

Committee	Date:
The City Bridge Trust Committee	14 July 2016
Subject: Variations to grants awarded	Public
Report of: Chief Grants Officer	For Information

Summary

This report informs Members of 7 grants where variations have been agreed by the Chief Grants officer since your last meeting.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Receive this report and note its contents

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.

Community Links Trust Ltd

You awarded the above £76,000 (payable over two years) in October 2013 for the salary of the Community Development Worker and ESOL programme costs. Unfortunately the organisations was unable to deliver all the programme as originally intended which led to an underspend in the final year of £12,853. This sum has been now been returned.

Akademi South Asian Dance UK

You awarded Akademi two grants of £2,000 each (in January 2015 and in September 2015) under your Arts Apprentice programme. The Apprentice recruited under the January grant left after six months, requiring the return of the third quarterly payment of £500 plus revocation of the final payment of £500 (ie £1,000 in total); whilst the organisation was unable to recruit a second Apprentice within the timeframe of the co-funder (Arts Council). That sum (£2,000), therefore, has also been revoked.

CREST – Waltham Forest

£1,500 was awarded to CREST in January 2015 to commission an independent access audit. The actual cost of the audit was £1,140 so the £360 balance was revoked.

Deptford Methodist Mission

In February 2010 you awarded a grant of £18,525 over three years for the running costs of introductory computer classes for elderly and disabled people. Difficulties encountered by the organisation in delivering the project resulted, ultimately, in an underspend of £11,152 which has now been written back.

Forest Young Men's Christian Association of East London

You awarded the above £80,400 in September 2015 towards the salary of a f/t Farm Education Officer at Brooks Farm in Leyton (which is managed by the charity). Recently, however, the charity decided to refocus its work and has now relinquished its management of the Farm. No monies were drawn down therefore the full amount has been revoked.

North London Hospice

In March 2015 you awarded the Hospice £90,000 over three years towards the salary costs of a f/t Psychosocial Therapies Lead within its day service programme for the benefit of older people (patients and carers). Monitoring of year one showed that, in fact, older people were not the primary beneficiaries whilst the support to carers had not taken place. Following extensive discussions with the grantee outputs have been re-focussed and significantly reduced for year 2, and the grant period reduced from three years to two. Consequently the sum of £30,000 has been revoked.

Crossness Engines Trust

This organisation received a capital grant of £50,000 in 2007 towards disabled access provision at the Crossness Pumping Station in south east London. The project was delayed over several years whilst the balance of funds needed was raised. Eventually, part of the grant (£11,500) was drawn down in June 2013. Since then, however, the organisation has failed to keep the Trust informed and which has now led to the balance of £38,500 being revoked.

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