

Committee(s)	Dated:
Education Board	23 July 2015
Subject: Additional Funding for City academies	Public
Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services	For Decision

Summary

This report provides Members with an evaluation of the projects that were undertaken by the City academies using the additional funding that was provided by the Education Board in June 2014. The report also outlines four new proposals from the City academies for projects that require additional funding in academic year 2015/16.

On 24 June 2014 the Education Board endorsed a proposal to provide £150,000 of additional funding to each of the three City secondary academies and £50,000 to Redriff Primary School in order to support projects that add value to the educational offer at each academy during academic year 2014/2015. Each academy has now provided an evaluation of the projects they carried out. The evaluations demonstrate clear added value to the educational offer at each academy, including increases in attainment, increased capacity, and the provision of additional resources.

On 5 March 2015 the Education Board endorsed a proposed budget allocation for the financial year 2015/2016 which included allocating £150,000 of additional funding to each of the three City secondary academies and £50,000 to Redriff Primary School in order to support projects that would add value to the educational offer already provided at the academies during academic year 2015/2016. All four academies have submitted applications to secure funding for projects during academic year 2015/2016.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- note the evaluation reports for the projects carried out in academic year 2014/2015,
- endorse the proposal to allocate £150,000 to COLAI on the condition that COLAI submits a revised breakdown to the Education Unit detailing how the allocation will be spent,
- endorse the proposal to allocate £150,000 to COLAS to support the projects outlined in the application,
- endorse the proposal to allocate £150,000 to TCAH to support the projects outlined in the application, and
- endorse the proposal to allocate £50,000 to Redriff Primary School to support the projects outlined in the application.

Main Report

Background

1. On 24 June 2014 the Education Board endorsed a proposal to provide £150,000 of additional funding to each of the three City secondary academies and £50,000 to Redriff Primary School in order to support projects proposed by each academy to add value to their educational offer during academic year 2014/2015. All academies were made aware that a brief evaluation would need to be completed at the end of the project and submitted to the Education Board.
2. On 5 March 2015 the Education Board endorsed a proposed budget allocation for the financial year 2015/2016 which included allocating £150,000 of additional funding to each of the three City secondary academies and £50,000 to Redriff Primary School in order to support projects that would add value to the educational offer already provided at the academies during academic year 2015/2016.

Current Position

3. Each academy has provided an evaluation of the projects that they carried out, during academic year 2014/2015, using the additional funding provided by the Education Board. The evaluations demonstrate clear added value to the educational offer at each academy including increases in attainment, increased capacity, and the provision of additional resources. The full evaluations are available as appendices 5 – 8, which members are asked to note.
4. The three City secondary academies and Redriff Primary school have all submitted applications to secure funding for projects during academic year 2015/2016. A summary of each proposal is provided below and the full applications are available as appendices 1 – 4.

Proposals

City of London Academy, Islington (COLAI)

5. COLAI has submitted a funding application for £322,912 comprising: a GCSE trip to Berlin, the provision of visualisers for every classroom, alternative bespoke educational provision for vulnerable students, refurbishments to the playgrounds, Iris Connect (video technology), Show my Homework (web-based homework solution), an orchestra project, the appointment of a part-time careers advisor, a Sixth Form residential trip, a languages trip to France (Paris), a languages trip to Spain, multiple ICT projects, funding for a rewards system, and a Sports Day.
6. COLAI's application requests £322,912, however Officers recommend that Members endorse the proposal to allocate £150,000 to COLAI on the condition that COLAI submits a revised breakdown to the Education Unit detailing how the allocation will be spent.

City of London Academy, Southwark (COLAS)

7. COLAS has submitted a funding application for £150,000 comprising: a proposal to improve staff recruitment and retention, improvements to classroom resources, the development of a curriculum that fully utilises the educational opportunities of the City of London, activity to increase the proportion of pupils making more than expected progress, and a proposal to raise the achievement of WBr pupils.
8. Officers recommend that Members endorse the proposal to allocate £150,000 to COLAS to support the proposals outlined in the application.

The City Academy, Hackney (TCAH)

9. TCAH has submitted a funding application for £150,000 comprising: Year 11 and Year 13 revision workshops and 'Boarding School' provision, new Sixth Form laptops, equipment for a Sixth Form Centre, and eBacc MFL overseas trips.
10. Officers recommend that Members endorse the proposal to allocate £150,000 to TCAH to support the proposals outlined in the application.

Redriff Primary School

11. Redriff has submitted a funding application for £50,000 to support a reading enrichment programme.
12. Officers recommend that Members endorse the proposal to allocate £50,000 to Redriff Primary School to support the proposals outlined in the application.

Conclusion

13. The Education Board has provision within its budget allocation for 2015/2016 to allocate £150,000 to the three City secondary academies and £50,000 to Redriff Primary school. Each school has submitted an application that outlines projects which will add value to their educational offer therefore Officers recommend that each secondary academy is allocated £150,000 and that Redriff Primary School is allocated £50,000.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – City of London Academy, Islington funding application
- Appendix 2 – City of London Academy, Southwark funding application
- Appendix 3 – The City Academy, Hackney funding application
- Appendix 4 – Redriff Primacy School funding application
- Appendix 5 – City of London Academy, Islington evaluation
- Appendix 6 – City of London Academy, Southwark evaluation
- Appendix 7 – The City Academy, Hackney evaluation
- Appendix 8 – Redriff Primacy School evaluation

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