

Committee	Dated:
City Bridge Trust	26 th March 2020
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 outline a total of **16** 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 16 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>Advice and Support</u>							
December 2019	15902	Free The Forgotten Org	The organisation tackles social problems faced by vulnerable social groups. Free The Forgotten is a non-profit registered organisation and provides help to those isolated and those who are in need.	Organisation is a company but is not registered with the Charity Commission (which you require) and was also unable to provide 1 year's accounts at the time of application.	£15,000	Matthew Robinson	Brent
October 2019	15723	Haringey Somali Community and Cultural Association	To offer a free debt and financial advice to prevent service users' debt problems spiral into unmanageable debt.	Although this request for a specialist Debt Advisor seems to be logical, the request is over the City Bridge Trust's threshold for funding (at more than 50% of the organisations income). In addition, the organisation may wish to consider improving its financial controls and procedures, reviewing its safeguarding processes and gathering evidence of demand for the project, and outcomes from its work, to strengthen a smaller future application.	£201,674	Rachel Billett	Haringey
September 2019	15683	St Cuthbert's Centre	We require core-funding to continue building an inclusive community with our high-quality lunch service which channels the power of donated food, otherwise destined for the landfill, to feed vulnerable people.	The outcomes presented in the application relate to social isolation and employment rather than Food Poverty for people who are vulnerable and experiencing homelessness. This application does not specifically provide services for people experiencing homelessness and mental health issues adopting a trauma informed approach, thus not meeting your Homelessness Priority area under Positive Transitions.	£120,000	Kate Moralee	Kensington & Chelsea

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<i>Total Advice and Support (3 items)</i>					£336,674		
Connecting the Capital							
October 2019	15757	Holy Mission Guru Nanak	Improve the impact of our weekly luncheon club, creating a Senior Support Hub to improve emotional, physical and social wellbeing for older people otherwise isolated by cultural and languages barriers.	The organisation holds almost 3 years' worth of expenditure in free reserves and could therefore manage to fund this proposal from its own funds.	£110,889	Jenny Field	Barnet
December 2019	15903	Mouth That Roars	An inclusive media arts outreach & employment support programme for young people on the autistic spectrum and with learning differences - increasing active participation, independence, and reducing social isolation.	Whilst the applicant is a private limited company with social goals, it is not a registered charity despite a turnover greater than £5,000. As such the Trust does not regard the applicant as a charitable company and it is ineligible for funding.	£185,328	Tim Wilson	Hackney
October 2019	15861	St George the Martyr, Holborn	The church is planning a significant restoration and we want to ensure we are DDA compliant and fully accessible to all visitors in the future.	There is an insufficient level of community use of the premises, and the church could use its own reserves to fund an access audit.	£1,594	Sandra Davidson	Camden
November 2019	15887	Wimbledon Foodbank	To address the 40% increase in demand for food by implementing more than food projects and appointing a full time Project Manager to oversee and develop these new projects.	The application and supporting documentation fall short of the good practice standards that the Trust would expect for a proposal of this nature. The applicant organisation is not a legally constituted body.	£255,000	Kate Moralee	Merton
<i>Total Connecting the Capital (4 items)</i>					£552,811		

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Positive Transitions							
October 2019	15770	Carers Lewisham	To offer practical supports, signposting, and respite for carers 5-25.	An extremely poor application where several elements of the financial information required are incomplete or illogical. The charity has a history of later returns to the Charity Commission.	£180,600	Ciaran Rafferty	Lewisham
November 2019	15897	Communities Welfare Network	We are seeking funding to improve the English skills of newly arrived Migrants and Refugees to facilitate their integration	The application contains conflicting information on key issues which has made it difficult to undertake a valid assessment.	£21,449	Sandra Davidson	Lambeth
October 2019	15752	Faith Regen Foundation	To support 210 women (in 3 years) who are exiting domestic abuse (DA) relationships through advice, support groups, workshops, progression to, become empowered, independent and have danger-free futures.	The applicant does not demonstrate sufficient specialist expertise in this area of work, which you require.	£149,916	Kate Moralee	Tower Hamlets
October 2019	15764	Minds Ahead	To bring about and then support the roll out of a new mental health programme for colleagues working in schools: the school mental health specialist PGDIP.	The organisation has little or no unrestricted reserves and the proposal does not strongly support your programme: Specialist support services working with children and young people. Funding cannot be recommended.	£41,350	Geraldine Page	Lewisham
December 2019	15871	Purley Bury Tennis Club Charity number 1176144	I am requesting funding to provide and continue LTA qualified coaches to deliver tennis coaching sessions free to disabled people of all ages, regardless of their ability.	The organisation has sufficient reserves to fund this project having reviewed the financial information available.	£15,700	Sandra Davidson	Croydon

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January 2020	15941	The Reasons Why Foundation	Over 4 years 490 ex-offenders will receive at least 12 months specialist intervention, helping them overcome disadvantage, become more independent and increasing their resilience and ability to make positive choices.	The application was deemed high risk due to a low level of reserves. It was also noted that from the information provided by the applicant, the CEO's salary appears high in relation to the organisation's turnover, with a £1,090 salary increase budgeted for each year of funding.	£49,000	Sandra Davidson	Lambeth
May 2019	15500	Somali Advice & Development Centre	To divert Somali young people aged 11-21 years old away from knife crime, gang culture, youth violence, sexual exploitation and radicalisation	Your Officer is not convinced the organisation has the relevant skills and experience to deliver this type of specialist project.	£227,550	Shegufta Slawther	Ealing
November 2019	15890	Track Academy	Skillbuilders supports young people develop 10 core transferable lifeskills through a youth engagement project using athletics and multisport activities as its medium.	The organisation has little or no reserves and this proposal does not meet your priorities as it is for young people in general, rather than targeted at your priority groups.	£151,500	Ciaran Rafferty	Brent
July 2019	15575	Women's Resource Centre	Continuation funding towards the sustainability of the London VAWG Consortium, the largest pan-London coalition of specialist VAWG providers.	Monitoring of the most recent grant has flagged a number of issues, not least of which was the demonstration of the capability of the organisation to manage the grant to a satisfactory standard.	£149,710	Kate Moralee	Islington
<i>Total Positive Transitions (9 items)</i>					£986,775		
Grand Totals					£1,876,260		