

**CENTRAL GRANTS PROGRAMME
CITY EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND**

ASSESSMENT CATEGORY -

Friends of the Guildhall Art Gallery (FOGAG)

Amount requested: £6,000

Amount recommended: £6,000

Purpose of grant request: To provide funding for a 6 month internship in conservation at the Guildhall Art Gallery.

The Charity

Set up in 2004 Friends of the Guildhall Art Gallery (FOGAG) exist to support and coordinate education, research and publishing that furthers the purposes of the Guildhall Art Gallery.

Background and detail of proposal

FOGAG have been supporting the funding of conservation internships at the Guildhall Art Gallery for the last 9 years. The annual bursary of £8,000 is awarded to a recent conservation graduate who has historically come from the Courtauld Institute of Art. The 6 month placement allows the intern to gain work experience conserving the collection of art held at the Guildhall Art Gallery. Up until recently, this programme was supported by the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts (NADFASS). Due to other funding commitments they are unable to support this programme for the September 2017 intake. £2,000 has already been secured by the charity from the Radcliffe Trust, funding is sought to make up the shortfall.

Financial Information

Forecast income in the current year ending 31 December 2016 is £5,828 of which £5,828(100%) is confirmed by November 2016. The charity has a pattern of overspending that is supported by their reserves. In comparison to their turnover their reserves are high and in the year ending 31 December 2016 the organisations unrestricted reserves relate to 50 months of the organisations expenditure. The organisation explained at assessment that these funds, although not designated in the accounts, will be used in the future for the future acquisition of pieces of art for the Guildhall Art Gallery, which would could require significant investment.

Year Ended 31 December	2015 Independently Examined accounts	2016 Forecast accounts
Income	17,805	5,828
Expenditure	19,936	8,717
Surplus/deficit	(2,131)	(2,888)
Free reserves (number of month's expenditure)	33,784 (20)	36,208 (50)

Recommendation

This application is to support the £6,000 funding required to pay for the bursary of a 6 month conservation intern at the Guildhall Art Gallery. This project fits with the objects of the City Educational Trust as it will support study in the cultural arts and the organisation applying has a strong connection to the City of London. The project will also have considerable additional benefit to the Conservation of the Art at the Guildhall Art Gallery. Funding is recommended as follows:

£6,000 towards the bursary cost of the Conservators Internship at the Guildhall Art Gallery for the September 2017 intake.

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ASSESSMENT CATEGORY -

**NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE ARTS (CHARITY)
LIMITED**

Amount requested: £25,000

Amount recommended: £5,000

Purpose of grant request: Funding is sought for a contribution of £5,000 annually over a 5 year period towards staff time spent on producing the Arts Index a national publication.

The Charity

The National Campaign for the Arts was founded in 1985 as the UK's independent lobbying organisation representing the arts. Since 2012, under the chair of Samuel West, the charity has re-focussed their activities on engagement campaigns to raise awareness of the role of public funding for the arts throughout the UK. They have produced the Arts Index since 2007, a publication that provides a snapshot report of the health of England's arts and cultural provision.

Background and detail of proposal

The Arts Index is a publication that provides a snapshot report of the health of England's arts and cultural provision and provides Arts organisations across England with statistical information and evidence to support funding proposals and local delivery. The publication has been running since 2007 and has been majority supported by donations or in-kind support.

Financial Information

Forecast income until 31 March 2016 is £24,400 of which £15,000 (61%) is confirmed as at November 2016. October 2014 to March 2016 the charity did have hardly any turnover due to a loss in donations and support and due to a re-organisation of the board. The Arts Index still managed to publish due to pro-bono and in kind support provided by partners but with new funding secured from the Arts Council in 2016 they plan to diversify their funding and make the organisation more sustainable.

Year Ended 31 March 2016	2014 -2016 Unaudited accounts	2016 Forecast
Income	1,091	24,400
Expenditure	765	22,200
Surplus/deficit	326	2,200
Free reserves (number of month's expenditure)	1,043 (16.5)	3,243 (1.8)

Recommendation

The organisation is well-established in the Arts sector and the Arts Index is an important publication that has National significance to the cultural arts. Although the organisation has had a difficult 2 years it was clear at assessment that they were beginning to grow and have a strong board of trustees leading this work.

Commitment to their work by the Arts Council has been secured for 2016/17. As it is unclear at this stage how the organisation will generate income over the next 5 years it is recommended that you support this work for a one year period in line with the Arts Council support. The application fits with the objects of the charity as it advances research in the cultural arts, is charitable activity and has England wide significance. Funding is recommended:

£5,000 over 12 months to support a contribution to the sessional staff costs required to produce the annual Arts Index publication.

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ASSESSMENT CATEGORY -

Queen Mary University of London

Amount requested: £8,500

Amount recommended:£8,500

Purpose of grant request: To support the running costs of two Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Summer School in 2017 for local young people.

The Charity

Queen Mary University of London is an exempt charity that has been operating since 1885 in East London. A member of the University of London, Queen Mary offers a range of academic study programmes as well as engaging with their local community in East London.

Background and detail of proposal

This application is to support the running costs of two STEM Summer schools for young people from across London. The university has noticed that there are not enough opportunities for young people to understand how STEM subjects can be applied in the academic and working world. This programme aims to provide the opportunity for 30 young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to engage on a three day summer school where they will attend workshops and activities delivered by academic staff and student ambassadors. The programme will provide the young people with the opportunity to experience and understand real world applications of STEM subjects.

The total cost of the programme is £18,500 for the 2 summer schools with £10,000 already secured from the David and Claudia Harding Foundation. Funding is sought to make up the shortfall to the overall cost of the project.

During assessment the applicant demonstrated how Queen Mary had a strong connection to the City as some of their campus is based within the Square Mile.

Financial Information

Income for the year end 31 July 2016 was £403,171,000. As a university the organisation has very large turnover and requires significant cash flow to support the running of operations. Funding for the summer school is for very specific work with disadvantaged children and young people in London. Funding for these specific projects still needs to be sought from grant making bodies in order for them to take place as they fall out of the central funding of the institution.

Recommendation

Queen Mary University are a well-established academic institution based in tower hamlets. This programme fits with the objects of the charity as it is looking to advance the education of disadvantage young people in science and technology. Funding is recommended as follows:

£8,500 to support the running costs of two Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Summer Schools in 2017 for 30 year 10 students from across London.

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ASSESSMENT CATEGORY -

Prisoners of Conscience (PoC) Appeal Fund

Amount requested: £45,000

Amount recommended: £0

Purpose of grant request: To provide Bursary funding for former prisoners of conscience to allow them to take up post-graduate and professional conversion courses. Funding over a three year period will allow four or five former prisoners of conscience annually to engage in post-graduate study in London.

The Charity

Originally established in 1962 as the relief arm of Amnesty International the Prisoners of Conscience (POC) Appeal Fund is an independently constituted Charity. A grant making organisation they make grants specifically to prisoners of conscience – individuals who have been persecuted for their conscientiously held beliefs, provided that they have not used or advocated violence. Their grant recipients include political prisoners, human rights defenders, teachers and academics who come from different countries such as Burma, Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka, Tibet, Iran and Eritrea.

Background and detail of proposal

This application is to support three to five bursaries for former prisoners of conscience to attend post-graduate courses in London on an annual basis. Your funding will support only those beneficiaries who are wishing to study in London. Funding is ought to cover the cost of these bursaries over a 3 year period.

During assessment it was not clear how this work has a sufficiently strong connection to the City of London or its residents. Historically they have received funding from the City and in 2015 received a grant of £25,000 to their core running costs.

Financial Information

Forecast income in the current year is £350,642 of which £238,649 (68%) is confirmed by November 2016. The charity is off its fundraising target for the year as they received an overestimated legacy payment in June this year from CAF. In November they were contacted by CAF and informed that a mistake had taken place and that half of the payment needed to be returned. This has had an effect on their fundraising and on the amount of money they had allocated to bursaries. This means that almost all of their unrestricted free reserves will be lost for 2016 putting them in a precarious position financially.

Year Ended 31 December	2015 Independently Examined accounts	2016 Forecast accounts
Income	303,264	350,642
Expenditure	322,309	355,740
Surplus/deficit	(19,045)	(5,098)
Free reserves (number of month's expenditure)	114,417 (4.3)	109,319 (3.7)

Recommendation

The organisation is providing Bursary Grants to former prisoners of conscience. The Bursary covers the cost of undertaking post-graduate courses. Although during assessment it was demonstrated that this course would focus on the advancement of education it is not specific to any of the disciplines listed in the objects and therefore the offering is broad. No specific clarification has been made that this programme advances the objects of the City Education Trust and apart from receiving historic funding from the City it is also unclear whether this would be classified as a strong connection or benefit residents. During assessment it also became clear that the organisation is currently in a difficult financial situation which would make this application be seen as a financial risk to support at this stage. It is deemed that your funding will make up a shortfall in their bursary budget for bursaries already committed rather than deliver a specific programme with your funding. For these reasons I am not going to recommend for funding.

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ASSESSMENT CATEGORY -

Mount Carmel Catholic College for Girls*

Amount requested: £30,000

Amount recommended: £0

Purpose of grant request: To develop an extra-curricular programme from September 2017 for 12 months that improves students health and well-being while developing their understanding of ecology and the cultural arts.

The Organisation

Mount Carmel Catholic Girls School will re-open in September 2017 as the City of London Academy Highgate Hill. The school will be a new mixed, non-faith, non-selective school taking boys and girls. As the school will soon be a City sponsored Academy they believe this fits with your criteria of having a sufficiently strong connection to the city.

This Application was withdrawn after discussion with your officer at assessment. The applicant is going to look at submitting a new application in the New Year that more closely aligns with the objects of the City Educational Trusts.

