

Committee(s)	Dated:
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Subject: City Premium Grant 2019/20 Allocations to Academies	Public
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Summary

The City Premium Grant is the Education Board's grant to City Corporation sponsored and co-sponsored academies (City academies) to support projects which will enhance the regular offer and support the delivery of exceptional education. This report asks Members to approve the release of £ 1,294,472 from the Central Risk element of the Education Board's budget at the proposed schedule listed in the Recommendations section of this report. This funding is to support projects delivered over the 2019/20 academic year. A summary of the applications from academies is included in **Appendix 1**.

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- Approve the release of City Premium Grant funding to City academies for academic year 2019/20 as per Schedule 1 below:

Schedule 1 – Proposed City Premium Grant funding to City academies.

Academy	Proposed City Premium Grant 2019/20
Galleywall Primary School	£23,362
Redriff Primary School	£100,000
City of London Primary Academy Islington	£40,000
City of London Academy Highbury Grove	£249,230
City of London Academy Highgate Hill	£199,830
City of London Academy Shoreditch Park	£42,050
City of London Academy Islington	£250,000
The City Academy Hackney	£240,000
Newham Collegiate Sixth Form	£150,000
Total	£1,294,472

- Note that the proposal for funding to City of London Academy Southwark (CoLAS) will be submitted for approval to the July 2019 Education Board. This is because the application deadline was extended for CoLAS noting the recent recruitment of the academy's new Principal.
- Note that a second proposal for funding to City of London Academy Shoreditch Park up to the maximum total allocation of £140k, and a proposal from Galleywall Primary up to maximum allocation of £60k, will be submitted to the July 2019 Education Board for approval. This is because officers have requested additional information on the academies' applications which could not be obtained before submission to the May 2019 Education Board meeting.
- Note that the Education Board will receive evaluations of the impact of City Premium Grant funded projects delivered over 2019/20 at the November 2020 Education Board meeting.

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Background

1. The Education Board have awarded a City Premium Grant to City academies since the 2014/15 financial year. This includes academies in the City of London Academies Trust as well as the City's two co-sponsored academies.
2. At the Education Board meeting on 9 November 2017, Members resolved to award the grant to City academies at a rate of £250K to secondary schools and £100K to primary schools. It was approved that this total amount would be allocated pro rata, based on the number of pupils in the school, reaching the full amount once the school was at capacity.
3. The pro rata allocation to City academies was approved by the Education Board at their meeting on 10 January 2019 as included with the itemised Education Board Budget for the 2019/20 Financial Year.

Current position

4. Seven out of the ten City academies have submitted applications for funding up to their maximum allocation amount. CoLAS have been allowed an extension of the application deadline noting the very recent recruitment of the academy's new Principal. Galleywall Primary School and City of London Academy Shoreditch Park have been allowed an extension for one application each to allow for additional information before the application is submitted for final approval. Both proposals will be submitted to the July 2019 Education Board meeting.
5. The received applications were reviewed by a panel of officers comprised of the Strategic Director for Education, Culture and Skills, the Head of the Central Grants Programme and the Lead Policy Officer for Education, Culture and Skills. The panel considers that the applications summarised in **Appendix 1** meet the criteria of the grant and will support the delivery of exceptional education, cultural and creative learning and skills development by the City academies.

Conclusion

6. The Education Board has provision within the 2019/20 Budget to award City Premium Grant funding to City academies at the maximum value approved by the committee in January 2019. The Strategic Director for Education, Culture and Skills considers that the applications received by City academies and summarised in Appendix 1 meet the grant criteria and will support the delivery of exceptional education in the academies. Members are therefore asked to approve the release of funding to City academies as per Schedule 1 to the total value of £1,294,472.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Summary of City Premium Grant applications received by City academies.

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