

MEETING: 13/05/2015

Ref: 12546

ASSESSMENT CATEGORY - Reducing Poverty

Kingdom Storehouse

Adv: Sandra Jones

Amount requested: £93,342

Base: Havering

Benefit: Havering

Amount recommended: £56,900

The Charity

Kingdom Storehouse (KS) was launched in July 2011 in response to the needs of people experiencing severe poverty in the Harold Hill area. It benefits from being part of the National Foodbank, as overseen by the Trussell Trust (which has been leading the Foodbank movement) and which has established 39 licensed local Foodbanks in London alone. In 2013-14 Foodbanks fed 913,138 people across the UK, including 330,205 children. In Havering there are three Foodbanks, with KS being the only one that is open five days per week.

The Application

Funding is sought to cover the costs of the Development Manager to develop existing and new services to meet the increasing and emerging needs of the local community and to continue to keep the facility open for 5 days per week. The service provides short-term emergency food to individuals and families in crisis. KS also runs a weekly Job Club; a volunteer development programme; and advocacy and signposting.

The Recommendation

Whilst the main focus of the organisation is to provide a Foodbank, i.e. emergency food to people in short term crisis, it is not the sole activity of the organisation, thus the Development Manager's remit is to cover more than would meet your criteria for funding. The organisation was able to confirm that 61% of the Development Manager's work supports and manages the Foodbank element; hence it is recommended that 61% of the post is funded to reflect this.

£56,900 over three years (£18,600; £19,000; £19,300) for 61% of the salary costs of the Development Manager.

Funding History

None

Background and detail of proposal

Havering, generally, has low levels of benefits dependency, however what does exist is concentrated in particular neighbourhoods such as Harold Hill, which has the highest Index of Multiple Deprivation score in the borough, with nearly half of all children living in poverty. Between August 2013 and August 2014 2,588 people have used the KS Foodbank.

The charity operates a voucher system, partnering with 64 local agencies such as doctors; health visitors; social workers,; CABx; and the police, who identify people in crisis and issue them with a Foodbank voucher. In addition to supermarket partnerships, donations come from the local community and collection points around

the borough. The emergency food will last on average three days, which enables appropriate agencies to work with the family on the underlying cause of their crisis.

In addition to the Foodbank, KS operates a weekly Job Club, partnered with a local large construction company which mentors the members and in turn receives support for their short term contract staff and apprentices to find work if needed. More recently the charity secured funding for a volunteer co-ordinator to train and recruit its volunteers. Many of the regular volunteers are ex-users (approximately one third), undertaking a wide range of roles.

The role of the Development Manager is to provide management to all aspects of the organisation, including elements that do not fall within your funding criteria. The charity was able to confirm that 61% of his time is spent managing the Foodbank, therefore your officer is recommending support for 61% of the request. The organisation understands and is happy with this approach.

Financial Information

KS advised that in 2013/14 restricted income was received towards two posts (job club manager and volunteer coordinator) of which expenditure was incurred in 2014/15, and an unrestricted grant of £50k from the London Borough of Havering which was anticipated to last for more than one year. In addition, KC advised that in 2014/15 it moved to larger premises and began two new projects, funded by Comic Relief and the Mission Opportunity Fund.

Total forecast income in the current year 2015/16 is £98,546, of which £27,015 (27.4%) had been confirmed by April 2014. The forecast includes pending grant applications of £44,700 (45.4%) which contains this request to City Bridge Trust. The remaining £26,831 (27.2%) is expected from donations and gift aid.

KS estimate that they will reach their free unrestricted reserves target over the next 3 years through donations and gift aid, as they hope to be in receipt of grant income towards activities which are currently supported by unrestricted reserves.

Year end at 28 th February	2013/14 Independently examined accounts	2014/15 Forecast Outturn	2015/16 Current Year Budget
Income and Expenditure	£	£	£
Income	81,632	47,961	98,546
Expenditure	40,104	71,706	95,095
Unrestricted Funds Surplus / (Deficit)	28,670	(19,080)	3,451
Restricted Funds Surplus / (Deficit)	12,858	(4,665)	0
Total Surplus / (Deficit)	41,528	(23,745)	3,451
Surplus / (Deficit) as a % of turnover	50.9%	(49.5%)	3.5%
Cost of Generating funds (% of income)	6,500 (8.0%)	-	-
Free unrestricted reserves			
Free unrestricted reserves held at Year End	28,733	9,653	13,104
How many months' worth of expenditure	8.6	1.6	1.7
Reserves Policy target	20,052	37,846	47,548
How many months' worth of expenditure	6.0	6.0	6.0
Free reserves over/(under) target	8,681	(28,193)	(34,444)