

<b>Committee(s):</b> Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee	<b>Date(s):</b> 15/07/2024
<b>Subject:</b> Inspiring London Through Culture Annual Report 23-4	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	Diverse Engaged Communities, Vibrant Thriving Destination, Flourishing Public Spaces
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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### **Summary**

The Inspiring London Through Culture theme of the Central Grants Programme (CGP) opened in October 2016. The Central Funding and Charity Management Team (CFCMT) offers the Inspiring London Through Culture scheme on an annual basis. This report provides an overview of projects funded through the programme in 2023/24 Financial Year.

### **Recommendations**

Members are asked to:

- Note the criteria for the Inspiring London Through Culture at **Appendix 1**
- Note the recent grants awarded and rejected/withdrawn from the Inspiring London Through Culture Fund at **Appendix 2**.
- Note that the CFCMT will review the programme when the new Head of Profession for Culture is appointed.

### **Main Report**

#### **Background**

1. The Inspiring London Through Culture theme is a strand of the City of London Corporation's (CoLC's) CGP that awards grants to cultural projects or services that are being delivered for the benefit of communities or beneficiaries within the City of London. The strand was agreed by your committee in July 2016.
2. The Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee delegate the award of grants to Officers of the Department of Innovation and Growth - Destination City and some external experts.
3. The grant assessment process for this and other themes in the programme is overseen by the CFCMT. It draws on the Team's expertise in the field of grant-making and demonstrates good practice. The CFCMT manage a number of

other grant programmes on behalf of the City of London including the CIL Neighbourhood Fund and Proceeds of Crime Act Funding.

4. Grant applications are subject to a series of due diligence checks by the CFCMT to ensure compliance with the established eligibility criteria. All eligible applications are then considered by a panel of expert departmental officers.

### **Inspiring London Through Culture Programme**

5. In 2023/4 the CFCMT received 17 applications in total. 9 organisations were awarded funding. 8 applications were rejected or withdrawn due to not meeting the programme criteria.
6. The Central Grants Programme has an annual City's Estate budget of £220,000 split across three grant programmes. The Inspiring London Through Culture programme receives an annual budget of the £73,333 to allocate to eligible applications. In 2023/24 funding of £75,569 was awarded over 9 grants. A list of all of these grants and more detail on the projects funded, as well as a list of applications which were rejected/withdrawn can be found at **Appendix 2**. The overspend on this programme has been covered by funds written back in year and allocated to the programme.
7. The CFCMT is in the process of reviewing its small grant programmes, which will include a review of the Inspiring London Through Culture programme once the Destination City review has concluded and the new Head of Profession for Culture is appointed. The CFCMT will provide a substantive update to this committee in due course.

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

8. The CGP Inspiring London Through Culture funding strand was created to promote a fair system of grant-giving by the CoLC.
9. The Inspiring London Through Culture Programme is an annual programme.

### **Conclusion**

10. The Inspiring London Through Culture Programme will be established on an annual basis. The CFCMT will provide advice and guidance to applicants about the funding that may be available and will review the programme when the new Head of Profession for Culture is appointed.

### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – CoLC Inspiring London Through Culture Eligibility 2024
- Appendix 2 – ILTC grants 23-4

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