

Committee	Date
Bridge House Estates Board	14 July 2021
Subject: City Bridge Trust Grants Recommended for Rejection	Public
Which outcomes in the <i>BHE Bridging London 2020 – 2045</i> Strategy does this proposal aim to support?	1, 2, and 3
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact (<i>insofar as they are considered to be in the best interest of BHE to support</i>)?	N/A
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	No
Report of: David Farnsworth, Managing Director of BHE	For decision
Report Author: Scott Nixon, Head of Director's Office, CBT	

Summary

This report and the accompanying schedule outlines a total of **6** applications that, for the reasons identified, are recommended for rejection. All of these applications were made under the Bridging Divides Funding Strategy criteria. The current process dictates that all rejections are required to be approved by this Board. Organisations so declined are offered feedback on their applications.

Recommendation

Members are recommended to:

- Reject the grant applications detailed in the accompanying schedule.

Main Report

1. The applications recommended for rejection at this meeting 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 Board 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 City Bridge Trust office in advance of the meeting so that an explanation can be provided prior to or at the meeting.

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Appendix 1 - Grants Recommended for Rejection

Request Date	Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Reason for Recommendation for Rejection	Amount Requested	Funding Manager	Area
<u>Bridging Divides</u>							
<u>Positive Transitions</u>							
June 2020	17309	Freedom Together CIC	We want to meet the high demand with education, prevention and empowerment programmes for domestic abuse and sexual violence victims across South London Borough communities.	Accounts for the most recent 2 years show negative free reserves. Aspects of the proposal appear to be costed at a very high rate and do not represent value for money.	£88,206	Ciaran Rafferty	Croydon
April 2020	16572	Hopscotch Asian Women's Centre	To support BAME women of Camden/neighbouring boroughs who are vulnerable, isolated, need support, motivation and skills for better outcomes through 121 and group support.	Based on the financial information provided by the applicant your officer has not been assured that the organisation's future is secure. Statutory accounts filed for 2019/20 show negative free reserves, continuation of a multi-year trend of overspending, and include a material uncertainty raised by the auditor relating to the organisation's ability to continue as a going concern.	£219,253	Matthew Robinson	Camden

Request Date	Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Reason for Recommendation for Rejection	Amount Requested	Funding Manager	Area
January 2021	18460	Laburnum Boat Club	To contact and engage young people with disabilities in our services to assist their personal, physical and social development.	The organisation's accounts are non-SORP compliant in several ways. Despite being well established and with a turnover of several hundred thousand a year there would appear to be a worrying lack of awareness as to what is required from accounts for a charity of this size. While the organisation has prior experience of working with young disabled people, safeguarding practices do not fully consider adaptations needed to ensure safety and accessibility of safeguarding reporting mechanisms. The language of the application does not reflect the social model of disability; your officer has recommended that the organisation undertake training with a suitable local DDPO.	£90,196	Lily Brandhorst	Hackney
May 2021	18853	Society Links	We intend to provide a holistic package of support and activities for local girls and young women, aged 11- 19 years. These include workshops (e.g on abuse and body image).	The organisation's accounts are not SORP compliant and lacking in sufficient detail to enable a full assessment. The reserves policy is inadequate. The proposal is insufficiently focused on addressing your priorities.	£10,000	Ciaran Rafferty	Tower Hamlets
<i>Total Positive Transitions (4 items)</i>					£407,655		

Request Date	Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Reason for Recommendation for Rejection	Amount Requested	Funding Manager	Area
<u>Stepping Stones</u>							
January 2021	18463	All Inclusive Advice and Training	To explore and implement All Inclusive Advice and Training developing a social business as a mortgage adviser and broker.	The organisation does not meet the definition of a 'charitable company' as it is only a Company Limited by Guarantee. There is not a clear connection to social investment with the proposed work.	£50,000	Hannah Davey	Croydon
September 2020	17980	London School of Mosaic	We need to match-fund the final 5% of our capital project, in order to bring back into use 1690 sqm of space, which will secure our future.	The request falls outside aims of Stepping Stones as it does not explore potential social investment.	£50,000	Hannah Davey	Camden
<i>Total Stepping Stones (2 items)</i>					£100,000		
Grand Totals (6 items)					£507,655		