

Committee(s):	Date(s):
City Bridge Trust	27 th November 2014
Subject: Grant Applications Statistical Report	Public
Report of: Chief Grants Officer	For Information
Summary	
<p>This paper summarises applications received and action taken under your grants programmes in 2014/15. 64 applications will be dealt with at today's meeting, including 27 grant recommendations and 9 grants to be noted as approved by delegated authority for a total recommended sum of £3,239,272.</p> <p>After your action at your September meeting there was £8,824,735 remaining on the grants budget for 2014/15. This includes £125,945 of grants written-back or revoked since the September meeting</p> <p>Assuming today's recommendations are approved you will close the meeting with £5,581,463 remaining on your grants budget for 2014/15.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the report 	

Main Report

Background

- 1.1 This paper summarises action taken in 2014/15 on grant applications received under your 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. At your January meeting, City Bridge Trust Committee will also receive a 6 monthly statistical report which will provide more detail of the trends seen over the year.
- 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 64 applications will be dealt with at today's meeting of which 27 are recommended for a grant and 9 are to be noted as approved by delegated authority, for a total recommended sum of £3,239,272. The implications of today's recommendations are shown in Table 1 against the original grants budget for 2014/15. Despite the unusually large carry-forward from your

2013/14 budget, at the current rate of spend, you are on target to deplete the remaining budget by the financial year end.

- 2.2 If you agree the applications recommended for a grant today you will have spent 70% of your 2014/15 grants budget, leaving £5,581,463 unspent on your grants budget for 2014/5, with two meetings remaining.

Table 1: Overall spend against 2014/15 budget

	Grants budget	Grants spend	% spend of annual budget
Original Grants Budget	£14,950,000		
Carry Forward from 2013/14	£3,536,000		
Write-Backs & Revocations	£125,945		
Total Budget Available	£18,611,945		

Previous committee meetings			
April 2014		£1,372,010	7%
May 2014		£1,293,050	7%
June 2014		£985,150	5%
July 2014		£1,484,300	8%
September 2014		£4,652,700	25%
Sub-total approved spend		£9,787,210	53%
Remaining budget	£8,824,735		

Today's recommendations			
Nov 2014		£3,239,272*	17%
Total annual spend		£13,026,482	70%
Remaining budget	£5,581,463		

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

* Grants spend includes delegated authority approvals of £54,236.

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's meeting	Total	Year to date	Today	Total
English for Speakers of Other Languages	4	2	6	£190,100	£78,010	£268,110
Improving Londoner's mental health	14	6	20	£1,219,300	£617,700	£1,837,000
Improving London's environment	6	1	7	£472,150	£52,600	£524,750
Making London more inclusive	16	5	21	£1,364,750	£247,526	£1,612,279
Making London more inclusive - access audit*	8	2	10	£32,280	£7,326	£39,606
Making London safer	5	3	8	£638,100	£255,000	£893,100
Older Londoners	14	5	19	£1,191,710	£327,500	£1,519,210
Reducing poverty	13	2	15	£1,280,300	£231,200	£1,511,500
Resettlement and rehabilitation of offenders	5	1	6	£560,800	£135,000	£695,800
Strengthening London's voluntary sector	13	4	17	£1,574,850	£538,700	£2,113,550
Arts apprenticeships	6	2	8	£16,000	£4,000	£20,000
Eco-audits	9	1	10	£23,200	£3,400	£26,600
Strategic initiatives	10	4	14	£1,002,450	£694,400	£1,696,850
Exceptional grants	0	0	0	£0	£0	£0
Grand total	115	36	151	£9,533,710	£3,185,036***	£12,718,749

*Making London more inclusive – access audits are included within the Making London more inclusive programme. To avoid double counting they are not included within the grand total.

**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 year to date spend.

*** Value of grants today does not include delegated authority approvals of £54, 236.

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

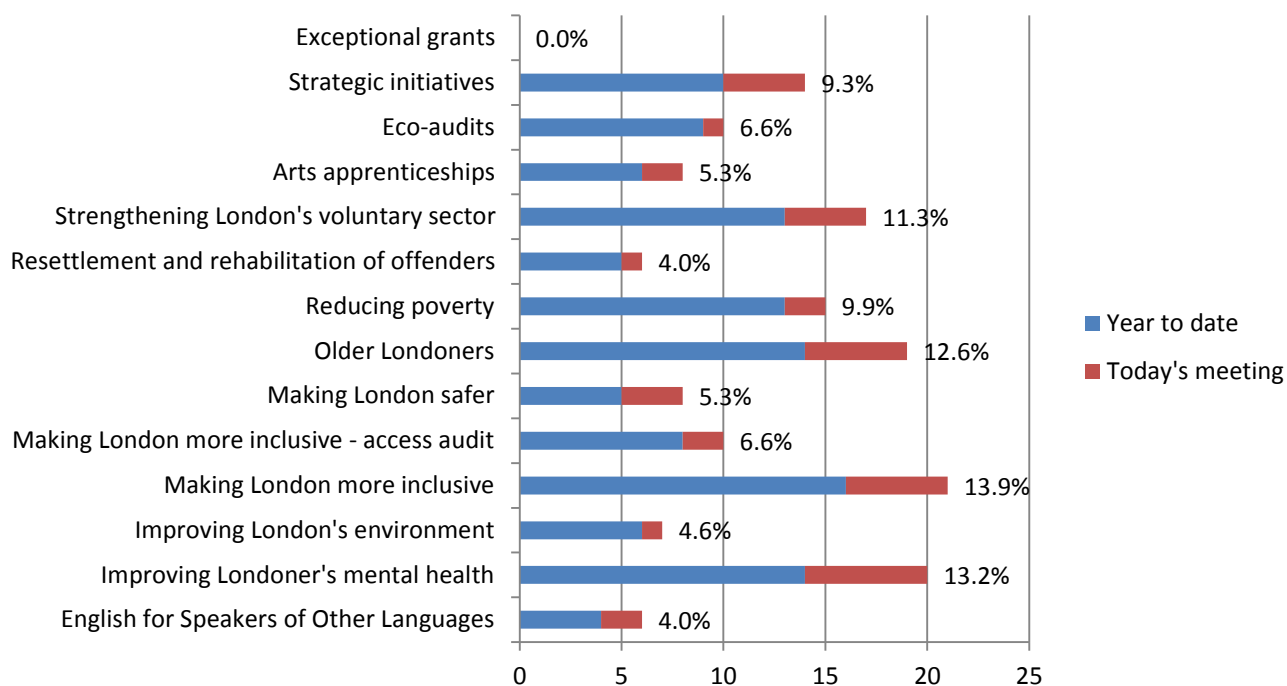
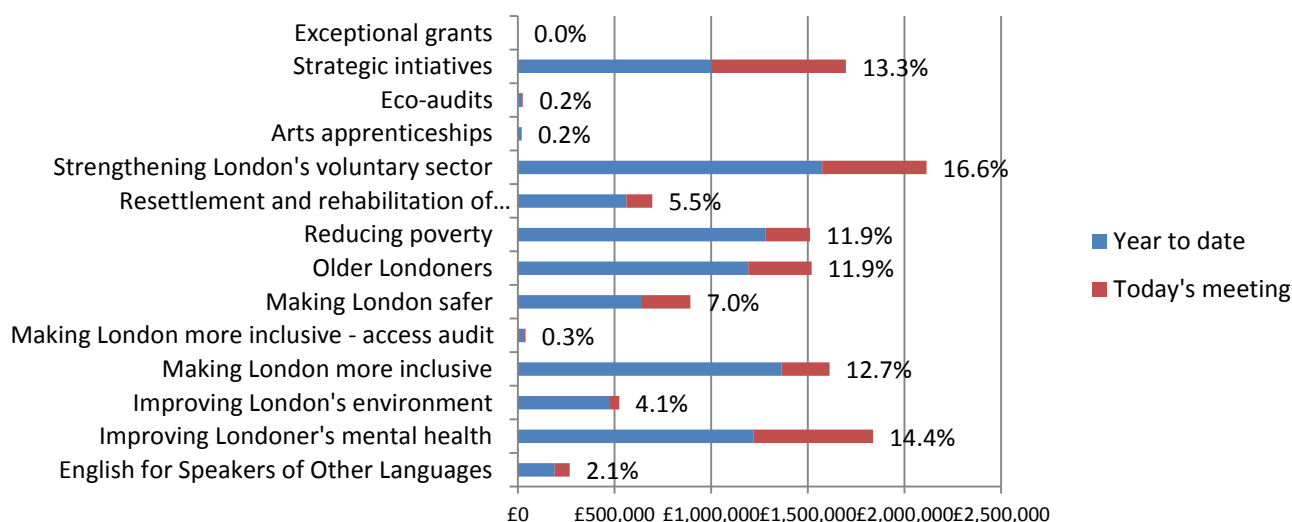


Chart 2: grants awarded by outcome area this financial year (by grant amount)



3.2 Your Making London More Inclusive programme has attracted the highest number of awarded grants, followed by Improving Londoner's Mental Health, Older Londoners and Strengthening London's Voluntary Sector. These four programmes account for over half of all awarded grants to date. The number

of awarded grants may reflect the established nature of these programmes and the multiple priorities under which organisations can apply. You supported similar activity under your previous Working with Londoner's programmes. Grants made under your Strengthening London's Voluntary Sector, Improving Londoner's Mental Health and Making London More Inclusive programmes have also been of a relatively high value. These programmes have attracted relatively larger projects, supporting high volumes of Londoners (or London's voluntary sector infrastructure) across a number of areas within a single borough, or across multiple boroughs, or London wide. In contrast, awards made under your Older Londoner's programmes have not been as high, reflecting a large number of awards made for lower values. These are typically awards for small, local projects.

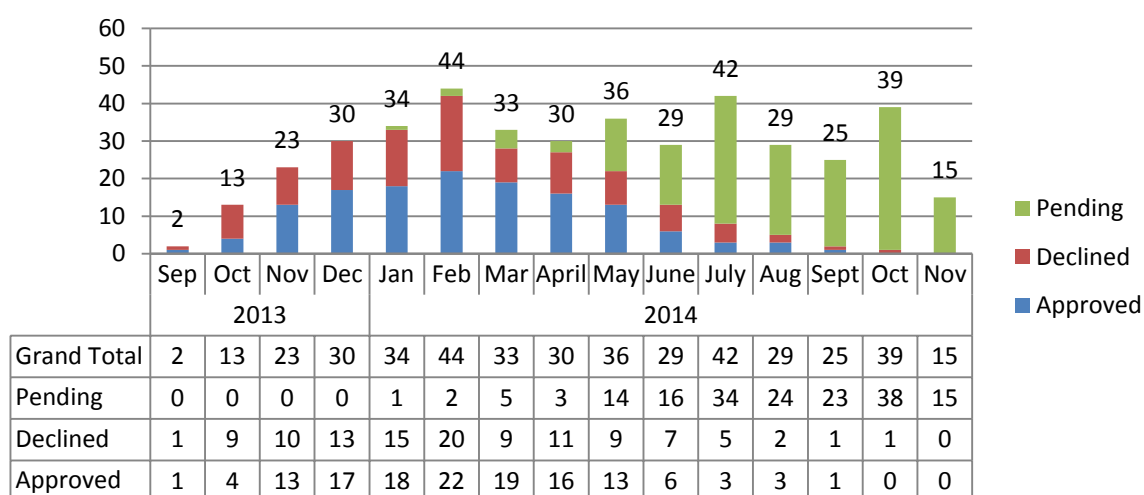
- 3.3 Your English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and Resettlement and Rehabilitation of Offenders programmes have seen the smallest number of grants awarded and a comparatively lower proportion of grant amount. As previously noted in your September Grant Application Statistical Report, your criteria for ESOL funding require that tutors hold a recognised qualification to support the quality of the service delivered. This may have reduced the pool of potential applicants under this programme. However, this more restrictive criteria is positive in underpinning better quality services. The small number of grants awarded under your Resettlement and Rehabilitation of Offenders programme may reflect the relatively small number of organisations working in this specialist area. Officers will monitor the situation and consider whether adjustments are needed to the programme guidelines in due course.
- 3.4 The value of grants (including pending proposals for decision today) under Strengthening London's Voluntary Sector, Improving Londoner's Mental Health, Strategic Initiatives and Making London More Inclusive, represent more than half your programme spend for this financial year to date. The proportion of grants awarded as strategic initiatives is comparatively high reflecting a focus on more strategic work at the beginning of the financial year. Strategic Initiatives also include a significant pending proposal, presented today, of £634,000 for Buttle UK.

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 dipped in June but reached a high of 42 in July which may reflect greater awareness of your programmes over time and a keenness of organisations to submit applications before the summer break. Applications received fell during August and September, which is traditionally a quiet time for fundraising. Applications climbed again in October and are showing strong growth up to mid-November.

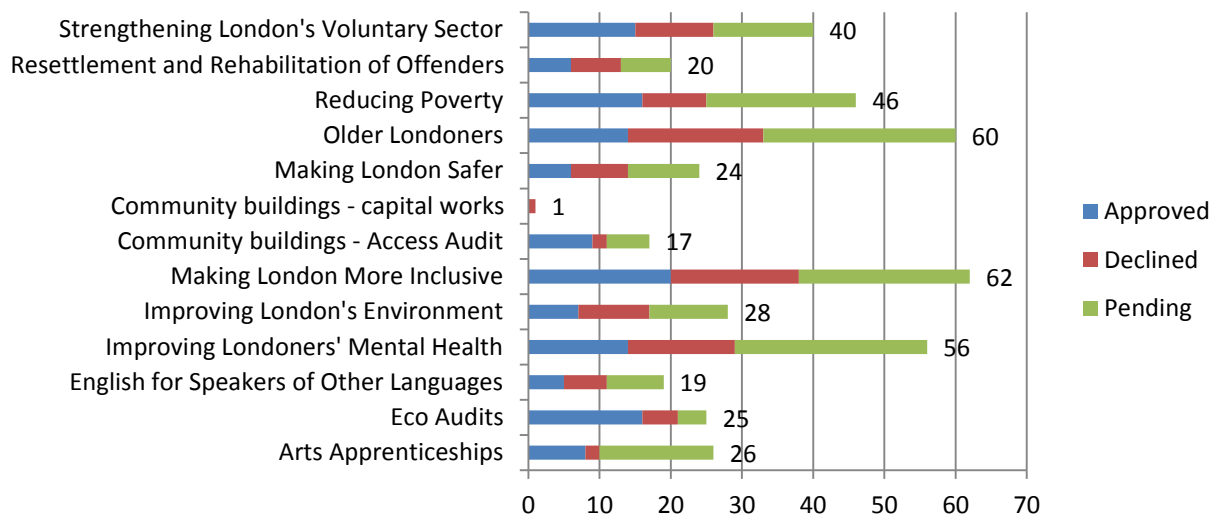
4.2 Members will note that the overall proportion of applications rejected has declined since April. The Trust is receiving fewer proposals for work outside its programme priorities, and officers have noted an increase in the quality of applications. This is a consequence of greater clarity and advice given by your officers to potential applicants.

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). As mentioned in paragraph 4.1, 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 Making London More Inclusive, Older Londoners, Improving Londoner’s Mental Health and Strengthening London’s Voluntary Sector. It is interesting to note the continuing strong number of applications coming through under your new grants programme Reducing Poverty. On average, across your Investing in Londoners programmes, approximately a quarter of all applications are rejected. However, rejection rates vary between programmes. Rejection rates compare favourably with your previous Working with Londoners Programmes in which up to half of all applications were rejected. It would be too soon in your grants programmes to draw any conclusions from current rejection rates. 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 64 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 for today's meeting.

Table 3: Action to be taken on applications today

Action to be taken	Number
Applications recommended for grant	27
Funding approved by delegated authority up to £10k (to note)	7
Funding approved by delegated authority from £10k to £25k (to note)	2
Applications recommended for rejection (includes two requests for eco-audits)	15
Withdrawn applications (to note)	10
Applications lapsed (to note)	1
Total applications	64

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