

Committee:	Date:
The City Bridge Trust Committee	12 March 2015
Subject:	Public
Variations to Grants	
Report of:	For Information
Chief Grants Officer	
<p><u>Summary</u></p> <p>This report advises Members of variation to 8 grants agreed by the Chief Grants Officer since your last meeting.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>That Members receive this report and note its contents.</p>	

Main Report

Since your last meeting variations to the grants outlined below have been agreed by the Chief Grants Officer, in line with the revised delegated procedure for the amendment of grants as agreed by your Committee in October 2004. There are more listed than usual this month, due to an end-of-year database clean-up.

Islington Childcare Trust (ICT)

ICT was awarded £65,400 over two years in March 2011, for a post to help voluntary sector childcare organisations improve their financial management skills. Part of the assessment at the time included verification with the local authority that the service was needed; that it – LBI - could not fund it; and that ICT was a suitable host/delivery organisation. However, the local authority eventually decided to take this project in-house as of April 2013, meaning that year 2 of your grant was no longer required, leaving the sum of £33,000 to be revoked.

Horn of Africa Youth Association (HAYA)

In July 2010 the above was awarded a grant of £67,200 over three years toward a leadership development programme for young refugees in west London. In 2012, the final year's funding (28,600) was withdrawn following concerns about the organisation's performance. This sum has now been revoked.

Volunteer Centre Greenwich (VCG)

VCG was awarded £162,000 over three years in October 2012 towards a project to increase the number and quality of volunteering placements in that borough. Monitoring of the project in the first two years was satisfactory but, at the end of year 2, the organisation returned an underspend totalling £9,913 in the element of the grant allocated for volunteer training and expenses – partly because the costs were

overestimated to begin with and partly because a high proportion of those involved gained paid employment and ceased to volunteer. In agreement with VCG this sum has been revoked from the third year's grant instalment.

Volunteer Centre Hounslow (VCH)

VCH received a grant of £141,000 over three years in May 2014 for a project providing advice and guidance on volunteering and volunteer management to organisations in the borough. Three, quarterly, instalments – amounting to £33,975 – have been released. In January 2015 the organisation informed the Trust that it planned to close in March 2015 (due to an unexpected loss of core funding from the local authority). The balance of the grant - £107,125 – has been revoked.

Nia Project

In May 2009 a grant of £150,000 was awarded for a three-year project within your time-limited “Tackling Violence” programme. This sum included £5,000 for the organisation to commission an evaluation of the project. Whilst the project itself ended some time ago, no funds for the evaluation were ever requested nor released – hence that sum has been revoked.

TAGEERO

This organisation received a grant of £120,000 in September 2009, for a mental health project over three years. The charity was closed with two, quarterly, instalments of the grant unpaid (£20,000 in total) – hence this sum has been revoked.

Generate Opportunities Ltd

In line with your policy, this organisation received a second, concurrent, grant in October 2012 for a three-year environmental project with young disabled people. Reporting on year 1 of the project was tardy and illustrated that the project was not making the progress anticipated. The charity declared that it did not wish to continue the project beyond year 1, hence the remaining balance of the grant (£61,000) has been revoked.

A Rocha UK

In January 2010 you awarded a grant of £35,000 over two years costs related to the establishment of a community garden in Southwark. This project was completed a little ahead of schedule with the result that a balance of £5,000 was not required. This sum has been revoked.

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