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Policy & Resources Committee	24/09/2020
Subject: City Premium Grant 2020/21 Allocations to Academies	Public
Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services	For Decision
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Summary

The City Premium Grant is the Education Board's grant to City Corporation sponsored and co-sponsored academies to enhance the core educational offer and support the delivery of exceptional education in the Family of Schools. This report asks Members to approve the release of £1,644,123 from the Central Risk element of the Education Board's budget. This funding is to support projects delivered over the 2020/21 academic year. A summary of the applications from academies is included in **Appendix 1**.

Additionally, Members are asked to endorse a one-off supplementary City Premium Grant funding to be distributed to academies to address educational gaps exacerbated by school closures during COVID-19. National research has shown that educational gaps are worse for disadvantaged pupils and so it is proposed that the supplementary funding is apportioned to academies based on the number of pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding in each academy. This supplementary grant will be funded from the Policy Initiative Fund held by Policy & Resources Committee

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- Approve the release of City Premium Grant funding to City academies for academic year 2020/21 as per Schedule 1 below:

Schedule 1 – Proposed City Premium Grant funding to City academies.

Academy	School Allocation¹	Proposed City Premium Grant 2020/21
Galleywall Primary School	60,000	59,676
Redriff Primary School	100,000	100,000
City of London Primary Academy Islington	40,000	39,514
City of London Academy Southwark	250,000	250,000
City of London Academy Highbury Grove	250,000	249,910
City of London Academy Highgate Hill	200,000	199,823
City of London Academy Shoreditch Park	140,000	95,200
City of London Academy Islington	250,000	250,000

¹ Based on a ceiling of £250K for secondary academies, £150K for Sixth Form colleges and £100K for primary academies pro rata according to the pupil numbers in the academy

The City Academy Hackney	250,000	250,000
Newham Collegiate Sixth Form	150,000	1500,00
Total	1,690,000	1,644,123

- Endorse the supplementary City Premium Grant funding to academies to address educational gaps due to COVID-19 apportioned to academies as per Schedule 2 below. This will be submitted to the Policy & Resources Committee for approval to release the funding.

Schedule 2 – Proposed supplementary City Premium Grant funding based on schools' number of pupils eligible for pupil premium funding

Academy	Proposed supplementary funding
Galleywall Primary School	5,000
Redriff Primary School	10,000
City of London Primary Academy Islington	5,000
City of London Academy Southwark	70,000
City of London Academy Highbury Grove	60,000
City of London Academy Highgate Hill	25,000
City of London Academy Shoreditch Park	20,000
City of London Academy Islington	45,000
The City Academy Hackney	65,000
Newham Collegiate Sixth Form	25,000
Total	330,000

- Note that the balance of the core City Premium Grant funding will be rolled into a second, smaller funding round in January 2021 following the school performance scrutiny meetings and based on greatest areas of need.
- Note that the Education Board will receive evaluations of the impact of City Premium Grant funded projects delivered over 2020/21 at the November 2021 Education Board meeting. This evaluation will include projects funded by the supplementary City Premium Grant to address educational gaps brought about by school closures.

Main Report

Background

1. The Education Board has awarded a City Premium Grant to City academies since the 2014/15 financial year. In November 2017, Members resolved to award the grant to City academies at a rate of £250K to secondary schools and £100K to primary schools. It was approved that this total amount would be allocated pro rata, based on the number of pupils in the school. The 2020/21 pro rata allocation to academies was approved by the Education Board with the itemised Education Board Budget for the 2020/21 Financial Year at their meeting on 16 January 2020.
2. The Policy Initiative Fund is held by Policy & Resources Committee and allocation of funding to this proposal must be agreed by that Committee.

Current position

3. The applications for core City Premium Grant funding were reviewed by a panel of officers comprised of the Strategic Education and Skills Director, the Head of the Central Grants Programme and the Lead Policy Officer (Education, Culture and Skills). The panel considers that the applications summarised in **Appendix 1** meet the criteria of the grant and will support the delivery of exceptional education, cultural and creative learning and skills development by the City academies.
4. Academies have not been asked to apply for the supplementary City Premium Grant funding although they have been asked to evaluate the impact of the funding during the regular evaluation process for 2020/21 funding due to be submitted to the Education Board at their meeting in November 2021. The apportioning of this funding is based on the number of pupils in the academy eligible for Pupil Premium funding (2019 data) at a grand total of £330k.

Conclusion

5. The Education Board has provision within the 2020/21 Budget to award City Premium Grant funding to City academies at the rate outlined in Schedule 1. Members are asked to approve the release of funding to City academies as per Schedule 1 to the total value of £1,644,123. Additionally, Members are asked to endorse a one-off supplementary City Premium Grant to academies to address educational gaps for disadvantaged pupils as a result of school closures. The supplementary funding will be funded from the Policy Initiative Fund held by Policy & Resources Committee.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Summary of City Premium Grant Applications (Non-Public)

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