

**ASSESSMENT CATEGORY - Strengthening London's Voluntary Sector****Partnership for Young London****Adv: Sandra Jones****Base: City****Amount requested: £106,100****Benefit: London-wide****Amount recommended: £106,000****The Applicant**

Partnership for Young London (PYL), was established in 1997 and aims to provide leadership and vision about young people's services across London. Incorporated as a charitable company in 1997, the organisation is hosted by the City of London. Trustees are drawn from the voluntary youth sector, private sector, housing, Duke of Edinburgh scheme, colleges and youth support organisations. In line with its priorities the charity provides information, networking and brokering opportunities, consultancy, research, professional development and policy and practice updates to its members. The charity facilitates a number of strategic initiatives such as the London Policy Network (which covers such subjects as Youth Innovation Zones, Future Models of Commissioning, Cabinet Office review of youth services), and the Strategic Youth Engagement Board.

**The Application**

In March 2015, your Committee agreed a three-year grant to support voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations which provide youth services, to improve their monitoring evaluation and impact reporting. This was achieved through networking opportunities, individual support, and sharing information and resources online. The funding covered the Development Lead (4 days per week), admin support (0.5 days per week), associated running costs and the costs of events and training sessions. PYL seeks funding to continue this strategic work for a further two years, focusing on inequalities, peer-to-peer support and capacity building. This will be for the Development Lead, admin support, and associated running costs.

**The Recommendation**

PYL continues to provide quality services, London-wide, to organisations working with young people, many of which have suffered from a major decline in the level of funding available over recent years. The project has been evaluated which has fed into planning for future years. The cost of the Development Lead has increased based on a recent review of salary structures undertaken by Cranfield Trust as part of the Thrive programme funded by CBT. The 2016/17 accounts are not compliant with SORP so release of the second quarter of the grant will be subject to receipt of compliant 2017/18 accounts.

***£106,000 over two further and final years (£52,500; £53,500) for the costs of the Development Lead (4 days per week); admin support (0.5 days per week); and associated running costs. Release of the second quarter of the grant will be subject to receipt of compliant accounts for 2017/18.***

**Funding History**

Meeting Date	Decision
14/03/2018	£23,100 towards PYL's core costs to enable its continued active involvement with The Way Ahead.

11/05/2017	£48,500 towards the cost of the Strategic Director's salary and a part-time intern and associated project costs to support the organisation's involvement in The Way Ahead.
12/03/2015	£ 142,000 over three years (£47,300, £47,000, £47,700) for a part-time Development Lead, related admin support, associated running costs, and the costs of events and training sessions.

### Background and detail of proposal

Over the preceding three years this project has exceeded its targets while the need for their services has increased. Partnerships have been forged over the three years which have widened the reach of the programme, enabling resources and expertise to be shared.

Based on feedback, the programme for the next two years will focus more on inequalities, peer-to-peer support and capacity building. This will be delivered through: local and regional training; regional networking events; a peer support programme for practitioners; links with universities and research partners; and production of resources and materials.

### Financial Information

PYL has been utilising its free reserves to get in line with their reserves policy, which the 2019 budget anticipates will be the case. The accounts for 206/17 are not compliant with the Charities SORP and so it is recommended that the second quarter of the grant will be subject to receipt of compliant accounts for 2017/18.

Year end as at 31 March	2017	2018	2019
	Audited Accounts £	Budget £	Budget £
<b>Income &amp; expenditure:</b>			
Income	167,962	271,137	228,700
- % of Income confirmed as at 25/04/2018	n/a	n/a	96%
Expenditure	(159,766)	(227,876)	(227,321)
Gains (deficits) on investment	9,893	n/a	n/a
Total surplus/(deficit)	18,089	43,261	1,379
Split between:			
- Restricted surplus/(deficit)	(8,898)	56,858	13,021
- Unrestricted surplus/(deficit)	26,987	(13,597)	(11,642)
	18,089	43,261	1,379
Cost of Raising Funds	0	29,000	26,492
- % of Income	0.00%	10.7%	11.6%
Operating expenditure (total funds)	159,766	227,876	227,321
<b>Free unrestricted reserves:</b>			
Free unrestricted reserves held at year end	93,835	80,038	68,396
No of months of operating expenditure	7.0	4.2	3.6
Reserves policy target	39,942	56,969	56,830
No of months of operating expenditure	3.0	3.0	3.0
Free reserves over/(under) target	53,894	23,069	11,566