

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
City Bridge Trust	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
<b>Subject:</b> Funds approved or declined under delegated authority	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Chief Grants Officer & Director of City Bridge Trust (CGO)	<b>For Information</b>
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### Summary

This report advises members of funds approved under delegated authority since your last meeting.

### Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Receive this report and note its contents

### Main Report

Following the approval of the Court of Common Council on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014, the Chief Grants Officer may make decisions on applications of up to £10,000. Decisions on applications of over £10,000 and up to £25,000 may be made by the Chief Grants Officer in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

Decisions on applications of over £25,000 and up to £50,000 may be made by the Chief Grants Officer in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, with reference to the Chamberlain.

The total amount of expenditure and number of items approved under delegated authority this financial year (inclusive of those below) are shown in Table 1.

Applications rejected by Delegated Authority since the last Committee are listed in Appendix 1 of this report.

Applications considered comprise Investing in Londoners, Bridging Divides, Small Grants and Stepping Stones programmes.

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**Requests Approved ≤ £10K****Small Grants**

Joy of Sound (Approved 31/08/2018)	£6,662 to purchase new/up-cycled music instruments based on traditional folk Krar (lyre/harp), workshops and associated project costs
Friends of Abbey Gardens (Approved 31/08/2018)	Small Grants: £8,000 towards core costs to continue regular gardening sessions and to purchase planters to increase growing space
MindFood CIC (Approved 04/10/2018)	Small Grants: £9,775 towards the running costs of Plot to Plate, a free food growing course supporting people experiencing issues including depression and anxiety.
Cordwainers Grow CIC (Approved 27/09/2018)	Small Grants: £10,000 for the salary of a project worker 1dpw and associated project costs to strengthen and support community gardens by promoting the benefits of engaging with community spaces.
Loughborough Junction Action Group (Approved 27/09/2018)	£10,000 towards the farm project co-ordination, DIY tools and associated project costs to create a beautiful and transformed community growing space and continue growing sessions twice a week.

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**All other grants ≤ £10K**

Free Representation Unit (Approved 12/10/2018)	£1,000 (2.5days x £400) to provide an eco-audit.
Best Beginnings (Approved 30/10/2018)	£2,600 (6.5 days) to undertake an eco-audit.
Peter Bedford Housing Association (Approved 22/10/2018)	£3,500 to meet the cost of an Access Audit.
Rich Mix Cultural Foundation (Approved 27/09/2018)	£4,000 to provide an eco-audit.
Institute for Voluntary Action Research (Approved 10/10/2018)	£5,000 towards the costs of IVAR's 2019 Evaluation Roundtable

Redbridge Theatre Company Limited (Approved 07/09/2018)	£5,000 for the costs of an independent access audit.
Baytree Centre (Approved 13/09/2018)	£8,000 over 12 months for the support of Sporting Assets to scope social investment opportunities utilising its building for the purpose of raising social finance, and frame Baytree Centre's impact in order to better attract social investment, conditional on receiving additional financial information to clarify reserves' position
Roj Women Association (Approved 13/09/2018) <u>Stepping Stones</u>	£10,000 over 12 months for working capital to develop Roj Women's Kurds & Whey trading subsidiary, with the release of funds conditional on submission of satisfactory examined accounts for 2017-18
Selby Trust (Approved 13/09/2018) <u>Stepping Stones</u>	£10,000 towards research into community finance mechanisms to increase community ownership and raise funds towards the Selby Centre redevelopment

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**Requests Approved £25K - £50K**

Toynbee Hall (Approved 13/09/2018) <u>Stepping Stones</u>	£30,040 to contribute towards the costs of a pilot year to develop an Innovation Hub, and specifically to meet the costs of project oversight (£12,100), development of the expert offer (£8,316), research into social investment (£2,610), co-design of a charter with service users (£1,164) and trialling of a month long residential period to benefit up to 3 social enterprises (£5,850). Grant conditional on submission of satisfactory audited accounts for the year ending March 31st 2018.
London Irish Centre Charity - Community Services (Approved 13/09/2018) <u>Stepping Stones</u>	£40,000 over 12 months to determine a suitable operational model for the London Irish Centre. The grant comprises £10,000 towards the salary of a Chief Operating Officer; and £30,000 for 42 days' worth of consultancy by Aleron at the general rate of £596 per day (VAT exclusive).
Strengths in Communities CIC (Approved 13/09/2018) <u>Stepping Stones</u>	£41,200 over 12 months to build Strength in Communities CIC (trading as Parents1st) capacity to explore the feasibility of new commissioning models and further develop income generating strategies with a view to taking on social investment

Bonny Downs Community Association  
(Approved 13/09/2018)  
Stepping Stones

£44,400 (over 18 months) towards research on new income generation options, and to develop capacity and knowledge within the organisation. Where grant spend is related to developing Flanders Playing Field, payment is conditional on successful resolution of discussions to secure a long-term lease.

Yes Futures  
(Approved 13/09/2018)  
Stepping Stones

£46,500 over 12 months to implement a CRM system, recruit a full-time Programme Assistant, increase the hours of the Senior Programme Lead and develop plans to raise social investment

Speakers Trust Limited  
(Approved 13/09/2018)  
Stepping Stones

£49,100 to research, develop and implement the products, systems and processes needed to scale the income-generating trading-for-purpose arm of Speakers' Trust, enhancing long-term financial sustainability and enable social investment

Media Trust  
(Approved 10/10/2018)  
Strategic Initiatives

£49,995 over six months for the delivery costs of the "Telling Your Stories" project.

Action West London  
(Approved 13/09/2018)  
Stepping Stones

£50,000 over 12 months for the full-time recruiter and associated project costs to pilot better outcomes in recruitment, with a view to securing social investment

Hatch Enterprise (was One Planet Ventures)  
(Approved 13/09/2018)  
Stepping Stones

£50,000 to deliver a 12-month pilot of the Social Enterprise Peer Accelerator

Talawa Theatre Company  
(Approved 13/09/2018)  
Stepping Stones

£50,000 to allow Talawa to undertake a comprehensive feasibility study and organisational development plan with a view to acquiring its own building in London

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**Table 1 – Funds approved under delegated authority in financial year to date.**

<b>Applications reported to Committee</b>	<b>&lt; £10k</b>		<b>£10k - £25k</b>		<b>£25k - £50k</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>No.</b>
May 2018	7,966	4	0	0	0	0
July 2018	12,520	5	0	0	29,720	1
September 2018	2,800	1	20,000	1	48,800	1
November 2018	93,037	14	0	0	451,235	10
<b>Total for year to date</b>	<b>116,323</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>529,755</b>	<b>12</b>

## Appendix 1

### **Applications rejected under delegated authority since the last Committee**

Friends of Sydenham Community Library (Declined 31/10/2018) <u>Eco-audits</u>	The applicant is not an eligible organisation and the managing leaseholder does not meet your due diligence requirements. An Eco-audit cannot be recommended.
UK DRC BRIDGE (Declined 03/10/2018) <u>Small Grants</u>	This grant request does not meet the priorities of your Small Grants programme.
UK-IODDA (Declined 03/10/2018) <u>Small Grants</u>	The financial information presented in this application is inconsistent. The organisation's website is not functional and your officer has concerns about the location and delivery of the proposed service.
Cream Stone Health Care CIC (Declined 03/10/2018) <u>Small Grants</u>	The organisation has been running for just one year. They have requested a grant of £10,000 while their annual income is £15,000. An unrealistic and over-ambitious proposal.
Clod Ensemble (Declined 17/09/2018) <u>Stepping Stones</u>	Clod Ensemble did not present a convincing case for funding through the Stepping Stones programme: the proposal conveyed a poor knowledge of the market and of the potential to expand delivery.
Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park (Declined 17/09/2018) <u>Stepping Stones</u>	The applicant wishes to develop its plans for income generation, with a particular focus on its consultancy services and the use of an on-site lodge. The charity does not currently have full access to the lodge, and the panel concluded that until this was confirmed it was premature to spend too much time planning for its use.
Holborn Community Association (Declined 17/09/2018) <u>Stepping Stones</u>	The application did not demonstrate how it met the outcomes of the Stepping Stones programme.
Kingston Carers Network (Declined 24/09/2018) <u>Stepping Stones</u>	The applicant did not demonstrate sufficient strong interest in any income generating streams following the delivery of the proposal.
Music House for Children (Declined 17/09/2018) <u>Stepping Stones</u>	The applicant failed to clearly demonstrate how this proposal could lead to Social Investment. The budget presented did not appear to be realistic, specifically with reference to IT requirements.
Paddington Arts (Declined 17/09/2018) <u>Stepping Stones</u>	An organisation looking to create a more sustainable future by redeveloping the building they own and increasing its revenue generation potential. Whilst a promising idea, the proposal was at a much earlier stage of development than comparable Stepping Stones applications.