

Committee	Dated:
City Bridge Trust (CBT)	25th March 2021
Subject: Variations to Grants/Funds Awarded	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	N/A
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
Report of: Chief Grants Officer and Director of CBT (CGO)	For Information
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Summary

This report informs Members of grants where variations have been agreed by the CGO since your last meeting.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Receive this report and note its contents

Main Report

Since your last meeting, variation to the grant outlined below have been agreed by the CGO, in line with the revised delegated procedure for the amendment of grants as previously agreed by your Committee.

Whittington Park CA

On 19/06/2014 a grant of £4,380 was awarded to Whittington Park Community Association for the costs of an access audit and disability awareness and safety training. The access audit was duly commissioned, and those funds paid out in 2015, leaving a balance remaining of £1,500 for the training element. However, despite requests for updates/plans etc little information has been forthcoming and nothing since January 2020 – hence it is appropriate now that the balance is revoked.

Everyman Project

On 23/11/2017 a grant of £76,000 was awarded to Everyman Project for three years' funding of a project to support partners experiencing abusive relationships. The organisation was then one of very few which worked with perpetrators, so this project was to enable them to offer support to the victims of the perpetrators. However, when GDPR regulations came to the fore the organisation was unable to make

contact with those it wished to help so agreement was made with the Trust to amend the operation and some of the focus of the work. Throughout the second year of the grant changes within both the project and, especially, within the staff and trustee board became so frequent and significant that your officer deemed it impossible to continue to support the project as it had changed so fundamentally. As a result the organisation was informed that the third year's funding of £26,000 could not be released and would be revoked.

Camden Listening and Counselling Centre

On 25/09/2014 a grant of £4,900 over 3 years was awarded to Camden Listening and Counselling Centre for a project to analyse, develop and deliver a counselling project for young males. A small organisation, conditions relating to submission of a satisfactory budget were placed on release of the grant for years 2 and 3. The necessary paperwork was received at the end of year 1 and year 2 of the grant released – however not all of the necessary documents were received to release the year 3 payments, despite several attempts at chasing up. The year 3 payment of £1,500 has been revoked.

AGE UK Croydon

On 24/05/2016 a grant of £2,150 was awarded to Age UK Croydon to commission an independent access audit. The actual cost of the audit came in at £1,836 which was drawn down. The balance of £314 was therefore revoked.

St Andrew's Church Youth Centre, Roxbourne, Harrow

On 23/09/2015 a grant of £48,700 was awarded to St Andrew's Church Youth Centre, Roxbourne, Harrow for access related capital works as part of a refurbishment of the premises including the community hall. Despite several chase-ups over the years no funds have ever been drawn down and so the full grant of £48,700 has been revoked.

St John's Church, Waterloo

On 25/09/2014 a grant of £4,800 was awarded to St John's Church, Waterloo to commission an independent access audit. The actual cost of the audit came in at £3,600 and was paid, so the balance of £1,200 has been revoked.

Blackfriars Settlement

On 28/01/2016 a grant of £39,000 was awarded to Blackfriars Settlement to provide entry-level ESOL classes over two years. The first year's payment of £19,500 was drawn down. However, when the time came for an end of year monitoring report and related documents to be provided none were forthcoming. Several attempts were made by different officers to get the documents but to no avail. The second year's funding of £19,500 has been revoked.

Institute of Contemporary Arts

On 24/11/2016 a grant of £5,000 was awarded to Institute of Contemporary Arts for independent access consultancy prior to planned redevelopment work. Early consultation work was undertaken at a cost of £1,500 which was claimed and paid. The organisation had promised to update on the drawdown of the balance by late 2018 but nothing more happened. The balance of £3,500 has now been revoked.

Together for Mental Wellbeing

On 24/05/2016 a grant of £111,270.00 was awarded to Together for Mental Wellbeing for the salary of a f/t Peer Support Coordinator and related costs of a peer support programme in liaison and diversion services in North and West London. At the start for the grant there were significant delays in recruiting the Peer Support Coordinator which went on for several months. This led to an underspend overall of £27,635 which has been revoked.

Sport & leisure Management Ltd

On 31/01/2018 a grant of £10,000 was awarded to Sport & Leisure Management Ltd (as the parent body of Everyone Active) as part of the joint funding initiative to support organisations providing services for the Grenfell community after the disaster. The grant was to support the costs of providing a Community Sports Activator for local young people during subsequent school holiday periods. Despite several attempts to get the organisation to draw the funds down it has still failed to do so. Now that three years has passed since the grant was awarded it has been revoked.

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