

ASSESSMENT CATEGORY - Older Londoners**St Augustine's Community Care Trust****Adv: Sandra Davidson****Base: Richmond****Amount requested: £126,784****Benefit: Richmond and Hounslow****Amount recommended: £99,500****The Charity**

St Augustine's Community Care Trust (known locally as Homelink) is a registered charity established in 1997 with the aim of helping people with long-term illnesses, disabilities, or mental health problems living in Whitton and the surrounding areas of the LB of Richmond and LB of Hounslow. Homelink provides specialist day care places to clients and their carers, enabling them to live at home for longer. The charity has an excellent track record and increased its services from one to five days a week in order to meet demand.

The Application

The application seeks funding to develop and expand Homelink's work with dementia patients 75+, with particular reference to those exhibiting challenging behaviour, and their older carers. Homelink will offer additional support to older carers, enabling them to manage dementia-related challenging behaviour, and thus allowing them to continue their caring responsibilities.

The Recommendation

You are being asked to contribute towards the salary of the Chief Operations Officer and core running costs to meet the increased service delivery. General operational activity has recently increased – partially as a result of increased capacity arising from moving to a new purpose built centre. The request was adjusted following the assessment meeting, as you would usually only fund one FTE in a project of this nature.

£99,500 (£32,500; £33,200; £33,800) towards the salary costs of a full time Chief Operations Officer, and running costs of the Homelink Day Respite Service.

Funding History

Meeting Date	Decision
16/07/2014	Application withdrawn
04/06/2009	£60,000 over three years (£20,000; £20,000; £20,000) towards running costs of the Homelink Day Respite Service for older people.
07/05/2009	Application withdrawn

Background and detail of proposal

The LB of Richmond projects that the number of older people with dementia will increase from 2,000 in 2012, to 2,300 in 2020: increasing by 15%. Furthermore, two thirds of this number are likely to live in the community, cared for by a family member with support from mainstream primary health and social services. Homelink provides 125 places of respite each week to elderly people, many of whom are 75+ and frail. Future plans include increasing the number of client places each from 125-130, developing outreach services and weekly IT café sessions. New activities,

specifically for clients with dementia, will be developed. Over three years, the expansion of the service would enable the charity to maintain and support over 200 people with dementia and 40 older carers, while developing an additional 120 volunteers. After extensive consultation with clients, carers, staff and partners, Homelink officially opened its brand new centre in January 2015 having raised over £1.385 million to fully realise its ambition to be a centre of excellence for the care of older people with dementia. The design, based on the latest thinking in care for people with dementia, was part of the first national Department of Health pilot to showcase the best examples of dementia-friendly environments. The new centre offers increased capacity for services, including information sessions, complementary therapies and establishing care support groups to relieve carers from the physical and mental stress of caring for their loved ones.

Financial Information

Forecast income in the current year is £312,845 of which £237,013 (75.7%) had been confirmed by January 2016.

The cost of generating funds is low as the majority of fundraising is undertaken by volunteers donating their time at no cost to the organisation.

The high level of income in 2014 shown in the table below is due to the receipt of specific grant funding of £1.2m towards the new care centre building.

Year end at 31 December	2014 Audited Accounts	2015 Forecast Outturn	2016 Current Year Budget
	£	£	£
Income and Expenditure			
Income	1,502,705	273,509	312,945
Expenditure	280,591	295,386	309,895
Unrestricted Funds Surplus / (Deficit)	13,246	(23,875)	3,050
Restricted Funds Surplus / (Deficit)	1,208,868	0	0
Total Surplus / (Deficit)	1,222,114	(23,875)	3,050
Surplus / (Deficit) as a % of turnover	81.3%	(8.8%)	1.0%
Cost of Generating funds (% of income)	11,025 (0.7%)	-	-
Free unrestricted reserves			
Free unrestricted reserves held at Year End	143,568	119,693	122,743
How many months' worth of expenditure	6.1	4.9	4.8
Reserves Policy target	70,148 – 140,296	73,847 – 147,693	77,474 – 154,948
How many months' worth of expenditure	3.0 – 6.0	3.0 – 6.0	3.0 – 6.0
Free reserves over/(under) target	73,420 – 3,273	45,847 – (28,000)	45,269 – (32,205)