitoring of the policy? (please list)

None identified

Date: 4.09.14

Approved by: Clare O'Connor