

Appendix 1

Grants Approved and Rejected under Delegated Authority July to November 2024

Applicant	Description	Decision
Age UK City of London (23226)	<p>£99,000 (£49,500; £49,500) across two years towards a part-time co-ordinator post, project running costs and core costs – AUKCL has a 10-year track record of working with local partners in the City to develop and deliver needs-led services with and for older residents having been funded by the CILNF for the past three years, and through the Stronger Communities fund supporting older BAME women on Mansell Street estate. The organisation is requesting multi-year funding to provide stability for this work. This project addresses the CILNF's community priority; <i>addressing the needs of people from disadvantaged backgrounds, minoritised communities, older people, disabled people, LGBTQIA+ people and those living in poverty</i>. AGUKCL works in consultation with the older people across the City to identify their needs and deliver services that best meet these needs. It also has a particular focus on supporting those who face added disadvantage due to economic or social circumstances. An additional £9,000 was added to the recommendation to support with fundraising costs over the next two years, to enable AUKCL an opportunity to strengthen sustainability when they have to have a fallow year following the end of this grant period before they can return to the fund with a future application. This opportunity will build on the fundraising work they currently do in conjunction with Age UK Camden.</p>	Approved
Friends of City Gardens (23523)	<p>£19,700 across one year to record data on abundance and temporal behaviour of bats and Black Redstarts on green roofs in the City to inform conservation and management priorities. FoCG has extensive experience working with the Corporation and delivering similar work. This project sits across two community priority areas; <i>mitigating climate change & enhancing biodiversity & wildlife and preserving existing and creating of more green space in the City including estate gardens and support for gardening clubs</i>. This project will enable existing green spaces and roof tops to be better managed for protected species and as a result biodiversity will improve for other species. Data will also quantify the effects of extreme conditions and inform good practice to mitigate the effects of climate change. This Project will provide much need data on size and distribution and behaviour of populations and will inform wider planting and management guidance to enhance the effectiveness of green corridors. The impact making existing green spaces more interesting and enjoyable for residents, City workers and visitors with the beneficial effects of exposure to nature are well known but recent research shows that spaces</p>	Approved

	rich in biodiversity are even more beneficial for mental and physical well-being – particularly for poorer people.	
Publica Community and Research (23687)	£69,000 towards ‘Right to the City’- a gender inclusion in the public realm project consisting in night walks, a youth design challenge and a celebration event. Publica’s proposal, focusing on gender inclusion in the public realm, clearly meets the CILNF criteria, directly benefitting City communities. It also addresses several CILNF community priorities: Addressing the needs of people from disadvantaged backgrounds, minoritised communities, older people, disabled people, LGBTQIA+ people and those living in poverty; Activities and services for children, young people and families; Proposals and activities that have been co-designed by engaging the community in the development of the proposal and/or proposals that demonstrate community support. Having been co-designed by several significant stakeholders in the Square Mile, the project aligns well with the Corporation’s VAWG Strategy and City Plan 2040, with the focus on creating inclusive spaces, enhancing the public realm, and engaging with City communities.	Approved
We Swim CIC (24062)	£13,311 across one year to support Barbican swims! Inclusive swimming program for disabled residents, building a stronger community in the pool. This application meets three of CILNF’s community priorities including: Addressing the needs of people from disadvantaged backgrounds, minoritised communities, older people, disabled people, LGBTQIA+ people and those living in poverty; Sporting, exercise and health activities including promoting walking and cycling; Making public spaces and services fully accessible for disabled people and the elderly. WeSwim has a track record of delivering impactful support to those living with disabilities in local communities as well as engaging a supportive volunteering network. This project will provide a strong offering to the City’s disabled community that is currently lacking and will be of physical and mental benefit.	Approved
Forget Me Not Memory Cafe (24663)	£54,022 across two years (Year 1 £26,303; Year 2 £27,719) to increase community cohesion across low income and disadvantaged City of London communities through a two-year programme of creative activity, social eating and exercise to reduce social isolation and improve health, happiness and social connections. FMN’s new programme has been devised with resident representative input specifically to reduce social isolation of individuals from marginalised groups living in the City’s most deprived wards. The programme strongly delivers on three of the CILNF Community Priorities by ‘addressing the needs of people from disadvantaged backgrounds, minoritised communities, older people, disabled people and those living in poverty’, ‘providing exercise and health activity’ and ‘delivering activities that have been co-designed by engaging the community in the development of the proposal’. As importantly the programme will help to deliver the	Approved

	City of London's corporate plan ensuring that 'across our residents, workers, businesses and visitors, everyone should feel that they belong. Connecting people of all ages and backgrounds will help build diverse, engaged communities that are involved in co-creating great services and outcomes.'	
SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets (25009)	£90,238 over 18 months (£60,159; £30,079) to provide a sports programme for young people in the City of London, including gym, swimming and football. SL's project has been designed in direct response to requests from the young people it aims to support, who are seeking more opportunities to grow and have fun whilst engaging with others in a productive way. Activity is targeted at local youth who do not have the means to pay for extra-curricular activities and are at risk of involvement in anti-social behaviour, aiming to improve their social skills, wellbeing and health. The proposal meets four community CILNF priorities: Addressing the needs of people from disadvantaged backgrounds, minoritised communities, older people, disabled people, LGBTQIA+ people and those living in poverty; Sporting, exercise and health activities including promoting walking and cycling; Activities and services for children, young people and families; Proposals and activities that have been co-designed by engaging the community in the development of the proposal and/or proposals that demonstrate community support.	Approved
Livery Committee (25819)	£12,000 across one year to organise and host three EDI training sessions for Livery representatives, to share best practice and foster improved outcomes. This application meets the CILNF's community priority of addressing the needs of people from disadvantaged backgrounds, minoritised communities, older people, disabled people, LGBTQIA+ people and those living in poverty. The project will equip Livery Companies with an improved collective knowledge and behaviours towards EDI, providing an opportunity to promote, champion and encourage diversity, inclusion and equity, as well as the community embedding these principles into the culture. This, in turn, will help Liveries to strengthen their work across all communities and through their funding programmes.	Approved
Union Street Consulting (26031)	£78,750 for three consultants, a postgraduate researcher, a design specialist and travel and equipment over seven months to develop a plan in consultation with key stakeholders for a new City of London Faith/Belief/Worldview Centre aiming to foster community engagement, understanding and encounter. This timely project addresses two CILNF priorities: Addressing the needs of people from disadvantaged backgrounds, minoritised communities, older people, disabled people, LGBTQIA+ people and those living in poverty; Proposals and activities that have been co-designed by engaging the community in the development of the proposal and/or proposals that demonstrate community support. USC will engage a diverse range of City	Approved

	<p>communities to produce a plan that's inclusive and addresses nuanced spiritual and emotional needs, ensuring individuals from all backgrounds feel valued, supported and safe. While the plan mainly targets local workers, it also seeks to incorporate a plan for facilitating intergenerational engagement and learning, particularly through educational workshops. The co-design approach will ensure that the Centre remains relevant, effective, and supported by those it aims to serve, fostering a sense of ownership and collaboration among the City's residents and workers.</p>	
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