

**MEETING : 26/09/2019**

**Ref: 15298**

**ASSESSMENT CATEGORY: Bridging Divides - Connecting the Capital**

**Black Prince Trust**

**Adv: Sandra Jones**

**Base: Lambeth**

**Amount requested: £289,610**

**Benefit: Lambeth and**

**{Revised request: £283,290}**

**Southwark**

**Amount recommended: £276,650**

### **The Applicant**

Set up in 2011, Black Prince Trust (BPT) was given a 125 year lease for 2.5 acres of land and sports facilities at the former Lillian Baylis secondary school from London Borough of Lambeth at a peppercorn rent, subject to a Community Service Agreement. This agreement outlines the social impacts that the Trust should deliver. There are six social outcome strands which are social inclusion, youth intervention, health and wellbeing, mental health, employability and female engagement. To date BPT has been self-financing through renting space to a range of organisations. This has allowed them to deliver some free and subsidised activities to meet their social outcome strands.

### **The Application**

Having established the operational model at the BPT Hub, the organisation is now seeking funding build on the activities on offer to local people and organisations. Having delivered a small sports and physical activities programme for disadvantaged and isolated older people the organisation are seeking funding to expand this across Lambeth and Southwark to increase reach. The funding will be used to employ a full time physical activity and social isolation officer, sessional staff and associated running costs.

### **The Recommendation**

BPT has a strong track record of providing high quality physical and well being activities in the north of Lambeth, working with a wide range of partners such as GPs, Housing Associations, other health and wellbeing providers, taking part in a social prescribing pilot. The organisation works closely with participants in developing relevant programmes of activity. The project budget for year 1 included £5,800 to develop a theory of change which they have not been able to justify, therefore it is not recommended. Funding of £3,000 towards evaluating the project in year 5 is being recommended.

***£276,650 over five years (£52,490; £56,640; £54,840; £54,840; £57,840) towards a full time Physical Activity And Social Isolation Officer (PASIO), sessional staff and associated running costs including a contribution of £3,000 towards evaluation in year 5.***

### **Funding History**

None

### **Background and detail of proposal**

This project builds on one that BPT has been running successfully from their premises. Working with partners such as Watmos Housing Association a range of classes will be run initially across three housing estates where the PASIO identify with potential participants barriers to activity and social isolation issues. A Project

Advisory Group will be established from participants and volunteers to shape the delivery of the programme.

Using a range of monitoring tools (eg Warwick questionnaire, UCLA Loneliness scale), the officer will establish baseline information on the participants and track their progress over the duration of the project. Where a potential participant might not attend due to lack of transport or not wanting to attend initially of their own, the Officer will arrange the relevant support, including introducing them to a volunteer who might accompany them. In the final year a full evaluation of the project and its impact will be undertaken.

### Financial Information

BPT's income comes almost entirely from rents receivable. This includes a 25 year lease with Powerleague Fives Ltd for outside sports facilities, changing rooms and office/reception space; with a number of smaller leases for café, office and desk space.

The figure for unrestricted reserves in the table below does not include fixed assets of £2.1m (2018 examined accounts), relating to the value of the property they own. In the case of real financial need it is possible that this could be released through borrowing against it, or in extreme circumstances, selling part of the property. Note that the charity currently has a £1m loan secured against the property.

Although the free reserves figure is below the 3 months target, the organisation consider that this is reasonable because their income is stable as they have confirmed rental income through signed long-term leases, operational licences and facility hire budget.

Year end as at 31 March	2018 Examined Accounts £	2019 Draft Accounts £	2020 Forecast £
<b>Income &amp; expenditure:</b>			
Income	361,605	404,410	512,124
- % of income confirmed as at 22/02/2019	n/a	n/a	74%
Expenditure	(344,625)	(401,562)	(505,900)
Total surplus/(deficit)	16,980	2,848	6,224
Split between:			
- Restricted surplus/(deficit)	(20,222)	0	0
- Unrestricted surplus/(deficit)	37,202	2,848	6,224
	16,980	2,848	6,224
Cost of Raising Funds	105,386	0	0
- % of income	29.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Total expenditure	344,625	401,562	505,900
<b>Free unrestricted reserves:</b>			
Free unrestricted reserves held at year end	79,917	82,765	88,989
No of months of total expenditure	2.8	2.5	2.1
Reserves policy target	86,156	100,391	126,475
No of months of total expenditure	3.0	3.0	3.0
Free reserves over/(under) target	(6,239)	(17,626)	(37,486)