

Committee(s)	Dated:
Culture, Heritage and Libraries – For Information	22/10/2018
Subject: Central Grants Programme – <i>Inspiring London through Culture</i> : recommendations to the Culture, Heritage & Libraries Committee	Public
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Summary

The *Inspiring London through Culture* funding theme, which forms part of the Central Grants Programme (CGP), closed to applications in its fourth round since inception, on 20 July 2018.

Applications were assessed by a panel of expert officers and external assessors, as well as your Deputy Chairman, on 11 September 2018 following due diligence checks by the City's Central Grants Unit (CGU) which also oversees the scheme in consultation with the Chamberlain. This paper reports grant decisions following that meeting.

Recommendations

Members are asked:

- To note the grant decisions made by the panel under the *Inspiring London through Culture* funding stream, a part of the City Corporation's Central Grants Programme.

Main Report

Background

1. On 7 March 2016, your Committee delegated authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with your Chairman and Deputy Chairman to agree the sub themes and eligibility criteria (see appendix 3) for the proposed grant giving theme of *Inspiring London through Culture*, subject to your Policy and Resources Committee approving that theme, which they agreed at their meeting on 19 May 2016.
2. Overseen by the City's Central Grants Unit (CGU), the grant assessment process for this and other themes in the programme draws on the Unit's expertise in the field of grant-making and demonstrates good practice.

3. Prior to grant applications being submitted to the panel, each individual application underwent a series of due diligence checks by the CGU to ensure compliance with the established eligibility criteria, this includes a financial assessment by the Head of Charity and Social Investment Finance within the Chamberlain's Department.
4. On 14 May 2018, your Committee agreed to delegate grant decisions for awards of £10,000 or less to the Assistant Town Clerk and Culture Mile Director in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee.
5. The panel met on 11 September 2018 comprising City Corporation officers: the Cultural and Visitor Development Director (chairman); the Business Manager, Open Spaces; the Director of Arts, Barbican; and the Strategic Partnerships Manager – Culture Mile, Barbican and Guildhall Creative Learning; external assessors: the Senior Cultural Strategy Officer at GLA; the Director, Content and Channels at London & Partners; and the Head of Learning, Museum of London; and your Deputy Chairman, Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee.
6. For this *Inspiring London through Culture* funding application round, the City Corporation received 11 applications totalling £74,200.
7. The budget for *Inspiring London through Culture* is £138,000 for 2018/19.
8. Apart from officer time handling enquiries, all resource implications are budgeted for within the *Inspiring London through Culture* grant fund.

Current Position

9. Summary assessment reports of the all approved applications to the *Inspiring London through Culture* grant scheme are given in the appendices with details of all available on request from the Assistant Town Clerk and Culture Mile Director.
10. Grants totalling £42,200 have been approved as per the reports outlined in the appendices. This leaves £95,800 from this year's allocation for the next funding round on 11 January 2019.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

11. The Central Grants Programme *Inspiring London through Culture* funding stream was created to promote a fair system of grant giving by the City Corporation in the cultural context.
12. The grants approved by the panel support the funding criteria and, in turn, the City Corporation's Corporate Plan under all three aims, specifically the outcomes "We are a global hub for innovation in finance and professional services, commerce and culture" and "We inspire enterprise, excellence,

creativity and collaboration". The grants also support fundamental aims within the City's Cultural and Visitor Strategies.

Conclusion

13. This report summarises the discussions of the *Inspiring London through Culture* grants assessment panel and its decisions in relation to the applications considered on 11 September 2018.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – *Inspiring London through Culture*: project outlines of grants approved by the panel
- Appendix 2 - *Inspiring London through Culture*: table of grants declined, deferred or withdrawn
- Appendix 3 - *Inspiring London through Culture*: eligibility criteria

Background Papers

Full details of the all applications to the *Inspiring London through Culture* grant scheme are available on request from the Cultural and Visitor Development Director.

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