

Committee:	Date:
The City Bridge Trust Committee	19 June 2014
Subject:	Public
Grant Applications Statistical Report	
Report of:	For Decision
Chief Grants Officer	

Summary

This paper summarises applications received and action taken under your grants programmes in 2014/15. 24 applications will be dealt with at today's meeting, including 11 grant recommendations and 4 grants to be noted as approved by delegated authority for a total recommended sum of £985,150. This leaves £11,341,029 remaining on your grants budget for 2014/15.

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- Note the report
- Consider the grant recommendations in the subsequent annexes

Main Report

Background

- 1.1 This paper summarises action taken in 2014/15 on grant applications received under your Working with Londoners and Investing in Londoners grants programmes. It charts overall spend against your current year grants budget, grants made by programme outcomes, action taken on applications received and a summary of today's recommendations. City Bridge Trust committee also receives a 6 monthly statistical report which provides more details of the trends seen over the year. Your last statistical report was received in November 2013. You will receive a statistical report on your closed Working with Londoner's programme at your July 2014 meeting.
- 1.2 City Bridge Trust grants are awarded in line with your policy guidance which includes the priorities and exclusions that were ratified for the Trust by the Court of Common Council, in July 2013.

Grants budget 2014/15

- 2.1 24 applications will be dealt with at today's meeting of which 11 are recommended for a grant and 4 are to be noted as approved by delegated authority, for a total recommended sum of £985,150. The implications of today's recommendations are shown in Table 1 against the original grants budget for 2014/15.

- 2.2 If you agree the applications recommended for a grant today you will have spent 24% of your 2014/15 grants budget. The target in the Business Plan is to spend 40% by and including your September meeting. This leaves £11,341,029 unspent on your grants budget for 2014/5. As instructed at your April meeting, officers are currently seeking approval for the carry forward into 2014/15 of the £3,533,480 remaining from your 2013/14 grants budget.

Table 1: Overall spend against 2014/15 budget

	Grants budget	Grants spend	% spend of annual budget
Original Grants Budget	£14,950,000		
Write-Backs & Revocations	£41,639		
Total Budget Available	£14,991,639		

Previous committee meetings			
April 2014		£1,372,410	9%
May 2014		£1,293,050	9%
Sub-total approved spend		£2,665,460	18%
Remaining budget	£12,326,179		
Today's recommendations			
June 2014		£985,150	7%
Total annual spend		£3,650,610	24%
Remaining budget		£11,341,029	

- 2.3 It should also be noted that an additional £1m was allocated to be spent via this Committee in 2014/15 for an initiative called 'the Employability Initiative' which you approved at your meeting in November 2012. These figures are not included in the table above.

Grants made by outcome area this financial year

- 3.1 Table 2 shows the breakdown of grants awarded this financial year by outcome area under your Investing in Londoners grant programmes. Charts 1 and 2 show the proportion of grants awarded, including today's recommendations, by outcomes area. Chart 1 is based on the number of grants awarded and Chart 2 is based on the value of grants awarded.

Table 2: Grant approvals by outcome area (Investing in Londoners)

Fund/Program	Number of grants			Value of grants		
	Year to date	Today	Total	Year to date	Today	Total
English for Speakers of Other Languages	1	0	1	£63,500	£0	£63,500
Improving Londoner's mental health	2	3	5	£158,000	£299,000	£457,000
Improving London's environment	1	0	1	£49,050	£0	£49,050
Making London more inclusive	5	4	9	£445,750	£171,000	£616,750
Making London more inclusive - access audit	3	1	4	£11,300	£5,000	£16,300
Making London safer	1	1	2	£60,000	£127,700	£187,700
Older Londoners	3	1	4	£53,510	£0	£53,510
Reducing poverty	2	0	2	£315,000	£60,000	£375,000
Resettlement and rehabilitation of offenders	3	0	3	£368,200	£0	£368,200
Strengthening London's voluntary sector	3	1	4	£389,000	£317,450	£706,450
Arts apprenticeships	1	0	1	£4,000	£0	£4,000
Eco-audits	4	0	4	£10,400	£0	£10,400
Strategic initiatives	4	4	8	£484,250	£5,000	£489,250
Exceptional grants	0	0	0	£0	£0	£0
Grand total	33	15	48	£2,411,960	£985,150	£3,397,110

Chart 1: % grants awarded by outcome area this financial year (by number of grants)

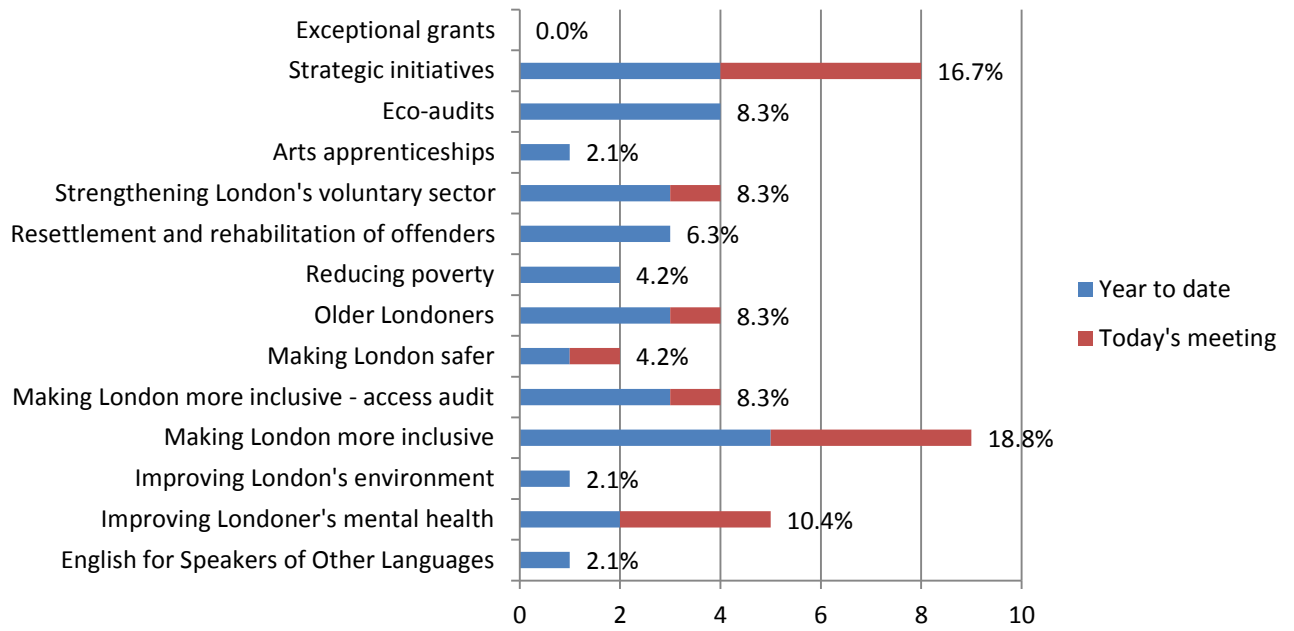
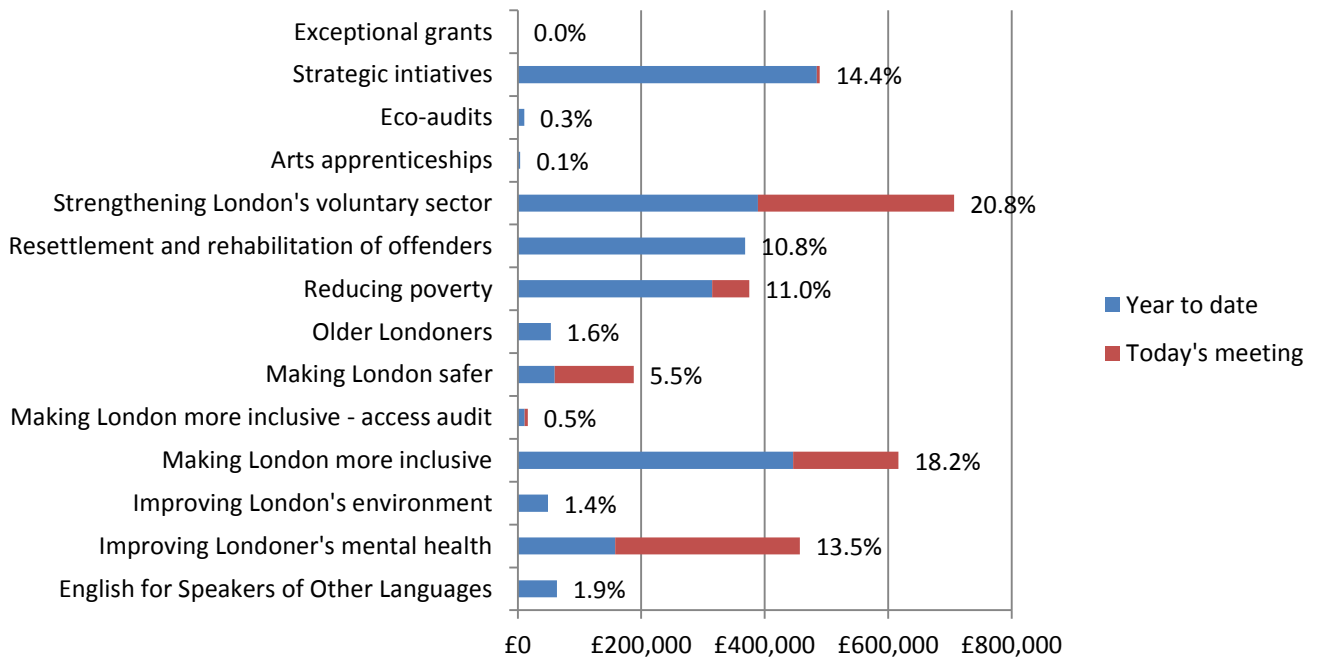


Chart 2: % grants awarded by outcome area this financial year (by grant amount)

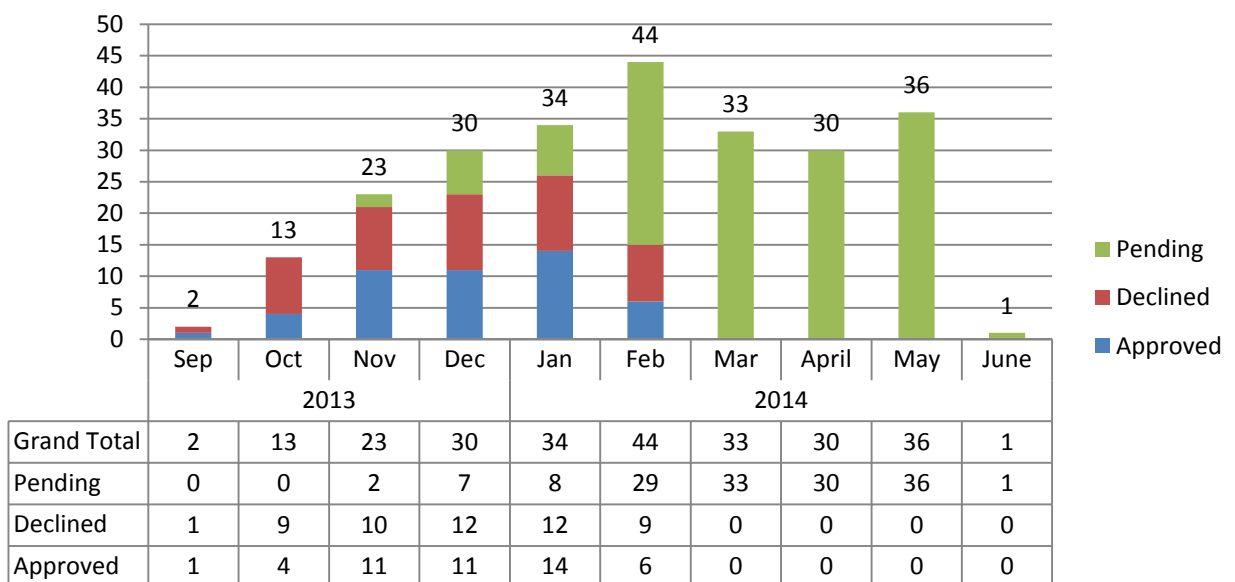


3.2 A large proportion of grants, by number and value, have been made under Making London More Inclusive. This may reflect the wide range of this programme as there are several different priorities under which organisations can apply. It is also a well-established City Bridge Trust programme, similar to Older Londoners, Strengthening London’s Voluntary Sector and Improving Londoner’s Mental Health which have also seen relatively high numbers of grants. It is however notable that the value of grants made under Older Londoners is lower: these tend to be smaller grants for small local projects. It is interesting to see that there is a comparatively high number and value of grants approved under Reducing Poverty, one of your newer programmes, which seems to have been well received. The proportion of grants awarded as strategic initiatives is comparatively high though this reflects a focus on more strategic work at the beginning of the financial year. Given that we are only three months into the financial year however, any analysis of trends should be treated with caution.

Applications received since the launch of Investing in Londoners in 2013

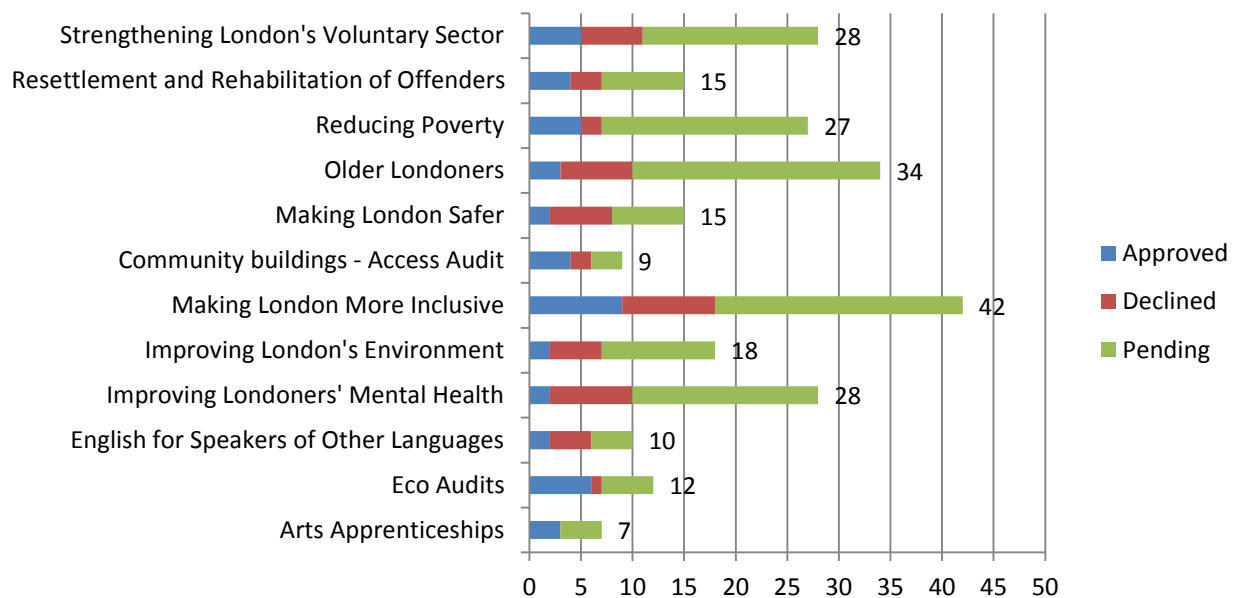
4.1 Chart 3 shows the number of applications received by month and the action taken (excluding strategic initiatives and partnership programmes) since the launch of Investing in Londoners in September 2013. (Please note that applications for decision at today’s meeting are still classified as ‘pending’.) Application numbers grew in the first 6 months and are beginning to level out. A peak of 45 applications received in February. This is similar to the previous year, possibly due to organisations aiming to submit applications before the start of their new financial year.

Chart 3: Applications received by month and action taken since Investing in Londoners launch in September 2013



4.3 Chart 4 summarises the number of applications received by outcome area since Investing in Londoners was launched in September 2013 (excluding strategic initiatives and partnership programmes). Please note that applications for decision at today's meeting are still classified as 'pending'. In line with the analysis of grants awarded, this shows that there are high numbers of applications under Strengthening London's Voluntary Sector, Older Londoners, Making London More Inclusive and Improving Londoner's Mental Health. It is interesting to note the strong number of applications coming through under your new grants programme Reducing Poverty. Higher numbers of rejections can be observed under Older Londoners and Making London More Inclusive – however this is simply a reflection of the higher numbers of applications for these programmes and does not necessarily reflect a higher rejection rate.

Chart 4: Investing in Londoners applications received by outcome area and action taken since launch in Sept 2013



Today's applications

- 5.1 24 applications will be dealt with at today's meeting. Table 3 notes the type of action recommended. Full details of each of these applications are shown in separate sections later on in your papers.

Table 3: Action to be taken on applications today

Action to be taken	Number
Applications recommended for grant	11
Funding approved by delegated authority <£5k (to note)	2
Funding approved by delegated authority <£25k (to note)	2
Applications recommended for rejection	9
Withdrawn applications (to note)	0
Applications lapsed (to note)	0
Total applications	24

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