

**MEETING: 21/03/2019**

**Ref: 14967**

**ASSESSMENT CATEGORY: Bridging Divides - Positive Transitions**

**Stockwell Partnership**

**Adv: Jack Joslin**

**Amount requested: £84,000**

**Base: Lambeth**

**Benefit: Lambeth**

**Amount recommended: £80,000**

**The Applicant**

The Stockwell Partnership (SP) is a registered charity that has been working with residents and agencies in Stockwell since 2001. SP work caters to the needs of the diverse communities residing in the area and provides a wide range of programmes from bilingual advice, advocacy, employment training, community action and improving the local environment.

**The Application**

SP is seeking a contribution to core delivery costs over the next 5 years. The core funding will underpin the delivery of programmes supporting migrants to access mainstream services and to connect more fully with the community. Based on the organisation's turnover they are requesting a five-year commitment that has been tapered over the period, in line with your practice on core cost funding.

**The Recommendation**

SP has been based in Stockwell since 2001 and is an integral part of the local community. The charity offers a range of support services to the local community and is involved in several local partnerships set up to break down the barriers for migrant communities to mainstream services. Due to a change in funding from the local authority SP is seeking ways to diversify its income, therefore this grant will underpin core posts to ensure this is achieved. SP delivers a range of services that meet the criteria of your Positive Transitions programme and will help to address the needs of the diverse communities in and around the Stockwell area. Core funding as recommended follows your guidance and is based on 10% of the organisation's turnover and tapered over the period, hence the sum advised being slightly less than that requested:

***Core funding over five years (£20,000; £18,000; £16,000; £14,000; £12,000) to underpin the work the Stockwell Partnership does supporting migrant communities to access mainstream services and connect with their community.***

**Funding History**

Meeting Date	Decision
10/01/2017	Application declined as it did not sufficiently address your programme outcomes for Improving London's Environment.
08/07/2010	£127,500 over three years (£40,000; £42,500; £45,000) towards a inter-cultural community building project in LB Lambeth.

**Background and detail of proposal**

In a 2015 study of the Portuguese speaking community in Lambeth by the London Community Foundation, it was estimated there are over 35,000 Portuguese

speakers, with the majority concentrated in Stockwell. This research highlighted the needs relating to accessing local, public services due to poor English language skills; unsuitable housing and homelessness; vulnerable and isolated elderly people, some with mental health problems; mental health problems more generally; domestic violence; substance misuse; unemployment and low wages. SP has a team of bilingual staff and volunteers that have the knowledge, and direct personal experience, of the language and cultural barriers that prevent migrants making positive transitions and thriving in London society. SP provides advice and support, signposting, advocacy and employment training to individuals while developing community action, voice and representation projects.

SP is the lead partner in the Lambeth Portuguese Partnership, funded by Guys and St Thomas's Trust which is looking at improving health outcomes in the community. The partnership works with GPs and other NHS providers to improve their understanding of the needs of the community and to break down barriers to accessing much needed services.

### Financial Information

In 2018 SP overspent on unrestricted funds which impacted its level of reserves significantly. This was due to the significant reduction in funding SP receives from Lambeth Council. In 2018 the Charity made concerted efforts to establish new funding streams to make up for this shortfall but were left to cover any shortfall with reserves. Budget for 2019 and forecast for 2020 are more positive with the charity aiming to break even by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. Reserves although reduced still sit just under target of 6 months. Your support to Core costs will allow the Charity to underpin its services while it builds in a full cost recovery model to all its new funding proposals.

Year end as at 31 March	2018 Audited £	2019 Budget £	2020 Forecast £
<b>Income &amp; expenditure:</b>			
Income	176,216	200,800	233,300
- % of Income confirmed as at 16/01/2019	n/a	96%	44%
Expenditure	(228,127)	(220,000)	(233,778)
Total surplus/(deficit)	(51,911)	(19,200)	(478)
Split between:			
- Restricted surplus/(deficit)	0	(20,200)	(1,478)
- Unrestricted surplus/(deficit)	(51,911)	1,000	1,000
	(51,911)	(19,200)	(478)
Cost of Raising Funds	0	9,300	9,300
- % of Income	0.0%	4.6%	4.0%
Total expenditure	228,127	220,000	233,778
<b>Free unrestricted reserves:</b>			
Free unrestricted reserves held at year end	107,200	88,000	87,522
No of months of total expenditure	5.6	4.8	4.5
Reserves policy target	114,084	110,000	116,889
No of months of total expenditure	6.0	6.0	6.0
Free reserves over/(under) target	(6,884)	(22,000)	(29,367)