

Committee	Dated:
City Bridge Trust	31 st January 2019
Subject: Applications recommended for rejection	Public
Report of: Chief Grants Officer & Director of City Bridge Trust (CGO)	For Decision
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Summary

This report and the accompanying schedule outlines a total of 18 grant applications that, for the reasons identified, are recommended for rejection. Of these, 3 applications were under Investing in Londoners criteria and 15 under Bridging Divides.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Reject the grant applications detailed in the accompanying schedule

Main Report

1. There are 18 applications recommended for rejection at this meeting. They are listed within categories in the accompanying schedule. In each case the “purpose” that is used to describe the application is that provided by the applicant organisation. All the recommendations are based on criteria set out in your Policy Guidance.
2. Copies of these application forms are available electronically. If any Committee Member wishes to query any of the recommendations, this can either be done at the meeting, in which case the decision may be deferred while full details are provided to the Member concerned, or by contacting the Trust office in advance of the meeting so that an explanation can be provided prior to or at the meeting.

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CBT Recommended for Rejection

The City Bridge Trust Committee – 31st January 2019

Summary of Recommendations for Rejection – Investing in Londoners and Bridging Divides

Investing in Londoners

Request Date	Ref & Organisation	Purpose	Reason for Recommendation for Rejection	Amount Requested	Grants Officer & Area
<u>English for Speakers of Other Languages</u>					
May 2018	14700 Minhaj ul Quran	Empowering people from hard to reach communities, to achieve success through community integration.	Your officer's request for further financial information has not been forthcoming. During assessment, your officer felt the organisation does not have the capacity to manage a grant from your committee at this time.	£120,000	SAR Newham
<i>Total English for Speakers of Other Languages (1 item)</i>				£120,000	
<u>Improving London's Environment</u>					
April 2018	14667 The Environment Trust	Creating a Nature and Heritage Centre in Kingston and restoring a nature reserve to galvanise community engagement and education for the environment.	The appication lacks clear details to demonstrate how the request addresses your priorities under "Improving London's Environment." Further the significant beneficiary would appear to be a local authority; the request falls outside the priorities.	£124,960	JXM Richmond
<i>Total Improving London's Environment (1 item)</i>				£124,960	

Request Date	Ref & Organisation	Purpose	Reason for Recommendation for Rejection	Amount Requested	Grants Officer & Area
<u>Improving Londoners' Mental Health</u>					
May 2018	14698 Every Parent & Child	To provide group/1:1 counselling/play therapy providing children aged 5-18 with space to explore their thoughts, feelings, and difficulties through individual talking and therapeutic play.	During the assesement, the funding officer has determined that the level of free reserves was significantly above the organisation's own reserves policy. Therefore, this project could be self-funded.	£110,665	SAR Enfield
<i>Total Improving Londoners' Mental Health (1 item)</i>				£110,665	
<i>Total Investing in Londoners</i>				£355,625	

Bridging Divides

Request Date	Ref & Organisation	Purpose	Reason for Recommendation for Rejection	Grants Amount Requested	Officer & Area
<u>Connecting the Capital</u>					
July 2018	14948 Faiths Forum for London (FFL)	We wish to improve the IT skills of young females of different faiths across London by "training the trainers": Twitter will provide free training and we will oversee the scheme.	Proposal is to provide IT/coding training to young women. As such it does not meet your priorities.	£34,110	CR Westminster
July 2018	14947 Music in Hospitals	To provide a total of 255 concerts for the benefit of dementia sufferers receiving treatment and care in care homes and hospitals across London.	The applicant does not make clear how a programme of one-off performances will result in sufficient audience or institutional engagement to deliver lasting improvement in well-being.	£73,947	TW Outside London
October 2018	14992 PCC of St Edward the Confessor, Mottingham	Growing community capacity for existing and future projects by making buildings environmentally sustainable and available for community use through installing more efficient heating, secondary glazing, accessible toilets and kitchen facilities.	Application is for both environmental and access improvements, but they have had neither an eco-audit nor an independent access audit.	£1	CR Bromley
August 2018	14934 The Community Channel	Engaging disadvantaged, vulnerable and isolated Londoners in community greening, growing and gardening activities, enhancing their wellbeing and independence, reducing inequality, creating TV, newspaper and digital content, and improving community spaces.	The application lacks details on how the Trust's growing and greening priority will be met as the organisation will be filming projects, not delivering them. The costs are very high and do not offer value for money.	£62,000	GP Islington

Request Date	Ref & Organisation	Purpose	Reason for Recommendation for Rejection	Grants Amount Requested	Officer & Area
July 2018	14946 The Volunteer Link Scheme	To support our growing charity in tackling loneliness among older adults with physical, sensory, cognitive and mental health problems through the provision of volunteer befrienders.	The organisation currently holds free reserves at a level far above its policy and equating to over one year's worth of expenditure. Trust funding cannot be a priority at this time.	£215,000	CR Ealing
August 2018	14964 Yard Theatre Limited	Enable more D/deaf and disabled Londoners to access ?the most important theatre in East London? (Time Out) through accessible performances, subsidised tickets, Access Strategy development, commissions, and staff training.	This application does not meet the criteria of Bridging Divides, which is about participation in the Arts, not audience.	£54,776	JNM Tower Hamlets
<i>Total Connecting the Capital (6 items)</i>				£439,834	
<u>Positive Transitions</u>					
September 2018	14994 Chess in Schools and Communities	To provide regular chess sessions to prisoners in London's prisons.	Proposal does not provide sufficient focus on delivering your outcomes for reducing re-offending.	£80,190	CR Westminster
November 2018	15172 Coffee Afrik CIC	We seek support to fund delivery costs for a weekly wellbeing and family project, managed by excluded groups incorporating wellbeing and mental health workshops and coping strategies.	Organisation was uncontactable on the email address provided. No accounts were provided with the application and it appears, from the information presented, that the organisation would be unable to provide a full year's examined accounts.	£130,000	KT Hackney
May 2018	14868 DAZU	We want to enable vulnerable children and young people to develop strategies, resilience and improved self-esteem to help them to become more independent and lead more fulfilling lives.	A large request from a small organisation. The organisation holds high unrestricted reserves and the organisation's accounts do not appear to be SORP compliant.	£175,500	JGC Enfield

Request Date	Ref & Organisation	Purpose	Reason for Recommendation for Rejection	Grants Amount Requested	Officer & Area
July 2018	14939 IKWRO - Women's Rights Organisation	We are requesting funding for a full-time specialist Farsi/Dari speaking advisor, to provide expert advice, support and advocacy to vulnerable Middle Eastern, North African and Afghan women in London.	There are gaps in the organisation's financial information, which renders them non-compliant with SORP.	£254,632	JNM Newham
August 2018	14936 Mental Fight Club	To support people with poor mental health in their onward journey to stability, socialability and wellbeing.	The proposal is focused on supporting the organisation itself rather than its beneficiaries. There is insufficient detail provided to demonstrate how the trust's funding priorities will be met; whilst the underlying model implies that safeguarding responsibilities rest with an individual rather than with the organisation.	£51,052	GP Southwark
July 2018	14940 National Association of Child Contact Centres	Inquiring parents have asked that we open our centre more often. We would like to open four Saturdays monthly for parents to have more time with their children	The applicant organisation is not the direct beneficiary of any grant. Funding cannot therefore be considered.	£5,000	CR Hackney
August 2018	14953 Nehemiah Project	To fund 'Nehemiah Works' our new pre-employment training programme for Residents, increasing self-esteem, confidence and skills to take up training and work opportunities in order to live independently.	The organisation has applied for funding for a new strand of work, yet is not financially well-placed for such an undertaking as it has no free unrestricted reserves yet also appears to be on a growth trajectory.	£60,000	CR Lambeth
September 2018	14986 Redthread Youth Ltd	Specialist youth workers will interrupt cycles of violence by engaging young people in London A&E departments, empowering them to engage with services and make positive choices for their own futures.	The application has not demonstrated how it meets the Trust's outcomes. The charity is forecast to increase in turnover by 150% this year which is a concern to your officers regarding sustainability of the organisation at this level.	£400,000	JXJ Westminster

Request Date	Ref & Organisation	Purpose	Reason for Recommendation for Rejection	Grants Amount Requested	Officer & Area
September 2018	14949 South Central Youth	To provide support to young people at risk of/or experiencing sexual violence in the Lambeth area.	From the information provided the organisation has no free unrestricted reserves, nor is it forecast to have any by the end of the current financial year, where a large overspend is predicted.	£125,000	CR Lambeth
<i>Total Positive Transitions (9 items)</i>				£1,281,374	
Total Bridging Divides				£1,721,208	
Grand Totals (18 items)				£2,076,833	