

Committee: City Bridge Trust Committee	Date: 27 March 2020
Subject: Report of Action Taken	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
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Summary

This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk under urgency or delegated authority in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman since the last meeting of the Committee, in accordance with Standing Orders No. 41 (a) and (b).

Recommendation:

- That Members note the report.

Main Report

Urgent Authority – Decisions Arising from an Inquorate Meeting

1. With Members unable to attend physically in light of the public health implications arising from COVID-19, the 26 March 2020 meeting of the City Bridge Trust Committee could not meet in its usual, public format. In lieu of a formal meeting, Members were given the opportunity to discuss reports on the agenda via video and teleconference, as well as by email, with a view to facilitating Member oversight and scrutiny to inform any requisite decisions being taken under urgency procedures following the meeting.
2. The following items were presented for consideration under urgency procedures in the absence of a formal meeting (and with the expectation that there will be no quorate formal meeting in the coming period, in view of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis). Therefore, it was proposed to take these decisions under urgency for the time being, following consultation with Members, so that the grant awards can be progressed without delay.

Decisions Taken

That the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chair, agreed to:

Item 7a: Grants Recommended Between £100,001 and £250,000

Approve the recommended amounts:

1. Castlehaven Community Association

APPROVED £143,000 over three years (£46,000; £46,500; £50,500) towards the full-time salary and associated running costs of the Greenworks Co-ordinator plus project running costs. Release of funds in Year 1 is conditional on a satisfactory budget for 2020-21 being provided.

2. Council of Somali Organisations

APPROVED £145,000 over three years (£49,000; £48,000; £48,000) towards a 0.6FTE salary and associated costs of a project to support SCVOs in influencing decisions affecting Somalis in London. Release of the grant in years 2 and 3 is subject to management accounts evidencing progress in reducing the gap between free unrestricted reserves and the policy target.

3. St. Margaret's House Settlement

APPROVED £104,960 over three years (£36,340; £34,380; £34,240) towards the salary, running and project management costs of the arts programme for disabled adults.

4. St. Paul's Church West Hackney

APPROVED £105,000 over 3 years (3x35,000) towards the Posh Club Co-Ordinator's salary (3.5dpw), Kitchen Manager's salary (1dpw) and towards associated running costs to deliver 30 x 4-hour TPC events per annum for older people.

5. Young Camden Foundation

APPROVED £135,000 over three years (£50,000; £45,000; £40,000) as core funding to support the Young Camden Foundation's work for voluntary sector organisations working with children and young people.

6. Alliance for Inclusive Education

APPROVED £109,700 over two further and final years (£54,400; £55,300) towards an Inclusion Champion post (2.5 days per week), the Policy Co-ordinator (0.5 days per week) and a proportion of the Director's time (5 hours per week) and the Communications Officer (1 day per month), as well as the costs of developing the e-hub, and training and capacity building costs.

7. Aurora Foundation for People Abused in Childhood

APPROVED £28,400 made up of £18,400 over one year towards therapists' fees, clinical supervision, premises and management costs and £10,000 to develop a robust fundraising plan and develop better links with local statutory providers.

8. Generate Opportunities Ltd

APPROVED £117,500 over three years (£38,500, £39,000, £40,000) towards the salaries of two Generate Voices Co-ordinators (15HPW each, one Co-ordinator to have lived experience of a learning disability) and associated project running costs.

9. School-Home Support

APPROVED £108,500 over three years (£36,000; £36,200; £36,300) for the salary and associated costs of a School-Home Support Practitioner (37.5hpw, term time only) to support the positive transitions of young people with mental ill health in Alternative Provision. The release of funding is conditional on the provision of a finalised Job Description for the role that includes specifications relating to experience of mental health work and any relevant qualifications.

10. Spinal Injuries Association

APPROVED £248,200 over 5 years (£48,300; £49,000, £49,600, £50,300, £51,000) for a f/t Project Support Officer and associated running costs to provide support, advice and advocacy for people experiencing spinal cord injury in London.

11. Urban Partnership Group

APPROVED £150,000 over three years (3 x £50,000) for a full-time ESOL tutor; Volunteer training; a contribution to creche facilities; exam registration and project management and administration costs.

12. Age UK Merton

APPROVED £248,000 over five years (£47,600; £48,600; £49,600; £50,600; £51,600) towards the costs of a full-time advice worker, management costs and associated running costs.

Item 7b: Grants Recommended of £250,000 or Above

Approve the recommended amounts:

13. Children Ahead Ltd

APPROVED £250,000 over five years (5 x £50,000) towards the costs of psychotherapeutic and other mental health support to young people, both boys and girls. Release of year 2 of the grant is conditional on the charity having recruited at least one woman to the Board of Trustees.

14. Froglife Trust

APPROVED £244,200 over five years (£46,500; £47,400; £48,700; £50,000; £51,600) for the salary of a f/t Project Manager and running costs for the Leaping Forward for Dementia project.

15. Rushey Green Timebank (RGTB)

APPROVED £323,500 over 5 years (5 x £64,700) towards a f/t Director of Lewisham Local plus associated running costs for the development and consolidation of Lewisham Local.

16. Chinese Mental Health Association

APPROVED £260,900 over 5 years (£50,700; £51,600; £52,600; £52,500; £53,500) for a Coordinator (0.8FTE), Support Worker (0.2FTE), volunteer expenses and running costs for the Chinese Wellbeing Service.

17. Graeae Theatre Company

APPROVED £260,400 (£49,920; £50,968; £52,048; £53,159; £54,304) towards the 0.8FTE salary costs of the Training and Learning Co-ordinator and associated costs of the Rollettes, The Young Company and The Ensemble Intensive training programmes.

18. Jewish Women's Aid

APPROVED £248,700 over 5 years (£47,300; £48,500; £49,700; £51,000; £52,200) for a Domestic Abuse Worker (35 hpw) and associated costs for its London service.

19. Kids Can Achieve

APPROVED £183,600 over three years (£60,000; £61,200; £62,400) towards the salary of one f/t Family Worker; individual and family therapy sessions and a contribution to building and organisational running costs.

20. Maggie Keswick Jencks Cancer Caring Centres Trust

APPROVED £200,000 over five years (5 x £40,000) towards the salary and on costs of a Senior Welfare Rights and Benefits Worker in London.

Item 7c: Applications Ordinarily Approved Under Delegated Authority

Approve the grant recommendations:

21. Just for Kids Law

APPROVED £100,000 over three years (£45,000; £35,000; £20,000) of core support for JFKL's holistic casework in London, including rent and core expenditure.

22. Cripplegate Foundation

APPROVED £95,000 over 2 further and final years (£40,000, £55,000) towards staffing and operational costs of the Saturday Socials older persons programme delivered through Islington Giving.

23. Rushey Green Timebank (RGTB)

APPROVED £94,000 over 2 further and final years (£49,800, £44,200) towards the salary of a p/t (21 hpw) Co-ordinator and freelance sessional staff and associated costs of maintaining and developing the community green space.

24. Sound Minds

APPROVED £63,000 over five years (£15,000; £14,000; £13,000; £12,000; £9,000) for core costs to underpin the successful running of the organisation through and beyond the recruitment and hand-over of a new CEO.

25. Wac Arts

APPROVED £100,000 towards the capital costs of improved access facilities to the Old Town Hall.

Item 8a: Applications Recommended for Rejection

Reject the grant applications detailed in the accompanying schedule.

Item 18: Any Other Business that the Chairman considers urgent and which the Committee agree should be considered whilst the public are excluded

(Support for Smaller Organisations in the Wake of Covid-19 – Report of the CGO)

Agree to your officers implementing a programme of one-off unrestricted grants, equivalent to a single quarterly payment, to current grantees with turnover of less than £500,000 to ensure their resilience and to compensate for their sudden and unexpected loss of earned income. Individual grants will be approved by the Chief Grants Officer under delegated authority.

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