

Appendix 3

Grants Approved and Rejected under Delegated Authority December 2024 to January 2025

Applicant	Description	Decision
<p>Aldgate Business Partnership (25774)</p>	<p>£65,848 across 12 months to fund community engagement, temporary installations/improvements for Vine Street (five freestanding totem lightboxes, a flower bed billboard, 20 running metres of portrait/text vinyls and 20 wayfinding signs) and related launch event in deliverance of the Aldgate Public Realm strategy plus the cleaning of the Vine Street railway arches brickwork.</p> <p>'Stories of Aldgate' is the first stage of a longer term plan to invigorate, animate, and help make-safe Vine Street to ultimately include the installation of new lighting for the currently dark and unwelcoming arches of Vine Street railway bridge. The initiation project is made up of three elements: the collection of local stories, a lighting and wayfinding public art installation and celebratory event, plus streetscape improvement. ABP has funded the development stage of the 'Stories of Aldgate' having commissioned Heard to identify and support local people to articulate their histories of migration and community and recording these as source material for the project. A CILNF grant is specifically sought to fund the production and delivery of 'Stories of Aldgate' which will capture and celebrate the rich history and vibrant community of the Aldgate area by showcasing local stories within a creative public realm installation and brought to life via a spoken word launch event with performances by some of the storytelling participants to be held at City Wall at Vine Street. By focusing on migration the project will explore the challenges individuals have faced, their contribution and how they have enriched the community of Aldgate. 'Stories of Aldgate' has been developed in collaboration with the Migration Museum and one of the project's legacies will be the formation of an archive of historic and local migrant individual's stories and memories which the Migration Museum will extend through their own additional research and which has the potential to be used in displays/projects at the Migration Museum once it relocates to the City. In addition to the 10 storytellers, 50+ attendees to the live storytelling launch and 60 participants joining the walks, a further 82,437 workers, residents and visitors are anticipated to engage with the physical exhibition (over three months) with a further anticipated 5,800+ online audience.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation (26678)</p>	<p>£84,868 (£27,457; £28,281; £29,130) over three years towards coaching qualifications for the young people and contributions towards coaching fees, venue hire, equipment/kits, and administration/management of two Platform Cricket Hubs.</p> <p>THYSF's broad aims are to encourage (through cricket): more young people to be physically active, more participation of young people from ethnic minority backgrounds and more participation of young people from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. To engage participants in the hubs, THYSF will run a five-week cricket unit to year four classes (aged 8/9) in local primary schools for each of the three years of this proposal - City of London Primary Academy</p>	<p>Approved</p>

	<p>(COLPAI) and The Aldgate School, guaranteeing high attendance from City residents. The cricket hubs themselves – which will each have around 30 participants – will provide coaching, youth work, workshops and personal mentoring. Children will have access to competitive festivals and holiday provision, alongside a 30-week core programme which takes place for two hours each week throughout the year. The sessions will feature team building, problem-solving, fitness/nutrition, multi-sport and cross-curricular activities, with a focus on personal/social development. There will be competitions, social events and extra support for refugee families led by its partner charities Afghanistan & Central Asian Association (ACAA) and Afghan Association Paiwand Ltd, aiming to support access to other services. THYSF has been working with the two charities to ensure THYSF staff are trained to work with refugee/asylum seekers. The programme also includes a sports leadership element where 16–21-year-olds are trained, qualified and mentored as coaches to support their local activities. Beyond the project, THYSF will continue to work with the City of London to make sure children and families can connect into other services and activities as relevant, and partner with Middlesex Cricket in the Community to support transition into sustained participation. The City of London Community Sports Officer also sees an opportunity for THYSF to support with the City’s cricket team for the London Youth Games.</p>	
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