

Committee:	Date:
The City Bridge Trust Committee	16 July 2014
Subject: Grant Applications Statistical Report	Public
Report of: Chief Grants Officer	For decision

Summary

This paper summarises applications received and action taken under your grants programmes in 2014/15. 38 applications will be dealt with at today's meeting, including 16 grant recommendations and 7 grants to be noted as approved by delegated authority for a total recommended sum of £1,484,300. This leaves £9,907,549 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. Today's papers include the statistical analysis of your Working with Londoner's programmes which closed in July 2013.
- 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 38 applications will be dealt with at today's meeting of which 16 are recommended for a grant and 7 are to be noted as approved by delegated authority, for a total recommended sum of £1,484,300. 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 34% of your 2014/15 grants budget, leaving £9,907,549 unspent on

your grants budget for 2014/5. The target in the Business Plan is to spend 40% of the grants budget by and including your September meeting. 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	£91,639		
Total Budget Available	£15,041,639		

Previous committee meetings			
April 2014		£1,372,410	9%
May 2014		£1,293,050	9%
June 2014		£984,330	7%
Sub-total approved spend		£3,649,790	24%
Remaining budget	£11,391,849		

Today's recommendations			
July 2014		£1,484,300	10%
Total annual spend		£5,134,090	34%
Remaining budget		£9,907,549	

Additional funding for employability initiative agreed Nov 12	£1,000,000		
		£1,000,000	
Balance of additional funding		£0	

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	1	2	£63,500	£40,800	£104,300
Improving Londoner's mental health	5	2	7	£457,000	£180,000	£637,000
Improving London's environment	1	1	2	£49,050	£116,400	£165,450
Making London more inclusive	9	2	11	£616,750	£136,800	£753,550
Making London more inclusive - access audit	4	1	5	£15,680	£5,000	£20,680
Making London safer	2	1	3	£187,500	£120,400	£307,900
Older Londoners	3	2	5	£53,510	£197,800	£251,310
Reducing poverty	3	3	6	£375,000	£318,300	£693,300
Resettlement and rehabilitation of offenders	3	2	5	£368,200	£193,000	£561,200
Strengthening London's voluntary sector	7	1	8	£706,450	£150,000	£856,450
Arts apprenticeships	1	2	3	£4,000	£6,000	£10,000
Eco-audits	4	4	8	£10,400	£9,800	£20,200
Strategic initiatives	5	1	6	£489,250	£10,000	£499,250
Exceptional grants	0	0	0	£0	£0	£0
Grand total	48	23	71	£3,396,290	£1,484,300	£4,880,590¹

¹ Please note that £253,500 was also awarded this year for Working with Londoners programmes - these are not included in the above but are included in your overall 2014/15 spend.

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

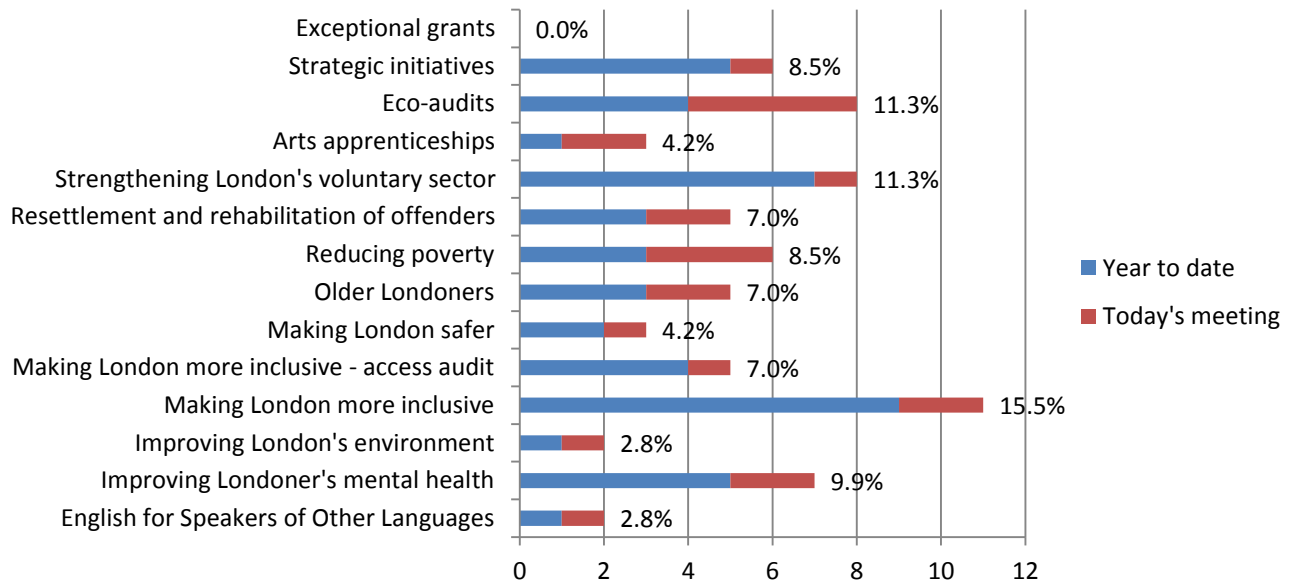
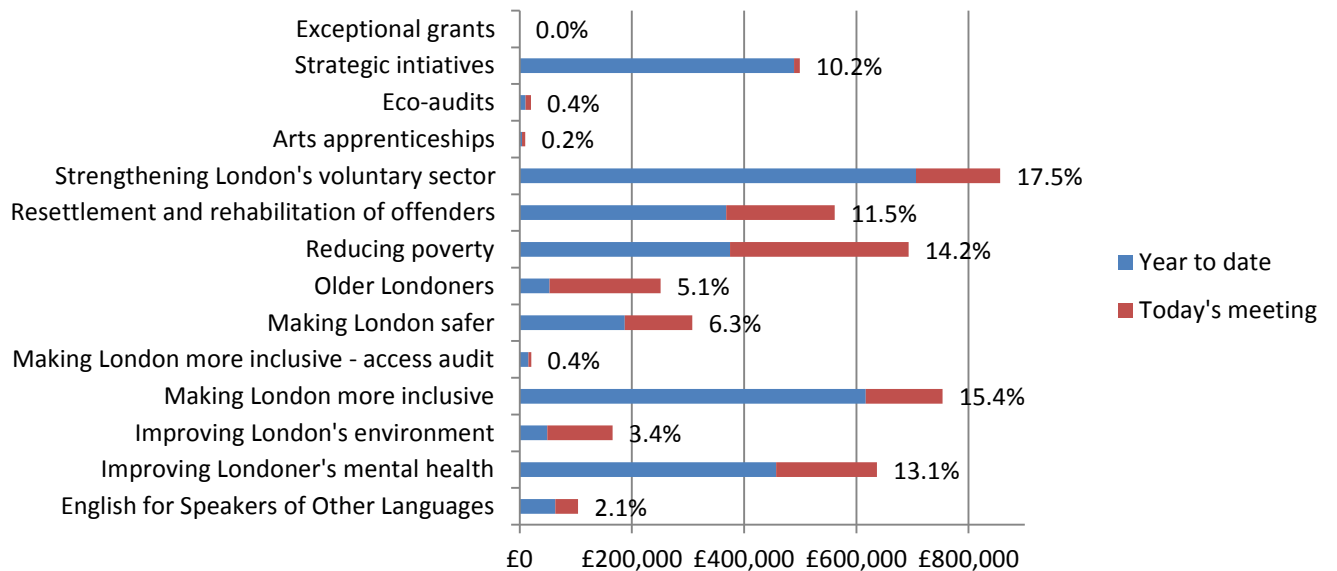


Chart 2: % grants awarded by outcome area this financial year (by grant amount)



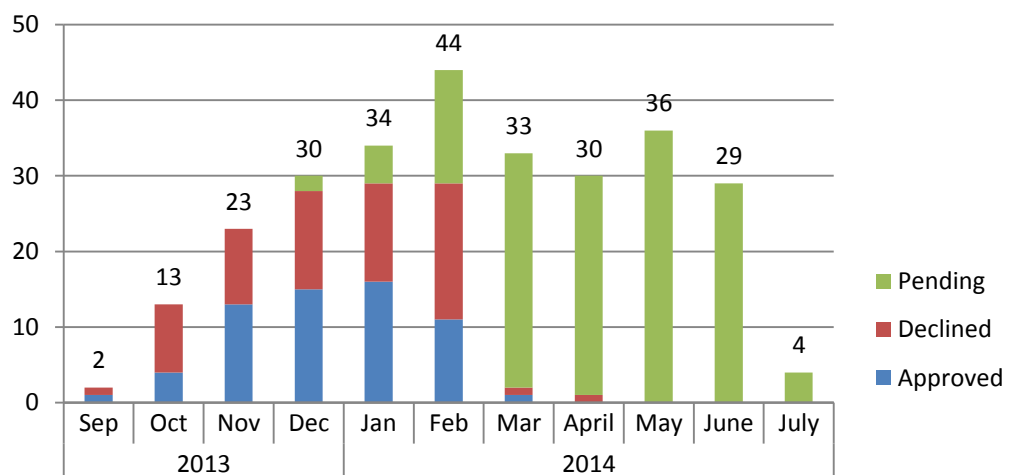
3.2 A large proportion of grants, by number and value, have been made under Making London More Inclusive. This may reflect the wide range of this programme as there are several different priorities under which organisations can apply. It is also a well-established City Bridge Trust programme, similar to Older Londoners, Strengthening London's Voluntary Sector and Improving Londoner's Mental Health which have also seen relatively high numbers of grants. You will notice that the greatest amount of funding has been

awarded under strengthening Londoner’s voluntary sector: this reflects the strategic nature of much of this work. It is 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 four 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 with a peak of 44 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. Application numbers are beginning to level out with a slight dip to 29 in June.

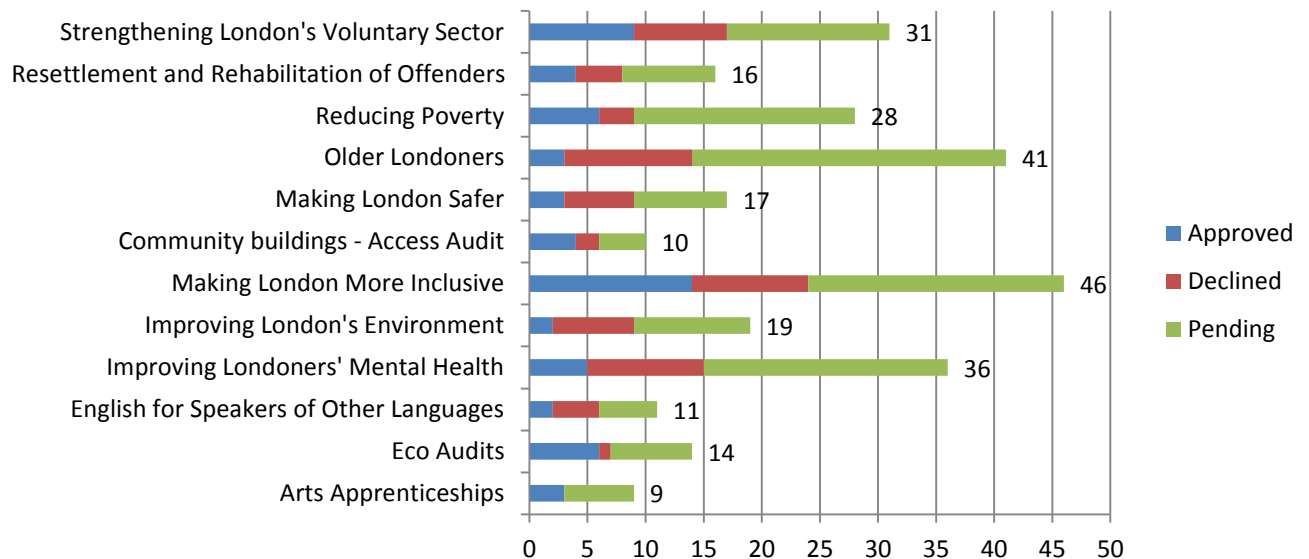
Chart 3: Applications received by month and action taken since Investing in Londoners launch in September 2013



	2013				2014						
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July
Grand Total	2	13	23	30	34	44	33	30	36	29	4
Pending	0	0	0	2	5	15	31	29	36	29	4
Declined	1	9	10	13	13	18	1	1	0	0	0
Approved	1	4	13	15	16	11	1	0	0	0	0

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. A higher rejection rate can be observed under English for Speakers of Other Languages, Improving London's Environment and Making London Safer. It would be too soon in your grants programmes to draw any conclusions from this. However, your officers will monitor these rates and advise if any adjustments to programmes are found to be necessary.

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



Today's applications

- 5.1 38 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	16
Funding approved by delegated authority <£5k (to note)	7
Funding approved by delegated authority <£25k (to note)	0
Applications recommended for rejection	11
Withdrawn applications (to note)	3
Applications lapsed (to note)	1
Total applications	38

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