

Appendix 3: Grant Rejections Approved under Delegated Authority

Funding Request	Applying Organisation	Decision Date	Requested Amount	Declination Notes	Funding Request Owner
26091	CASPA	05/06/2025	£422,413.00	It is recommended that this application be declined. While the project has merit, the request does not sufficiently align with the Foundation's current funding criteria. Given the organisation's financial stability, available reserves, and the level of the funding request, the application was not considered a priority for support at this time.	Lara Rufus-Fayemi
26242	The Digital Services Consortium (Sense Lead Applicant)	05/06/2025	£403,200.00	This application could not be prioritised for funding. While the proposed work had relevant aims, the London-specific focus and leadership by Deaf and Disabled people were not sufficiently demonstrated to meet the programme's criteria, particularly in the context of current budget constraints.	Hannan Ali
25971	Healthy Living Platform	17/06/2025	£370,209.00	It is recommended that this application be declined. While the project addresses an important area of need, the information provided did not fully demonstrate robust financial management or monitoring and evaluation processes. In the context of current funding constraints, the application was not prioritised for support.	Kerry Luker
23600	Elders Voice	05/06/2025	£357,250.00	The application does not currently meet the quality standards required for funding, including appropriate qualifications for advice delivery and assurance mechanisms. While the proposal shows intent to address local needs, key areas such as supervision, monitoring, and quality assurance would need to be strengthened for it to be considered for support.	Sandra Jones
25926	Voices of Hope	05/06/2025	£335,911.00	It is recommended that this application be declined due to limited evidence of impact to date and a lack of detail on how the project has been shaped by those with lived experience of food poverty. Given the relatively low level of provision and the funding requested, the proposal is not considered to offer good value for money.	Lily Davies

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26126	High Trees Community Development Trust	05/06/2025	£302,581.00	This application was declined as it falls outside the scope of the programme. While the proposed project to develop a community-led research network in Lambeth is of interest, the focus is on research and sector collaboration rather than on providing direct support to voluntary and community organisations delivering services to Londoners. As such, it does not meet the programme's criteria, which prioritise infrastructure support that enables frontline delivery.	Gilly Green
26459	Food for All	17/06/2025	£300,000.00	Based on the information provided, assurance was not provided that financial management, safeguarding practices, and monitoring and evaluation processes were sufficiently robust to support funding at this time.	Kerry Luker
25375	Shooting Star Children's Hospices	05/06/2025	£265,456.00	Does not sufficiently address Trust's priorities and outcomes	Geraldine Page
25801	Forest Recycling Project Limited	19/05/2025	£239,792.00	Recommended for rejection by April Funding Panel. Due to budget constraints, it was considered a lower priority.	Chris Walker
26337	Wise Age Ltd	08/08/2025	£195,942.00	The May 2025 panel declined the application. While the grant period was reduced to three years in recognition of delivery capacity, panel members raised concerns about eligibility and strategic fit. The project was seen as a new service with limited evidence of need or clear community benefit and was considered a poor fit for the infrastructure strand. These factors led to a consensus to reject the application.	Hannan Ali
26462	Knights Youth Centre (KYC)	19/06/2025	£161,181.00	While the organisation is delivering valued wellbeing activities, the application did not sufficiently demonstrate robust financial management or clear environmental impact, which are key criteria for this funding programme.	Cecile Hyafil Guillaume
26461	Chiswick House & Gardens Trust	19/05/2025	£150,000.00	Recommended for rejection by April Funding Panel. Due to budget constraints, it was considered a lower priority.	Natalia Griffiths

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23240	Orpington Football Club	19/05/2025	£149,510.00	It is recommended that this application be declined as it does not meet the eligibility criteria for capital funding; the request relates to a new building, which falls outside the scope of the programme.	Lorna Chung
25751	Platform for Change	10/06/2025	£144,229.00	The application was recommended to be declined. The proposal did not demonstrate a strong enough case for support in London and raised concerns around deliverability, relevance to the Foundation's priorities, and overall strategic fit.	Gerard Darby
26246	Neighbourhood Church Beckenham	10/06/2025	£140,000.00	The application was recommended to be declined as it did not clearly demonstrate that the proposed work would have sufficient impact on the wider community.	Lorna Chung
26577	Jewish Volunteering Network	19/06/2025	£137,000.00	While the organisation is well regarded, the proposal did not clearly demonstrate the level of need or anticipated outcomes required to make a strong case for funding. In the context of current budget constraints and high demand, other applications were assessed as having a stronger strategic fit and greater potential for impact.	Ben Banks
26419	Children and Families Across Borders	19/06/2025	£129,045.00	While the organisation has a strong track record and the project addresses an important area of need, the proposal did not sufficiently meet the programme's priorities. In the context of high demand and limited resources, other applications demonstrated a stronger strategic fit and were prioritised for support.	Lily Davies
26367	Four Corners Limited	19/05/2025	£123,338.00	It is recommended that this application be declined. While the proposed lift installation follows an earlier access audit and aims to increase participation, the current level of community use is limited and the projected growth in engagement is modest. Given the Foundation's current funding priorities and budget constraints, the application was assessed as having limited strategic fit.	Natalia Griffiths

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26322	Barnet Community Projects	19/05/2025	£116,050.00	It is recommended that this application be declined due to concerns about financial sustainability. The organisation has operated with negative reserves over a number of years, and its current plans to improve financial resilience are not sufficiently developed to provide assurance.	Sharon Stephen
26328	Bexley Snap	19/06/2025	£113,500.00	While the organisation is locally active and well regarded, the proposal did not sufficiently align with the priorities of the "Support and Services for Deaf and Disabled People" programme. The focus on internal development and the limited representation of lived experience at leadership level meant the application did not demonstrate the level of strategic fit or impact required in a highly competitive funding environment.	Geraldine Page
26285	Support for new life	21/05/2025	£100,000.00	It is recommended that this application be declined. While the project meets some of the programme's aims, the application did not demonstrate a strong strategic fit with the Foundation's current funding priorities. Given budget constraints and the level of demand, the proposal was not prioritised for support at this time.	Lou Errington
24123	Cycling Projects	06/06/2025	£94,949.00	The application does not sufficiently align with the Foundation's current funding priorities. In particular there were concerns around the clarity of financial information and the absence of a monitoring and evaluation framework. Given budget constraints and competing priorities, the proposal cannot be prioritised for support.	Ben Banks
26634	Community Apothecary CIC	06/06/2025	£82,385.00	While the organisation is delivering valued wellbeing activities, the application did not sufficiently demonstrate robust financial management or clear environmental impact, which are key criteria for this funding programme.	Lou Errington

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26490	St Katharine's Trust	16/05/2025	£80,000.00	It is recommended that this application be declined. Based on the information provided, the organisation was unable to provide sufficient assurance around its financial management and safeguarding arrangements, which are key requirements for funding.	Kerry Luker
26667	KeshetUK	16/05/2025	£60,000.00	It is recommended that this application be declined as some of the proposed activity takes place during school hours and involves groups that fall outside CBF's funding criteria.	Caspar Cech-Lucas
26592	Blue Elephant Theatre	21/05/2025	£58,511.00	It is recommended that this application be declined. At the time of assessment, the organisation was unable to confirm its ability to deliver the proposed project due to ongoing uncertainty around its future operations.	Lou Errington
26629	LegalAliens Theatre	16/05/2025	£54,420.00	This application is declined due to concerns about financial viability and risk. The organisation has reported negative reserves for the past three financial years and does not currently hold a reserves policy. While the organisation appears user-led and is working with eligible beneficiaries, the current financial risk outweighs the case for funding at this stage.	Caspar Cech-Lucas
26596	SAFA CIC	07/07/2025	£50,000.00	While the aims of the project align with programme priorities, the proposal lacked clarity on delivery and outcomes, and the funding request was disproportionately high relative to the organisation's income. In the context of high demand, it cannot be prioritised for support.	Stella Brown
26585	Streatham Youth and Community Trust	06/06/2025	£38,562.00	While the capital request aligns with access and environmental priorities, a combination of governance, financial, and safeguarding concerns led to the proposal not being recommended for support at this time.	Natalia Griffiths
		TOTAL	£5,175,434.00		