

Committee: Education Board	Date: 10 June 2025
Subject: Report of Action Taken between meetings: Agreement to delegate authority to distribute Round 1 awards from City Premium Grant, and Culture & Creative Learning Funds	Public
Report of: The Town Clerk & Chief Executive	For Information
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SUMMARY

These two requests for Delegated Authority to be granted were expected to be considered at the Education Board meeting originally scheduled to take place on 21 May 2025. The recipients of these funds needed confirmation by 04 June 2025 on whether the funds are forthcoming in order to make the necessary plans to arrange for those funds to be allocated, and a decision under urgency procedures was made in line with Standing Order 40a to approve the authority to agree them.

City Premium Grant:

1. The City Premium Grant (CPG): an annual grant that provides financial support to the City of London Family of Schools towards the delivery of programmes and activities that support the aims of the Education Strategy 2024-29 and that provide additionality;
2. All Round 1 projects were processed and reviewed with the input of an independent third-party assessor to ensure neutrality. The Education Strategy Unit (ESU) proposes that funds for projects marked as successful be transferred to the relevant schools as soon as possible to maximise the project preparation time available. Cultural and Creative Learning:
3. This is the third year of the City's Cultural and Creative Learning (CCL) funding model that involves the City's 29 approved Cultural Partners [approved by the Education Board in February 2024). Those cultural partners were invited to bid for up to £20,000 each towards projects targeted at enrichment and additionality in the cultural and creative learning sectors, for the benefit of children and young people living in London. The total pot available is £190,000.
4. The panel of four officers, including a representative external to the Education Strategy Unit (ESU) from the Grants Unit, recommended that 11 out of 17 of the applications should be awarded funding from the CCL budget.

DECISIONS:

The following three requests were approved:

- City Premium Grant: To delegate authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair of the Education Board and the Strategic Director of Education and Skills to distribute Round 1 awards from the City Premium Grant: Disadvantaged Pupils Grant, the City Premium Grant: Partnerships Grant, and the City Premium Grant: Responsive Grant to the schools;
- Cultural and Creative Learning: To delegate authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair of the Education Board and the Strategic Director of Education and Skills to distribute the CCL funds to the relevant cultural partners noting that the panel recommends that 11 out of 17 of the applications be awarded funding from the CCL budget; and
- To confirm that these grants will be made available in the usual way.

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