



<b>Committee:</b> Funding Committee of the City Bridge Foundation Board	<b>Date:</b> 10 June 2024
<b>Subject:</b> Grant Funding Activity: Period Ended 23 May 2024	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Sacha Rose-Smith, Chief Funding Director	<b>For Decision</b>
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## Summary

This report provides details of: funds approved and rejected under delegated authority since the last meeting of the Funding Committee in March 2024 through to 23 May 2024; the remaining 2024/25 grants budget; grants spend to date and for this meeting by London Borough compared with the Multiple Index of Deprivation and any grant variations that have been approved under delegated authority.

## Recommendations

It is recommended that the Funding Committee of the City Bridge Foundation Board, in the discharge of functions for the City Corporation as Trustee of City Bridge Foundation and solely in the charity's best interests:

- i) Receive this report and note its contents; and
- ii) Approve 4 grant Rejections in Appendix 3.

## Main Report

### Budget and Applications Update

1. There have been 76 grants awarded from the main grants programmes to date in 2024/25 (since 1 April 2024) with the net grant spend £10.360m. This leaves the remaining budget for 2024/25 at £78.779m.
2. In addition to the grants listed below, 32 applications were withdrawn since the last meeting to 23 May 2024.
3. A full summary of grants committed and funds available for future commitments can be seen in **Appendix 1**. Heat maps of spending are shown in **Appendix 2**.

### Grant Rejections

4. A list of all grants recommended for rejection is provided at **Appendix 3**.
5. A list of all rejections approved in line with the current delegated authority procedure are provided within **Appendix 4**.

### Grant Variations

6. Variations to the grants outlined have been agreed by the Managing Director of CBF, the Chief Funding Director or a Funding Director, in line with the delegated



procedure for the amendment of grants. Details of all variations are provided at **Appendix 5**.

### **Funds approved under Delegated Authority**

7. The details provided at **Appendix 6 (a to d)** advise the Funding Committee of funds approved under delegated authority and urgency procedures from March 2024 to 23 May 2024.

### **Conclusion**

8. This report provides details of grant funding activity since the last meeting of the Funding Committee in March 2024.

### **Appendices:**

- Appendix 1: Budget and Applications Update
- Appendix 2: Heat Maps of Index of Multiple Deprivation, Bridging Divides spend to date and this meeting's grants
- Appendix 3: Grant Rejections over 500k
- Appendix 4: Grant Rejections approved under Delegated Authority
- Appendix 5: Grant Variations
- Appendix 6 (a to d): Funds Approved under Delegated Authority or Urgency Requests

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## Appendix 1: Budget for Designated Grant-making and Restricted Funds to date (24/25 financial year)

Funds balance at 1 April 2024 per draft accounts	122,117	0	122,117
<i>Already earmarked for projects</i>		0	0
<b>Funds available for grantmaking at 1/4/24</b>	<b>122,117</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122,117</b>
<b>Grants awarded 2024/25</b>			
<i>Delegated authority grants financial YTD</i>	(9,610)	0	(9,610)
<i>Grants to be approved at June Cttee YTD and awarded in 24/25</i>	(750)	0	(750)
<b>TOTAL AWARDED TO DATE OF REPORT</b>	<b>(10,360)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(10,360)</b>
Number of grants awarded	76	0	76
Write backs, variations & revocations financial YTD	(53)	0	(53)
Number of grants revoked, varied or written back	9	0	9
Other costs incl. staff costs associated with £200m uplift	(24)	0	(24)
Conditional grants		0	0
Stepping Stones loan awarded under Bridging Divides		0	0
<b>TOTAL SPENT/ALLOCATED TO DATE</b>	<b>(10,437)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(10,437)</b>
<b>Subtotal: available at the date of this report</b>	<b>111,680</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>111,680</b>
<b>Remaining funds available</b>	<b>111,680</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>111,680</b>
<b>2024/25 budget summary</b>			
Approved Grants Budget 2024/25	88,010	0	88,010
Add non-grant spend budget 2024/25	1,100	0	1,100
<b>Budget for 2024/25</b>	<b>89,110</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>89,110</b>
<i>Grants awarded to date of this report net of revocations</i>	(10,307)	0	(10,307)
<i>Other costs and allocations</i>	(24)	0	(24)
<b>Budget available to Committee at report date</b>	<b>78,779</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>78,779</b>



**Appendix 2: Heat Maps of Index of Multiple Deprivation (average score for borough), Bridging Divides spend to date (£), and this meeting's grants (£)**

Note that CBT data is categorised by the borough location of the funded organisation. Support from that organisation may go to the same or other boroughs. Not all grants have this data recorded. Darker colours correlate to more money.

**Index Multiple Deprivation (Average borough score)**

				Enf			
				59			
		Hrw	Brn	Hgy	Wth		
		199	184	37	45		
Hdn	Elg	Brt	Cmd	Isl	Hck	Rdb	Hvg
151	88	49	132	28	7	160	179
Hns	Hms	Kns	Wst	Cty	Tow	Nwm	Bar
95	96	122	134	208	27	12	5
	Rch	Wns	Lam	Swr	Lsh	Grn	Bxl
	297	173	42	43	35	60	190
		Kng	Mrt	Crd	Brm		
		270	214	102	230		
			Stn				
			227				

Most Deprived  
2nd Quartile  
3rd Quartile  
Least Deprived



**Main grants (upper, and per thousand population, lower) from start of Bridging Divides (September 2018) to Committee date (excluding LCRF) – rounded to nearest £100K:**

Lowest Quartile				Enf			
2nd Quartile				£3,000,000			
3rd Quartile				£25,000			
Upper Quartile							
		Hrw	Brn	Hgy	Wth		
		£4,000,000	£9,000,000	£7,300,000	£4,800,000		
		£44,000	£60,000	£69,000	£47,000		
Hdn	Elg	Brt	Cmd	Isl	Hck	Rdb	Hvg
£3,700,000	£4,000,000	£5,000,000	£26,200,000	£37,000,000	£26,100,000	£2,900,000	£1,800,000
£33,000	£30,000	£42,000	£283,000	£383,000	£246,000	£28,000	£18,000
Hns	Hms	Kns	Wst	Cty	Tow	Nwm	Bar
£2,600,000	£8,600,000	£11,900,000	£20,200,000	£26,900,000	£22,100,000	£9,000,000	£3,300,000
£26,000	£105,000	£179,000	£213,000	£5,466,000	£183,000	£78,000	£45,000
	Rch	Wns	Lam	Swr	Lsh	Grn	Bxl
	£4,900,000	£7,500,000	£24,000,000	£21,100,000	£6,900,000	£5,300,000	£2,100,000
	£60,000	£55,000	£178,000	£162,000	£56,000	£47,000	£22,000
	Kng	Mrt	Crd	Brm			
	£3,100,000	£4,200,000	£4,000,000	£2,800,000			
	£48,000	£52,000	£26,000	£20,000			
		Stn					
		£3,000,000					
		£36,000					

  

KEY
Total £
Per 1000



**Main Grants (upper, and per thousand population, lower) for this Committee – rounded to nearest £100K:**

						Enf									
						£0									
						£0									
		Hrw		Brn		Hgy		Wth							
		£200,000		£900,000		£400,000		£0							
		£3,000		£6,000		£4,000		£0							
Hdn		Elg		Brt		Cmd		Isl		Hck		Rdb		Hvg	
£0		£300,000		£300,000		£2,100,000		£1,700,000		£1,300,000		£100,000		£500,000	
£0		£2,000		£3,000		£23,000		£18,000		£12,000		£1,000		£5,000	
Hns		Hms		Kns		Wst		Cty		Tow		Nwm		Bar	
£200,000		£500,000		£700,000		£1,200,000		£1,500,000		£1,000,000		£0		£200,000	
£2,000		£6,000		£11,000		£12,000		£313,000		£9,000		£0		£2,000	
		Rch		Wns		Lam		Swr		Lsh		Grn		Bxl	
		£900,000		£400,000		£600,000		£1,400,000		£300,000		£400,000		£0	
		£11,000		£3,000		£4,000		£11,000		£2,000		£4,000		£0	
		Kng		Mrt		Crd		Brm							
		£100,000		£200,000		£300,000		£100,000							
		£1,000		£2,000		£2,000		£1,000							
				Stn											
				£0											
				£0											

  

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Total £
Per 1000



### Appendix 3: Grants Recommended for Rejection Over £500k

Funding Request	Applying Organisation	Project Title	Declination Reason	Requested Amount (£)	Funding Manager
21504	London Community Foundation	To increase our capacity to strengthen the grassroots sector in London through greater capacity building, funding, and awareness.	Does not sufficiently address Foundation's priorities and outcomes	1,070,000	Geraldine Page
22474	National Day Nurseries Association	Improving the health and wellbeing of children under 5 and their families, in partnership with childcare settings and parents in deprived communities across Greater London.	Does not sufficiently address Foundation's priorities and outcomes	831,551	Geraldine Page
22634	Highgate Newtown Community Partners	To create 'Your Neighbourhood Holiday Club' - a supported holiday club for older people across London to combat loneliness, help people travel and improve lives.	Does not sufficiently address Foundation's priorities and outcomes	504,500	Geraldine Page
23027	NAPA (National Activity providers Association)	Funding request: Granting NAPA membership to every London care home for older people, promoting engagement, wellbeing, and a sense of community through enriching activities.	Ineligible costs	913,500	Geraldine Page
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>3,319,551</b>	

#### Appendix 4: Grant Rejections Approved under Delegated Authority

Funding Request	Applying Organisation	Decision Date	Requested Amount (£)	Declination Notes
20131	Jubba Youth Community Association	14/03/2024	113,075	Based on information submitted, reassurance has not been provided that the organisation's financial governance is sufficiently robust.
21118	Alpha Care Specialists	04/03/2024	93,907	After careful consideration and detailed discussions with the applicant, it has been determined that the proposed therapeutic service by Alpha Care is not a strong fit for funding due to discrepancies in meeting CBF expectations regarding therapist documentation and risk of harm policy. Additionally, the organisation needs to regain AQS certification.
21261	British Library	04/03/2024	30,000	The British Library will be hosting an exhibition and complementary community co-creation project on the history and ongoing influence of Black British Music. Although the project sounds very interesting, it is not a fit under voice and leadership and does not fit within CBF criteria.
21306	Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum	19/10/2023	69,000	Although Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum is not a second-tier infrastructure organisation as we define them. the proposal also includes costs outside the scope of our funding.
21307	MusicOnWheels CIC	31/10/2023	13,010	The applicant has failed due diligence checks. and does not meet CBF eligibility criteria. The CIC only has 1 Director listed on Companies House.
21431	KHADYS DREAM CIC	06/09/2023	9,000	The applicant is a new organisation, incorporated in April 2023. There are no accounts on Companies House yet, and only one Director, it is ineligible for CBF funding.
21435	NLP Sports CIC	06/09/2023	24,690	The application does not meet criteria of CYP strand. The organisation has had negative free reserves for the last 3 years.





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21462	Proudtobeme	11/10/2023	46,131	The applicant is ineligible as they are a private limited company not falling under charitable, CIO, or CIC classification. Additionally, they have submitted two applications simultaneously, lack organisational accreditation, and their proposal does not align with the CYP funding strand.
21496	Age UK	28/03/2024	300,000	This is not recommended for funding as the submitted application does not demonstrate sufficient London restricted benefit.
21520	Mindheart Creative Therapies C.I.C.	29/02/2024	51,218	The proposed application and activities do not sufficiently address the priorities under CBF's Mental Health funding strand.
21623	Somali Senior Citizens Club	06/03/2024	77,624	The funding application is not recommended due to insufficient justification for the wide range of proposed activities, lack of clarity on user involvement and feasibility, as well as inadequate information on recruitment, need, and outcomes.
21688	Small Steps SFP	06/03/2024	95,345	The application proposes to deliver activities which are not a strong fit with the criteria of the Deaf and Disabled People funding strand.
21715	London Cycling Campaign	11/04/2024	172,277	The application is not sufficiently aligned with the Making London a greener city for all funding priority. Aim appears primarily around increased diversity amongst cyclists, rather than carbon emissions and air quality.
21720	Ambitious Academy Social Enterprise CIC	11/05/2024	39,000	The application is not targeted enough towards eligible beneficiaries for CBF's Children and Young People's Funding Strand. The organisation also only has two directors and has negative reserves in the latest set of accounts.
21723	Exposure Organisation Limited	28/03/2024	65,100	The funding application is not recommended for funding. The proposed workshops are led by communications specialists rather than accredited and qualified mental health practitioners, as required by your Mental Health Services funding criteria.



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21758	Kensington and Chelsea Social Council	28/03/2024	321,223	Based on the information provided by the applicant they have not demonstrated that the organisation can sufficiently address priorities for the infrastructure funding: capacity building and representation strand.
21782	Only Connect UK	12/05/2024	250,000	The application did not fully meet the CBF criteria for the Criminal Justice strand and there is a concern about the large level of other unsecured funding needed for the activity.
21786	UK Therapies For All CIC	14/03/2024	20,000	The organisation is ineligible as it is under a year old with no accounts and only has two directors.
21805	Waterloo Uncovered	28/03/2024	332,000	The organisation and activity do not meet the criteria for Infrastructure funding: capacity building and representation strand and the work of the organisation is not a good fit with any of CBF's other current funding priorities.
21811	Assemble Studio CIC	14/03/2024	150,000	The application proposes to deliver activities which are not a strong fit with the criteria of the CYP funding strand as it is for general play and not targeted to your CYP priority areas. Additionally, the amount applied for is for more than 50% of the organisations turnover, and a full breakdown of funding required has not been provided.
21826	Friends of the horn foundation CIC	13/03/2024	123,206	The proposed application and activities do not fit under City Bridge Foundation's Mental Health funding strand and does not sufficiently address other priorities.
21871	Friends of University College London Hospitals - Reg no 266669	17/04/2024	5,000	The funding application from Friends of University College London Hospitals is not recommended for several reasons. While the organisation aims to fund additional amenities for patients and staff, it primarily functions as a grant-making entity rather than a direct service provider. Moreover, the proposed project, which seeks £5,000 for purchasing chairs for a recently restored chapel, does not align well with any CBF funding criteria. Additionally, the organisation lacks a safeguarding policy



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				and does not have paid staff, raising questions about its capacity to deliver services directly.
21923	Green Schools Project CIC	30/10/2023	99,463	The Application is ineligible as it is for carrying out work in schools.
21991	CareAlgo CIC	02/11/2023	100,000	Being a Community Interest Company (CIC) limited by shares, the organisation does not meet the eligibility criteria for your funding. Additionally, they do not work directly with older people but support organisations that do.
22049	Aishah Help	05/03/2024	290,500	The organisation does not demonstrate a track record for delivering this highly sensitive work with vulnerable women experiencing violence. There are also elements of the project that are ineligible such as grants to individuals.
22184	Foundation for Renewal and Fora	15/03/2024	100,000	Application requested amount exceeds their annual turnover and as such, does not meet funding criteria.
22244	Grace Organisation	24/03/2024	150,000	The funding application is ineligible as it is requesting funding for three minibuses, a type of expenditure we do not fund.
22270	AL-ABRAR FOUNDATION	13/02/2024	105,000	The application lacks strong justification for the proposed activities. Specifically, there is insufficient detail on recruitment and partnership working, and the project costs breakdown shows a high proportion of volunteer payments.
22271	17billion charitable trust	02/11/2023	9,336	The application does not align with priorities of your small grants programme. The funding requested is to pay volunteers to carry out street surveys in relation to population growth and aim of reducing it.
22346	The National Archives Trust	18/03/2024	80,871	The application is ineligible as it is for carrying out work in schools.
22446	Head Held High	12/03/2024	50,000	The organisation is ineligible as a private company limited by guarantee.
22448	London Senior Social	24/03/2024	157,040	The organisation was previously advised to withdraw as they are a charitable company with income over £5k but have not



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				registered with Charity Commission. They have reapplied but are still not registered with CC.
22472	W4 Youth	24/03/2024	150,000	The application is ineligible as the grant would make up more than 50% of organisation's turnover.
22545	Northumbria University	24/03/2024	250,000	This organisation is ineligible as an educational institution and the application does not fit CBF criteria, it is requesting funding to give income to 15 individuals to put them through a University course.
22552	William Davis's Educational Foundation	14/03/2024	30,934	The application is from an educational charity for work for a biodiversity gardening project at Holy Trinity Primary School and as such, does not meet your eligibility criteria.
22601	Dementia Prevention UK	21/03/2024	87,000	The proposed project does not look to be specifically working with refugee, migrant, or asylum seeker groups and so it not sufficiently targeted to meet this strand, or any of the other funding strands in the Small Grants programme.
22632	The Good Gym	24/03/2024	164,175	The application proposes to deliver practical task support and befriending for older people. Activities do not meet the 'Support and Services for Older People' strand as they do not encourage reduced isolation through participation in activities.
22645	The Disability Union	12/05/2024	58,778	The application proposes remote delivery of advice services to disabled people living in London but there is insufficient track record to demonstrate that the nature of the work will add substantially to what is already available in London.
22898	Rackets Cubed	29/02/2024	90,000	This application does not fit CBF's current priorities under the 'support for children and young people' funding strand as it does not focus on any of the priority areas.
22903	Highlights	12/05/2024	105,800	The organisation has requested funds towards the activities of a weekly youth club for young people from the Jewish Orthodox community. However, the work does not align with any of the



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				Foundation's priorities under the Children and Young People strand.
23033	Equil C.I.C.	05/04/2024	5,000	The organisation is ineligible as it has only submitted one set of dormant accounts to Companies House showing an income of zero and it only has two directors.
23101	Barnet Amateur Boxing Club	20/05/2024	70,000	The organisation does not meet CBF eligibility criteria, having recently been established, the charity does not hold annual financial accounts yet.
23133	Rehabit	12/05/2024	47,500	The organisation proposes to pilot a therapeutic day-care programme for people who have drug and alcohol dependencies. There is insufficient detail in the application to suggest the organisation has the skills, track record, financial resources or infrastructure.
23137	Caramel Rock	12/05/2024	90,000	The organisation is deemed high risk due to ongoing deficits and loan repayment liabilities. The application could also be stronger in terms of addressing specific needs of the young disadvantaged girls it is targeting.
23143	TKO BARKING AMATEUR BOXING CLUB CIC	04/03/2024	25,000	Based on the financial information provided by the applicant, your officer has not been assured that the organisation's management of its finances is sufficiently robust. Accounts for 2022 show negative current assets and reserves.
23169	The Village London CIC	30/04/2024	18,960	The application requests funding for a one-off festival event which is ineligible for CBF funding.
23207	The Beam Foundation	14/03/2024	225,000	The funding requested is for individuals which is ineligible.
23208	Stage 81 CIC	12/05/2024	77,000	The applicant's turnover is not sufficient to justify an application of this scale. Whilst the activities would benefit individuals, alignment to CBF's wider Voice and Leadership objectives is not strong.
23217	Happy Nursery Days	30/04/2024	35	The funding application from Happy Nursery Days is ineligible due to several reasons. While they applied under the "Support



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				for children and young people" strand, their request to update their garden does not align with our priority focus.
23219	Sona Tech C.I.C.	12/05/2024	126,000	The organisation is CIC limited by shares and is therefore ineligible for funding.
23335	The Smile of the Child	11/04/2024	130,000	The organisation is ineligible as it is based in Greece and is not registered in the UK.
23500	Employment Resource Centre	30/04/2024	15,000	The application falls outside the scope of the older people's strand and is not recommended for funding.
23717	O Mi Learning Community Interest Community	01/05/2024	9,845	The application is not suitable for your Children and Young People funding strand and the educational programme delivered in schools does not meet the eligibility criteria.
<b>Total</b>			<b>5,319,043</b>	



## Appendix 5: Grant Variations

### 1. Coram Fields and Harmsworth Memorial Playground

On 21/03/19 a grant of £3,600 was awarded to Coram's Field & Harmsworth Memorial Playground for an eco audit (9 days). The audit and follow up has taken place with a balance of £800 remaining.

#### **Recommendation**

**The remaining £800 out of the grant of £3,600 to Coram's Field & Harmsworth Memorial Playground be revoked.**

### 2. The Cares Family

On 15/10/2020 a grant of £45,000 was awarded to The Cares Family over 5 years towards the salary of a Programme Coordinator to deliver the Love Your Neighbour service to older people in Islington and Camden. The Cares Family is no longer able to continue the project due to the organisation closing, therefore the remaining grant amount of £12,000 will be revoked.

#### **Recommendation**

**The remaining £12,000 out of the grant of £45,000 to The Cares Family be revoked.**

### 3. South London Cares

On 15/10/2020 a grant of £90,000 was awarded to South London Cares over 5 years towards the salary costs of the Programme Coordinator for South London Cares and contribution to Social Club activity costs to deliver the Love Your Neighbour, Social Clubs, Winter Wellbeing and Outreach services in Southwark and Lambeth. South London Cares is no longer able to continue the project due to the organisation closing, therefore the remaining grant amount of £22,000 will be revoked.

#### **Recommendation**

**The remaining £22,000 out of the grant of £90,000 to South London Cares be revoked.**

### 4. The Attlee Centre

On 26/05/23 a grant of £4,000 was awarded to The Attlee Centre for an eco audit (10 days). The organisation had a change in circumstances and no longer wishes to proceed with the audit.

#### **Recommendation**

**The entirety of the grant of £4,000 to The Attlee Centre be revoked.**



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5. Rich Mix

On 27/09/2018 a grant of £4,000 was awarded to Rich Mix for an eco audit (10 days). The audit and follow up visit has taken place with a balance of £400 remaining.

**Recommendation**

**The remaining £400 out of the grant of £4,000 to Rich Mix be revoked.**

6. Hackney CVS

On 30/06/2022 a grant of £2,400 was awarded to Hackney CVS for an eco audit (6 days). The auditor accidentally omitted 0.5 days work for the Environmental awareness presentation. As such an increase of £200 is requested to account for the discrepancy.

**Recommendation**

**An additional £200 is awarded to make the total grant to Hackney CVS £2,600 (6.5 days)**