

Committees:	Dated:
Community and Children's Services Committee Education Board	13/12/2019 & 16/01/2020
Subject: Revised eligibility criteria for the City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity and the City Educational Trust Fund	Public
Report of: Chief Grants Officer (CGO) and Director of City Bridge Trust	For Decision
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Summary

The Education Charity Sub-Committee has reviewed the eligibility criteria for the City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity (charity number 312836) and the City Educational Trust Fund (charity number 290840) (the Charities). The revised eligibility criteria for the Charities are attached at Appendix 1 for consideration by the Community and Children's Services Committee and for approval by the Education Board, consistent with the City Corporation's charity trustee obligations to keep the relevant charity's governance under review to ensure that the charity continues to operate effectively and achieve the purposes for which it was established.

Recommendations

Members of the Community and Children's Services Committee are asked to:

- consider the amended eligibility criteria for the Charities.

Members of the Education Board are asked to:

- approve the amended eligibility criteria for the Charities
- approve the dates for the next deadline of the Education and Employment theme of the Central Grants Programme.

Main Report

Background

1. At the Education Charity Sub-Committee meeting on 3 July 2019, Members met to make decisions on applications received by the City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity and the City Educational Trust Fund. At the meeting it was resolved that proposed amendments to the eligibility criteria for the Charities be recommended to the Education Board and Community and Children's Services Committee for consideration and approval.
2. The amended eligibility criteria for the City of London Combined Education Charity under its grant-giving policy aims to maximise expenditure of funds to further the purposes for which the charity was established by widening the

meaning of a qualifying connection to London for potential student beneficiaries, which is one of the existing eligibility criteria requirements under the charity's grant-giving policy and consistent with its charitable objects. The amended eligibility criteria for the City Educational Trust Fund extends the period a successful grant applicant must take before re-applying for any further funding from the charity (after a maximum of two years' consecutive funding) from one year to two years to manage the risk of dependency on this charity's grants.

3. These revised criteria are now attached at **Appendix 1** for consideration of the Community and Children's Services Committee and for approval by the Education Board.

Proposal

4. The revised eligibility criteria for the Education and Employment programme of the Central Grants Programme are recommended to the Community and Children's Services Committee to consider, and to the Education Board to approve, subject to any amendments that might be proposed by the Community and Children's Services Committee.
5. It is recommended that the Education Board approve the opening of a new grant round for both Charities under the Education and Employment programme, with a deadline of April 2020.

Legal and Strategic implications

6. As charity trustee of the charity, the City Corporation (acting by the relevant Common Council Committees with delegated authority to exercise the trustee functions and discharge the relevant duties) must ensure that it takes active steps to comply with the relevant charity's governing document and to administer the charity effectively so that it achieves the purposes for which the charity was established. Therefore, in adopting any policy to help direct the application of a charity's funds to further its objects, the policy must operate effectively and should not be overly restrictive. It should also be kept under review.
7. Therefore, once new eligibility criteria are in place, it will be important to review how effectively they operate for each charity, and assess whether savings are being made in administration and management of the grants such that as much of the charity's available funds as possible are directed to charitable activities.
8. The criteria will be reviewed after one full round of grant-making and on a regular basis thereafter.

Conclusion

9. This report asks that Members of the Community and Children's Services Committee consider this report, and for Members of the Education Board to approve the revised eligibility criteria for the City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity and the City Educational Trust Fund attached at **Appendix 1**. These revised eligibility criteria aim in each case to maximise expenditure of the City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity's funds to further the charity's aims and to manage the risk of dependency on grants from the City Educational Trust Fund.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Recommended eligibility criteria for the City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity and the City Educational Trust Fund

Background Papers

- Education Charity Sub-Committee Minutes: 3 July 2019

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