

Committee	Dated:
City Bridge Trust	30 th October 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 **8** grant applications that, for the reasons identified, are recommended for rejection. All of these applications were under Bridging Divides criteria.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Reject the grant applications detailed in the accompanying schedule

Main Report

1. There are 8 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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Grants Recommended for Rejection

Request Date	Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Reason for Recommendation for Rejection	Amount Requested	Funding Manager	Area
<u>Bridging Divides</u>							
<u>Connecting the Capital</u>							
June 2019	15560	British Albanian Kosovar Council (BAKC)	Project funding to establish, deliver and develop a programme to support Kosovan war refugee families now experiencing severe mental ill-health due to the trauma from war and forced resettlement.	The proposed project does not sufficiently address your priorities on mental health as it is, in essence, focused on general wellbeing and awareness-raising.	£135,999	Tania Bronstein	Islington
June 2019	15543	Groundwork London	To support greater community cohesion and integration amongst new migrants, refugees and residents of Hackney through cultural collaboration, food growing, greening and environmental projects.	From the information provided the project does not demonstrate value for money, particularly as some component costs are particularly generous.	£164,544	Sandra Jones	Southwark
July 2019	15572	Nature Vibezzz	Connecting families to nature and increasing community unity through free forest school and nature conservation activities building participant's self-esteem and confidence, whilst improving urban sites for local community and wildlife.	With only two part-time members of staff, three trustees and no free reserves, this organisation does not appear to have the capacity to manage a five-year grant for 50% of its turnover. A large proportion of the requested funds is for salaries and no other funders are listed as contributing to these costs. Although the turnover in the last set of accounts (2018) is just over the £75k threshold for CBT's small grants programme, the forecast for 2019 and budget for 2020 are below this threshold. This organisation may be more suited to the small grants programme.	£173,690	Julia Mirkin	Lambeth

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March 2019	15349	Orange Tree Theatre Ltd	The requested funding will enable the OT to further develop and expand its weekly participatory theatre programme; providing engaging social and practical sessions for participants over the age of 60.	The application was to support a long-running theatre group for those aged 60+ but the organisation charges £12 per person per week and only eight out of 130 places are offered to those who can't afford the fee. From the information provided there was insufficient evidence that the organisation was targeting the more disadvantaged areas or communities.	£28,000	Gilly Green	Richmond
April 2019	15418	Voluntary Action Camden	Support smaller groups, especially BAME, with a more intense organisational development model to build and underpin long term sustainability whilst empowering them to retain their core identity and purpose.	A substantial request for funding towards a social prescribing support programme. The applicant does not present evidence of demand to justify an award and the case is not sufficiently strong.	£360,000	Tim Wilson	Camden
<i>Total Connecting the Capital (5 items)</i>					£862,233		
<u>Positive Transitions</u>							
May 2019	15451	The Entrepreneurial Refugee Network	Enabling London's refugees to thrive through entrepreneurship	Whilst it is an interesting project, the proposed work does not sufficiently match the priority, 'Positive Transitions: support for migrants and refugees to access mainstream services and widen participation in the community in which they live', as the work is to enable London's refugees to thrive by supporting their entrepreneurship by supporting them to set up a business.	£182,387	Sandra Jones	Islington

Request Date	Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Reason for Recommendation for Rejection	Amount Requested	Funding Manager	Area
April 2019	15426	The Sir Oswald Stoll Foundation	To enable frail, elderly and vulnerable residents to live independently in their own homes, without needing to enter a care home before necessary.	The application is for work in a residential care setting and without wider community benefit. As such it is ineligible under your funding policy for Bridging Divides.	£109,956	Tim Wilson	Hammersmith & Fulham
November 2018	15188	Tower Hamlets Friends & Neighbours	To provide support, befriending and advocacy to Older people of Bangladeshi living with depression or dementia and experiencing loneliness and social isolation in Tower Hamlets.	Your Officer was concerned that the organisation's understanding of safeguarding was insufficiently robust, especially given the nature of the work. The operational model – providing both befriending and advocacy, some of it for many years to the same individuals – was questionable.	£174,005	Gilly Green	Tower Hamlets
<i>Total Positive Transitions (3 items)</i>					£466,348		
Grand Totals					£1,328,581		