



GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL

MONDAY 24 JANUARY 2005

7.30 PM

PANEL AGENDA (ADVISORY)

**COMMITTEE ROOM 1 & 2
HARROW CIVIC CENTRE**

MEMBERSHIP (Quorum 3)

Chair: Councillor Harrison

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Miss Lyne

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3. Idaikkadar
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HARROW COUNCIL

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AGENDA - PART I

1. **Attendance by Reserve Members:**

To note the attendance at this meeting of any duly appointed Reserve Members.

Reserve Members may attend meetings:-

- (i) to take the place of an ordinary Member for whom they are a reserve;
- (ii) where the ordinary Member will be absent for the whole of the meeting; and
- (iii) after notifying the Chair at the start of the meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interests, arising from business to be transacted at this meeting, from all Members present.

3. **Arrangement of Agenda:**

To consider whether any of the items listed on the agenda should be considered with the press and public excluded on the grounds that it is thought likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that there would be disclosure of confidential information in breach of an obligation of confidence or of exempt information as defined in the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

4. **Minutes:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2004, having been circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

5. **Public Questions:**

To receive questions (if any) from local residents or organisations under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 15 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

6. **Petitions:**

To receive petitions (if any) submitted by members of the public/Councillors under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 13 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

7. **Deputations:**

To receive deputations (if any) under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 14 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

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8. **Grant Funding 2005/06:** (Pages 1 - 106)

Report of the Director (Financial and Business Strategy)

AGENDA - PART II - NIL

Meeting:	Grants Advisory Panel
Date:	24 th January 2004
Subject:	Grant Funding 2005/06
Responsible Officer:	Director of Financial & Business Strategy
Contact Officer:	David Ward 0200 84241064
Portfolio Holder:	Communications, Partnership & Human Resources
Key Decision:	Yes

Section 1: Summary

This report presents the applications for funding and the grants-based service level agreements for 2005/06.

Decision Required

Members are recommended to agree in principle the recommendations relating to the individual reports in the appendices, which will be subject to the Council approving its overall Revenue Budget for 2005-2006. The Panel is also requested to recommend that Cabinet approves the overall grants budget, inflation additions to salaries, and the individual grant allocations.

Reason for report

To enable the allocation of funding to voluntary organisations in 2005-2006.

Benefits

The funding will enable the relevant organisations to continue delivering services to their members and users, thereby improving the quality of life for people in Harrow.

Cost of Proposals

The base Grants Budget (excluding Community Lettings) for 2005-2006 is £1,139,600. This includes salary inflation at 2.95% (£31,800), the saving on London Boroughs Grants Scheme contribution (£5,300) and additional funding for Arts Culture Harrow (£25,000). Whilst the total grants applied for in 2005-2006 is £1,747,800, the total amount recommended is £1,124,595.

Allowing for a small contingency of £15,005 to cover unforeseen items arising during the year, the Panel could recommend funding of up to £1,124,595 to Council in February.

Risks

Some of the organisations approved for funding may not deliver all the services they promised in their grant applications, or the quality of their services may not be of high enough standard. Officers will address these risks through vigorous monitoring and support to groups in order to improve their capacity.

Implications if recommendations rejected

Should the recommendations be rejected services to the community will be greatly affected or cut and relevant voluntary organisations will be unable to pay their staff salaries.

Section 2: Report

2.1 Brief History

2.1.1 Harrow Council is empowered to make grants to voluntary organisations under Section 48 of the Local Government Act 1985, as well as under other legislation.

2.1.2 The Grants Advisory Panel on 26th November 2003 recommended to Cabinet funding to voluntary organisations in the sum of £1,013,230.

2.1.3 Cabinet on 13.1.04 agreed grants funding of £1,013,230, inflation additions to grants £14,845 and the grants budget for 2004/05 in the sum of £1,077,468.

2.1.4 Grants Advisory Panel 19.2.04 agreed grants deferred from 26.11.03 in the sum of £50,768.

2.1.5 Grants Advisory Panel 8.3.04 agreed funding of £13,720 resulting from deferred and late applications and a revised SLA.

2.1.6 Cabinet on 16.3.04 agreed funding of £64,488, that relates to the deferred and late grant applications and appeals referred to above.

2.2 Options considered

2.2.1 During October 2004, grant application packs were sent to all organisations currently in receipt of funding from Harrow Council. Notices were placed in the local press, on the Harrow Live website and at the Community Premises inviting local voluntary organisations to apply for funding. The deadline for receipt of completed application forms was Friday 26th November 2004. On instructions from Members, the deadline was extended to Friday 3rd December 2004 and umbrella groups were contacted by telephone and requested to advise any groups that had been unable to submit their grant applications forms by the deadline to do so by the 3rd of December 2004.

2.2.2 All applicants were asked to complete a form stating how much funding they had received from all other funding bodies in the current financial year. The information, where provided, has been incorporated into the attached individual reports.

2.2.3 When the applications were received, copies were hand-delivered to officers in the relevant departments. The officers provided summaries and their comments / recommendations, which have been incorporated into the attached reports.

2.2.4 Officers attempted to meet with all the new applicants to pre-assess their application and establish if they met the qualifying conditions. Some applicants did not respond to requests for a meeting. This is reflected in the individual reports. Officers have assessed the grant applications received for 2005/06 and have provided individual reports, which include their comments and recommendations, to enable Members to approve grant allocations in principle.

2.2.5 Organisations in receipt of Service Level Agreement funding are not required to submit annual grant applications. Officers are in contact with these organisations, which are required to provide monitoring information regularly. Where an organisation, or indeed the Council, wishes to change the terms of the agreement, this is the subject of detailed discussions and negotiations between the two parties. The reports provided by the relevant officers recommend continuation of funding at this year's level, unless otherwise stated.

2.2.6 It is important to note that, to keep the recommended funding within the 2005-06 grants budget, a number of officer recommendations have been scaled down. In considering the reports Members are advised to cross reference the revised recommended funding figures contained in appendix 1 with the individual officer reports. Those recommendations that have been scaled down are highlighted with an asterisk on Appendix 1.

2.2.7 Given the budget constraints, for currently funded group officers have applied the reductions to growth elements only, so that no group is recommended to receive less funding than in the current year.

2.2.8 In respect of new applicants that meet the new Community Strategy criteria, the scaled down recommendations are based on transitional start up funding which normally would not exceed £2,500 per group in the first year. (The exception to this is the Harrow Association of Somali Voluntary Organisations, since this is an umbrella group).

2.2.9 As a result of the publicity associated with the strategic review, the volume of applications received for 2005-06 is higher than previous years. Inevitably a number of worthwhile applications either could not have been supported or the amount of grant recommended has had to be scaled down. However, as this is the first round of grant applications under the new strategy Members will wish to consider each application against the new criteria and amend officer recommendations appropriately.

2.3 Consultation

None

2.4 Financial Implications

This is a report of the Director of Financial & Business Strategy and deals with financial matters throughout.

2.5 *Legal Implications*

The Council is complying with its duty in accordance with S.48 of the Local Government Act 1985 by making grants to voluntary organisations.

2.6 *Equalities Impact*

The funding proposals contained in this report have significant implications for the whole of the voluntary sector in Harrow. The proposals aim to address through funding inequalities and disadvantage and to promote equality of opportunity and better community and race relations. The funding proposed will assist organisations serving Black and minority ethnic communities, young people, women, people with disabilities, the elderly and carers.

Section 3: Supporting Information/ Background Documents

Appendix 1 – Schedule of grants, including funding awarded in 2004/05, funding requested 2005/05 and funding recommended for 2005/06

Appendix 2 – A) Grants-based Service Level Agreements
B) Grant applications from currently funded groups
C) Grant applications from groups not currently funded

List other background papers that are available on request:

Grant Applications Directory: This contains all the grant applications and supporting documents (circulated to Members separately).

APPENDIX 1	FUNDING	FUNDING	FUNDING	
HARROW COUNCIL GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL	AWARDED	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED	
GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2005/06	2004/05	2005/06	2005/06	
ORGANISATIONS FUNDED UNDER SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT	£	£	£	
ARTS CULTURE HARROW	334,061	369,590	369,590	
BENTLEY PRIORY NATURE RESERVE	2,000	2,000	2,200	
HARROW AFRICAN-CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION	5,075	5,075	5,152	
HARROW ASSOCIATION OF DISABLED PEOPLE	43,097	43,097	44,163	
HARROW ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE	74,578	96,300	88,603	
HARROW CRIME PREVENTION PANEL	15,755	15,755	11,250	
HARROW IN BUSINESS	62,293	62,293	64,162	
HARROW IN EUROPE ASSOCIATION	5,000	5,000	5,000	
HARROW PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE	4,230	4,230	4,230	
HARROW SHOPMOBILITY SCHEME	12,311	12,311	12,670	
HARROW SPORTS COUNCIL	27,381	27,381	27,381	
HARROW WEALD COMMON CONSERVATORS	26,537	26,537	27,258	
HARROW WOMEN'S CENTRE	55,655	55,655	56,283	
K.S.I.M. SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION	2,387	2,387	2,387	
MIND IN HARROW	7,722	7,722	7,722	
MIND IN HARROW -ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST	0	9,000	0	*
NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY-HARROW BRANCH	1,650	1,650	1,650	
RELATE	22,188	22,188	22,708	
WELLDON ACTIVITY GROUP	21,504	21,504	21,504	
WOMEN'S AID HARROW	32,539	32,539	33,515	
SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT FUNDING TOTAL	755,963	822,214	807,428	
GRANTS - CURRENTLY FUNDED ORGANISATIONS				
ADHD SUPPORT GROUP	8,096	17,614	8,096	*
AFGHAN ASSOCIATION	3,584	8,000	4,000	
ANGOLAN CIVIC COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE	1,500	8,500	4,961	*
ASIAN ELDERLY GROUP	6,670	8,000	6,670	
ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR MUSLIM CITIZENS	500	6,000	500	
CARERS SUPPORT - HARROW	2,000	26,860	0	
CARRAMEA	2,400	2,400	2,400	
COMMUNITY LINK UP	2,000	80,000	2,000	*
CONNAUGHT OPERA	2,000	3,000	2,000	*
HARROW AGENDA 21 ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM	7,500	35,000	5,000	
HARROW ANTI-RACIST ALLIANCE (HARA)	1,500	9,110	5,610	*
HARROW BENGALEE ASSOCIATION	1,500	6,100	1,500	
HARROW BEREAVEMENT CARE (FORMERLY HBVS)	7,059	8,000	7,128	
HARROW CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU	96,098	105,692	98,417	
HARROW CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU - ADDITIONAL REQUEST	0	7,570	0	
HARROW COMMUNITY TRANSPORT	5,000	15,000	5,000	*
HARROW COUNCIL FOR RACIAL EQUALITY	52,075	59,000	52,795	
HARROW COUNCIL FOR RACIAL EQUALITY ADDITIONAL REQUEST	0	14,000	0	
HARROW HERITAGE TRUST	9,000	9,500	9,000	
HARROW IN LEAF	1,000	1,000	1,000	
HARROW IRANIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	5,000	11,000	5,000	
HARROW PENSIONERS' ACTION GROUP	500	750	500	
HARROW PUBLIC TRANSPORT USERS ASSOC.	275	300	300	
HARROW REFUGEE FORUM	5,000	16,582	5,000	*
HARROW SCHOOL OF GYMNASTICS	2,000	13,250	2,000	*
HARROW SHOW COMMITTEE	1,000	10,000	1,000	
HARROW SOMALI WOMEN'S ACTION GROUP	5,000	10,000	5,000	*
HARROW TAMIL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION	2,400	7,500	2,400	*
HARROW YOUTH & COMMUNITY PROJECT	1,000	8,000	1,000	*

HEADWAY HARROW	450	5,000	1,000	*
HERGA ROAD & MASONS AVENUE COM. ASSOCIATION	500	2,460	1,000	
HINDU COUNCIL	1,000	2,500	1,000	
HOME START - HARROW	2,496	5,000	2,496	*
IGNITE TRUST	3,500	27,000	3,500	*
ISLAMIC & CULTURAL SOCIETY OF HARROW	500	2,000	0	
JAAGO PUNJABI WOMEN'S GROUP	2,750	2,750	2,750	
KALA ANJALI ARTS CIRCLE	1,500	5,000	1,500	
KIDS CAN ACHIEVE	2,000	15,808	2,000	*
MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND	2,500	11,220	0	
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY- HARROW BRANCH	1,000	2,000	1,000	
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF VANIK ASSOCIATIONS U K	500	4,000	0	
PAKISTAN SOCIETY OF HARROW	6,000	7,000	6,150	
PARKINSON'S DISEASE SOCIETY	2,240	2,300	2,300	
RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS ASSOCIATION	2,300	5,500	3,000	
SPECIAL CONNECTION	2,000	2,000	2,000	
TONGUES ON FIRE	5,000	5,000	5,000	
U. K. ASIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE	2,750	3,000	2,750	
VICTIM SUPPORT HARROW	15,415	19,000	15,780	
VITALISE (WINGED FELLOWSHIP TRUST)	2,022	3,364	3,364	
WOODLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	7,725	4,000	4,000	
GRANTS- CURRENTLY FUNDED TOTAL	295,805	643,630	298,867	
NEW APPLICANTS				
AGE CONCERN HARROW		41,418	0	
ASPIRE		6,000	1,000	
BTWSC		6,000	0	
COMMUNITY AND REFUGEE ENLIGHTENING (CARE)		8,500	0	
DISABILITY FOUNDATION (THE)		65,642	1,000	*
GIRLGUIDING NORTH WEST MIDDLESEX		5,000	1,000	*
HARROW ASSOC OF SOMALI VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION		25,000	10,000	*
HARROW BANGLADESHI ASSOCIATION		4,847	2,500	
HARROW COMPUTER GROUP		750	0	
HARROW EMERALD CIRCLE		4,900	500	
HARROW FAMILY LEARNING NETWORK		40,000	0	
HARROW GAYATRI SATSANG MANDAL		5,304	0	
PERSIAN SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB		10,140	0	
RAYNERS LANE ESTATE TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION		2,500	0	*
SAHARA		7,500	0	
SANGAT ADVICE CENTRE		28,000	0	
TRANSAGE PROJECT (THE)		5,000	0	*
WEALDSTONE ACTIVE COMMUNITY		7,456	1,300	*
WISH CENTRE (THE)		8,000	1,000	*
New Applicants - Total Funding Requested		281,957	18,300	
TOTAL		1,747,801	1,124,595	
APPLIED FOR 2005/06	1,747,801			
RECOMMENDED 2005/06	1,124,595			
CONTINGENCY	15,005			
GRANTS BUDGET 2005/06	1,139,600			
* Denotes a reduction to the original recommendation in order to stay within budget.				

APPENDIX 2 A

GRANTS BASED SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS

Arts Culture Harrow
Bentley Priory Nature Reserve
Harrow African Caribbean Association (HACAS)
Harrow Association of Disabled People (HAD)
Harrow Association of Voluntary Service (HAVS)
Harrow Crime Prevention Panel
Harrow in Business
Harrow in Europe Association
Harrow Pre-School Learning Alliance
Harrow Shopmobility Scheme
Harrow Sports Council
Harrow Weald Common Conservators
Harrow Women's Centre
K.S.I.M. Senior Citizens Association
Mind in Harrow
National Autistic Society- Harrow Branch
Relate
Welldon Activity Group
Women's Aid Harrow

ARTS CULTURE HARROW

Current value of SLA: £334,061

Proposed value of SLA: £369,590 (inclusive of salary inflation)

The SLA says that 'ACH exists to enrich the artistic and cultural opportunities for all communities in Harrow through its programme of visual and performing arts, wide ranging education services and a museum resource.'

Since the corresponding report a year ago, ACH has come near to collapse. Its accumulated losses hit £128K, its auditors would not sign off its accounts 'as a going concern', a good predictor of financial failure, and it had a large bank overdraft.

Since then, a three year recovery plan has been agreed, a new chief executive has been appointed, and a new chair of the Board has taken over. A new SLA has been signed. The Council has taken a more active role in monitoring ACH's financial performance, and quarterly reports have been made to Cabinet. So far, financial performance has hit the targets set.

The SLA says that 'The Council will provide index linked rolling funding for a three year period. Base level funding for 2004/05 will be £359,000'. This is £25,000 higher than was agreed a year ago. The extra funding was agreed by Cabinet in April. The SLA also says 'Index linking will be referenced to the local government pay award estimated figure as provided for in the Council's budget in the February prior to the start of the financial year. This will apply across the whole of the agreement sum.'

The assumed pay increase is 2.95%. This would give a grant of £369,590 for 2005/06.

There are three options. First to abide by the SLA which was signed on 29 November. This is the recommended course of action.

Second, the support could be reduced below the above level. This could only be achieved by entering discussions with ACH about revising the SLA. This course of action could easily destabilise ACH, and make it difficult to deliver the recovery plan.

The third option is to increase the sum payable to ACH. There is no pressure from ACH to do so, and there are no extra services that the Council wish to secure from ACH. The standard conditions of the SLA say that 'variation to the agreement may only be made in writing and by agreement between both parties.' There has been no such agreement to vary the sum paid.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

1. Arts Council England (London) £32,500 for 3 years (2 years to run) for theatre development for young people
2. Awards for All £2,500 one-off funding for projects attached to Whitefriars Glass Exhibition at Harrow Museum

Report produced by Arts Unit

BENTLEY PRIORY NATURE RESERVE

Current value of SLA: £2,000

Proposed value of GRANT: £2,200

The Management Committee has continued to work towards the service objectives of the management of Bentley Priory through its own volunteers and through organised workdays with BTCV.

The continuation of this funding with a small increase of 10% in the grant to enable further use of BTCV in assisting in the performance of the service objectives will enable this work to continue.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

The organisation did not receive funding from any other body in 2004/05.

Report produced by Parks Services, Urban Living

HARROW AFRICAN-CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION (HACAS)

Current value of SLA: £5,075

Proposed value of GRANT: £5,152 (£2,575 Day Centre/£2,577 Administrator incl. salary inflation)

HACAS continues to provide Day Centre and weekly lunch facilities to elderly members of the Afro-Caribbean community. Harrow residents who attend the centre may be isolated or disabled, and it gives them the opportunity to meet and socialise in a culturally sensitive setting. Special diets are catered for and people are able to join in keep-fit sessions, craft activities, board games and outings. Approximately 41 people attend the lunch club every Friday held at the Methodist Church, Wealdstone from 11.30am to 4pm.

Funding of £2,500 contributes towards an Administrator post for 9 hours per week. The role of the Administrator is to organise meetings, co-ordinate group outings and general secretarial duties.

HACAS have reported that they are continuing to run the above activities at a loss. The approximate costs per annum are broken down as below:

Rent	£2,400
Cook (Salary)	£2,000
Food/Refreshments	£3,000
Keep-Fit	£ 800
Art/Craft activities	£ 500
TOTAL:	£8,700

Officers recommend that funding be continued at the current level plus salary inflation.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information has not been received.

Report produced by Service Commissioning Team, People First.

HARROW ASSOCIATION OF DISABLED PEOPLE

Current value of SLA: £43,097
Proposed value of SLA: £44,163 (inclusive of salary inflation)

HAD is the umbrella organisation for disabled groups in Harrow. This SLA covers the costs associated with the provision of a Welfare Benefits Advice Service. This service enables people who are disabled to access the full range of benefits to which they are entitled. The service is run by two full-time advisers, one of who is fluent in Gujarati.

The service operates during office hours plus an additional evening each week. There is also an outreach service to claimant's homes and also at Atkins House, the Bridge Day Centre and Stanmore Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital. This service has a waiting list for appointments and the current waiting time is 1½ to 2½ weeks for non-urgent cases.

For the period April 2004 to September 2004, the following outputs were recorded:-

Telephone enquiries	1,809
Office appointments	787
Home visits	116
Benefit applications	855

Also for the same period, there were a total of 92 tribunals of which the success rate was 92%.

Officers consider this a valuable service, and therefore recommend that the current level of funding, plus salary inflation, be continued.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

Funder	Amount	No. of years	Expires	Purpose
ALG	£25,000	3	30.9.04	Working with employers
Bridge House Estates Trust	£20,000	18 months	31.3.05	Funding towards smoke alarm project
Community Fund	£63,452	3 years	31.12.06	Set up and provide video link support through BSL
Learning & Skills Council	£17,678	1	31.10.04	Basic skills and IT training to disabled people

Report produced by the Service Commissioning Team, People First.

HARROW ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE (HAVS)

Current value of SLA: £74,578 (growth request £21,722)

Proposed value of SLA: £76,603 (inclusive of inflation for salaries) plus £8,000 reserved

The service objectives of HAVS are:

- To support the development of new projects/organisations
- To assist emerging organisations to become independent of HAVS and self-reliant
- To improve the management and delivery of existing projects through training
- To identify alternative funding sources and assist Harrow groups to access them through improved grant applications and funding advice
- To represent Harrow's voluntary sector on statutory and voluntary bodies and on the Harrow Strategic Partnership
- To enable individuals and groups (existing and emerging) to access the core services and resources of HAVS
- To co-ordinate the development and implementation of the Compact between Harrow Council and the Voluntary Sector in Harrow

The funding is requested to provide the core activities of HAVS, which include:

Number of volunteers recruited for community groups:	360
Number of key HAVS volunteers recruited:	10
Number of training courses arranged:	12
Number of briefings/newsletters:	15
Number of groups helped with funding applications:	30
Number of external bodies liaised with:	210
Number of groups helped with governance issues:	20
Number of people with strokes and their carers attending the Stroke Club:	35
Number of affiliated groups:	220

The growth request relates entirely to staff costs. The total salary cost for the four existing posts is £87,695 (Chief Executive full time, Finance and Administration Manager full time, Volunteering Centre Manager part time 28 hours per week, Administrative Assistant part time 12 hours per week) plus £7,065 running costs. According to the draft budget 2005/06 submitted by HAVS their anticipated expenditure is £159,565, which is more than double the funding they receive from Harrow Council. They have secured £71,963, which leaves a balance of £88,000.

HAVS have applied for funding to other sources, but that will not cover the core costs. However, should they be successful with these applications, they expect to make some contribution to core costs because they will be charging a management fee of about 8% for administering these funds. The main applications, which are currently outstanding, are:

The Big Lottery Fund – Small Groups Development Project £190,788
Bridge House Estates Trust – Small Groups Support and Development £90,000
Wates Foundation – Small Development Worker £60,000

Should any of these applications be successful, HAVS will be able to raise a contribution towards core costs of between £4,800 and £15,200. If all three applications are approved the total management fee could be £27,000.

It is, therefore, recommended that HAVS be funded in 2005/06 in the sum of £76,603 (at this year's level plus inflation for salaries). It is also recommended that the sum of £8,000 be

reserved to cover fully the salary costs should HAVS be unsuccessful with any of their other major grant applications.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information has not been received.

Report produced by Grants Unit

HARROW CRIME PREVENTION PANEL

Current value of SLA: £15,755

Proposed value of SLA: £11,250

Aims of the Service:

1. To contact all referrals to offer an assessment of security.
2. To supply and arrange for the fitting of appropriate door viewers, door chains, smoke alarms, locks, bolts or other security equipment, to the homes of referred victims.
3. To liaise with other agencies to ensure that the most efficient and effective response to vulnerable members of the community is provided whilst avoiding duplication of effort.
4. To ensure the provision of appropriate crime prevention literature and advice to all referred victims.
5. To report as required to the relevant bodies of the Harrow Strategic Partnership.
6. To raise sponsorship towards the project.
7. To provide a gardening service for elderly, isolated and vulnerable members of the community in order to enhance the security of their dwellings and thus improve their safety and reduce their fear of crime.

The Panel's work on the Repeat Victimisation Scheme has been reduced considerably, because of the introduction of the Handyperson's Scheme, run jointly by the Police and Harrow Council. Whereas in 2002/03 the Panel dealt with 386 jobs, in 2003/04 they only dealt with 85 referrals. As a result, the Panel devotes more time and effort to the Gardening project. For the period 1st April to 30 September 2004 they dealt with 157 cases for the Gardening project. As clients of this project make a financial contribution, the funding ought to support cases where people are unable to do so.

In view of the above developments it is recommended that the Panel's funding in 2005/06 is reduced to £11,250 (£2,500 for the Repeat Victimisation Scheme, £2,500 for the Gardening Project and £6,250 towards the administration and development costs).

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

The organisation does not receive funding from any other source.

Report produced by the Grants Unit

HARROW IN BUSINESS

Current value of SLA: £62,293

Proposed value of SLA: £64,162 (inclusive of salary inflation)

The strategic aims and objectives of the SLA are:

- To stimulate the growth of enterprise in the Borough
- To assist the formation, growth and competitive position of small and medium-sized businesses
- To address, where appropriate, the issue of social exclusion through measures relating to economic and social self-determination
- To provide, directly in partnership, a stimulus to raising the level of management skills of small business owners and managers
- To develop and enhance business networks within the region
- To be a major participant in the delivery of the new London Business Link Services via the managed network and by acting as an access point for local delivery of London Business Link Services.
- To participate in appropriate activities and strategic alliances that are aimed at the enhancement of the Harrow business environment, and the wider regeneration of parts of Harrow, through active participation in the Harrow Partnership.
- To facilitate the continuous development of staff and associates, in order to enhance individual skills and improve the effectiveness of the organisation in achieving its corporate objectives.

Harrow in Business continues to provide a strong quality-driven service to new and would-be businesses in the area.

Officers recommend continuation of funding.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

London Development Agency - £118,700 per annum for 3 years for New, Young and Micro Business Support (Harrow and surrounding boroughs)

Business Link for London - £58,060 (1 year) for Advice and guidance for new businesses in Harrow

Learning & Skills Council London West - £50,000 (1 year) for Learn Direct, Careers Information and Learning Roadshow

Harrow Council LPSA - £31,000 for 2.5 years for BME Market Penetration and Support

SBS Pheonix Fund - £63,000 for 2 years for Retailing Training and Support Programme (Pan-London)

Report produced by the Grants Unit

HARROW IN EUROPE ASSOCIATION

Current value of SLA: £5,000

Proposed GRANT: £5,000

Purpose

- Raising awareness, including encouraging exchanges from groups from the business, educational and disadvantaged communities; the provision of hosting facilities, hospitality and support to twinning visitors from Douai.
- The provision of support services in relation to agreed twinning activities, such as translations and interpreting services to the Council.
- The promotion of twinning opportunities by facilitating links between schools, Borough representatives and local groups, and twinning contacts in Douai.

Funded Activities

1. Remembrance Day Representation for Borough visitors to and from Douai.
2. Civic hosting (visitors from and to Douai).
3. Fêtes de Gayants (visit of Harrow Giants group with supporters)
4. Provision of translation and interpretation services to the Council in relation to twinning activities.
5. Promotion of twinning in the wider community.

Officer comment:

Under the recently approved strategy for supporting the voluntary sector in Harrow, the funding to Harrow in Europe will be provided in the form of a grant, because it is below £10,000.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

The organisation does not receive funding from any other funding body.

Report produced by the Grants Unit

HARROW PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE

Current value of SLA: £4,230

Proposed value of GRANT: £4,230

The Alliance aims to enhance the development of education of children primarily under statutory school age, by providing support to pre-school playgroups and toddler groups that are members of the Harrow Pre-School Learning Alliance within the borough.

Service Objectives

- To visit all Pre-School Learning Alliance member groups in the borough.
- To liaise regularly with the Manager of the Registration and Inspection Unit.
- To hold regular open meetings each year

Officer comments

Most of this organisation's funding comes from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership. The Alliance produces regular quarterly newsletters, which detail the many activities, events and training courses it organises for its members.

Officers recommend continuation of funding at this year's level.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

Harrow Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership - £35,164 per year for 2 years for salaries for 4 staff, rent, running and office costs for 42 weeks. Expires March 2006.

Report produced by the Grants Unit

HARROW SHOPMOBILITY SCHEME

Current value of SLA: £12,311

Proposed value of SLA: £12,670 (inclusive of salary inflation)

This Organisation provides a service to people with either a temporary or permanent physical, sensory or learning difficulty, over 16 years of age, who wish to use the shopping, leisure and business facilities at Harrow Town Centre.

The service has 19 powered scooters, 22 manual wheelchairs and 4 powered chairs that can be escorted if required. The Organisation also provides the loan of a wheelchair for periods of time exceeding 1 day. The service operates 6 days per week from 10am to 4pm.

Current statistics: 103 people borrowed wheelchairs overnight or longer (2003)
1,519 journeys were made using Shopmobility equipment (2003)

There is one member of staff and 20 volunteers serving an active membership of 238. The total number of users for the service is 1,916.

The organisation is responsible for safe storage, servicing and maintenance of the vehicles.

Officers recommend that funding for this useful and valued service continues at the current level plus salary inflation.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

£1,000 from the YAPP Foundation as a contribution to insurance costs

£468 from Harrow and Pinner Lions to purchase 2 wheelchairs

Report produced by the Service Commissioning Team, People First.

HARROW SPORTS COUNCIL

Current value of SLA: £27,381
Proposed value of SLA: £27,381

This organisation provides the Borough and other interested organisations with a body of opinion reflecting the views of local sports interests on matters concerning the development and future planning of sport and recreation within Harrow.

Harrow Sports Council (HSC) provides grant aid to Eagles Sports Club, Harrow School Sports Association, Harrow and Wealdstone Swimming Club and Harrow Athletics Club. These organisations are identified in the annual Service Level Agreement but the amounts given are determined by HSC.

Also, HSC continues to offer grants to other voluntary sports organisations based within Harrow.

In addition, it also offers individual bursaries to individual sports people based in Harrow to assist in their participation in regional, national and international sports events.

In partnership with the London Borough of Harrow's Sports Strategy Unit and the Schools Development Services, HSC assists with the development, organisation and administration of Borough representative teams in regional competitions and meets associated costs in certain identified competitions.

HSC has not requested growth for 2005/6 and therefore Officers recommend continuation of funding at the present level.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information has not been received.

Report produced by Sports Strategy Unit, Urban Living

HARROW WEALD COMMON CONSERVATORS

Current value of SLA: £26,537

Proposed value of SLA: £27,258 (inclusive of salary inflation)

The Conservators have provided a high standard of stewardship at Harrow Weald Common and associated areas through activities of the Keeper and the Committee. They are meeting the specification as detailed in the Service Level Agreement.

The continuation of this Service Level Agreement and the grant at its existing level and an advance for inflation will enable this work to continue.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This organisation does not receive funding from any other sources.

Report produced by Parks Services, Urban Living

HARROW WOMEN'S CENTRE

Current value of SLA: £55,655

Proposed value of SLA: £56,283 (inclusive of salary inflation)

Main objectives

- To reach women in Harrow requiring advice, information and direct support on a range of issues affecting women.
- To improve the self-awareness, self-confidence and well-being of women who use the service.
- To enable the women in contact with the service to avoid social isolation and exclusion and adverse social and health circumstances.

Officer comments:

The Harrow Primary Care Trust and Harrow Council monitor the Women's Centre jointly twice annually as part of the joint Service Level Agreement. The Centre has met or exceeded most of the targets set in the SLA.

Officers recommend continuation of funding at this year's level, plus inflation addition for salaries.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information has not been received.

Report produced by the Grants Unit

K.S.I.M. SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Current value of SLA: £2,387
Proposed value of GRANT: £2,387

This Organisation provides a weekly drop-in/day service for elderly, disabled or isolated members of the Shia Muslim community. Housebound members are supported at home or visited while in hospital. Health promotion speakers regularly visit the centre, covering topics such as Diabetes, Arthritis, and Nutrition. Classes in English are also offered to members. Several outings are arranged during the summer.

The membership has risen from 90 Harrow residents since the SLA was originally set up in March 2002 to over 140. The organisation's main costs relate to transporting members to and from the centre, one vehicle belongs to KSIM and another is on loan. Funding from this SLA contributes towards vehicle insurance, fuel, and driver's expenses. Members who attend the centre also receive refreshments and a meal.

Officers consider that this service represents good value for money, and therefore it is recommended that the current level of funding be continued.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

The organisation does not receive funding from any other source.

Report produced by the Service Commissioning Team, People First.

MIND IN HARROW

Proposed value of GRANT:	Stepping Stones Project	£4,000
	Befriending Scheme	£3,722

Mind provides a range of services for isolated people who have mental health problems.

This SLA relates to the following two schemes:

Stepping Stones Project: works with local colleges to provide further education classes in computing (internet, e-mail and desktop publishing), English, electronic piano keyboard etc. The classes are tailored to meet the individual learning needs of students with a serious mental illness. This Project has 1,066 people on its database of which 150 currently use the service. Approximately 80 of the attendees are either in-patients at Northwick Park Hospital or receiving high support accommodation.

Befriending Scheme: In the year up to March 2004, a total of 21 volunteers and three social work students have befriended 44 individual clients. Mind in Harrow also run their Roxbourne Befriending scheme and Asian Befriending scheme through other sources of funding.

Officers recommend that Mind in Harrow be allocated continued funding of £7,722 under the overall service level agreement managed by the Service Commissioning Team, People First.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting 'Grant Applications Directory'.

Report produced by Service Commissioning Team, People First.

MIND IN HARROW – STEPPING STONES PROJECT

Funding requested (in addition to SLA) £9,000
Funding recommended: £9,000 (reserved)

MIND provides a range of services for people with mental health problems.

The Stepping Stones project provides further education classes in a range of subjects including computing, internet and email, English, music, electric piano keyboard, skin care and make-up, etc. which are tailored to the individual learning needs of students with serious mental illness. Interpreters are provided to support those service users in need of language support.

The MIND Stepping Stones project has been extremely successful in encouraging large numbers of adults with mental health problems to take part in learning. Of the 70 people who enrolled for the Spring Term 78% completed the courses and of the 113 people who enrolled for the Summer Term 81% completed the courses.

28 people were, or had recently been, hospital inpatients and over half of these were under Section.

The service has been successful in reaching all parts of the community. Recent monitoring shows that 60% of the people on courses are female, well over half are from ethnic minority groups and the age-range is from 18 to 70+. Attendance rates continue to be high and the scheme has improved their self-esteem, appearance and their ability to socialise with others. People in residential care have increased independence and confidence because they are able to attend college on public transport.

The Stepping Stones Project has requested grant funding to extend their services to improve the mental and physical health of mental health users in Harrow, through provision of Stepping Stones physical activity classes, to be offered in mainstream community settings. They propose to expand the current provision into a programme of courses, in a range of physical activities.

The activities will improve not only physical health, co-ordination and motor skills, but also self-esteem, self-confidence, and rehabilitation into the community.

Stepping Stones has an established and unique track record of enabling seriously mentally ill people to access education and leisure opportunities in mainstream settings - colleges, leisure centres, etc., which they would otherwise be unable to take up. By offering a safe environment in ordinary settings, users are seen as students and sport players rather than patients, which is de-stigmatising and a key to its success.

Examples, in response to user demand, could be swimming, trampoline, basketball, squash, weight training, dance, football, windsurfing.

The project will improve the physical health of people who have otherwise little opportunity and no confidence to engage in such activities. As a group they suffer more from weight problems due to their medication and associated physical conditions, and smoking related illnesses, than the general population. The courses will motivate users to participate, improve their health and move on.

These will take place in different community venues: sports halls (eg., Harrow Leisure Centre, University of Westminster); clubs (eg., sailing, David Lloyd); private sports venues (eg., horseriding). They plan to run:

- ◆ 3 courses per term x 3 terms = 9 courses per year
- ◆ Average 12 users per course x 3 x 3 = 108 users per year enrolled

The Stepping Stones Project is requesting £9,000 to run 9 physical education courses (3 per term x 3 terms, average £1,000 per course). They will spend the funding on paying course instructors, the hiring of venues, and equipment in university and health centres.

To enable the Stepping Stones Project to run these additional courses, the Project will require another member of staff. The Project has applied to the PCT's Voluntary Sector Commissioning Fund for the staffing cost of £25,000 each year for 3 years.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Grants Panel reserve the sum of £9,000 pending the outcome of the bid to the Voluntary Sector Commissioning Fund and authorise Officers to release this sum should the bid for match funding be successful.

Report produced by People First Contracts Unit

NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY HARROW (NASH)

Current value of SLA: £1,650

Proposed value of GRANT: £1,650

This Organisation provides support to children with Autism or Asperger's Syndrome and their parents. It encourages social integration and identifies the needs of families with autistic children.

The funding contributes towards the cost of a playscheme, which was run in August 2004. A total of 35 children attended the scheme which aimed to provide a safe "autistic friendly" environment that will provide both play and therapeutic services. The Organisation also runs a monthly support group for approximately 75 parents (in the form of a "drop-in"), training for parents, awareness raising and researching the needs of families. A Christmas party has been arranged for the 30th December to be held at St. Peter's Church.

Officers consider this a valuable service, and therefore recommend that the current level of funding be continued.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information has not been received.

Report produced by the Service Commissioning Team, People First.

RELATE

Current value of SLA: £22,188

Proposed value of SLA: £22,708 (inclusive of salary inflation)

Relate provides relationship counselling and advice for individuals and couples, family mediation for parents trying to cope with divorce and separation, and psychosexual therapy.

The service is monitored by People First (Service Commissioning Team) half-yearly, and by the Grants monitoring officer (Resources Unit) annually. The quality of Relates' administrative records and systems is excellent, as is the monitoring information they provide to the Council. The service is provided to all sections of the community.

Figures received from Relate for the period 1st April 2004 to 30th September 2004 are as follows:

	Target	Results
Relationship Counselling	386	880
Consultations offered to Harrow residents	111	174
Psychosexual Therapy (sessions)	20	48
Family Mediation (sessions)	8	75

Ethnicity (New Clients):

White	56%
Irish	4%
Asian	25%
Black	7%
Other	6%

Relate have met the targets set for the above period and the equal opportunities breakdown shows that the service is used by a cross section of Harrow residents in terms of ethnicity, disability and benefit status.

It is recommended that the current level of funding be continued, plus salary inflation.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information has not been received.

Report produced by Service Commissioning Team, People First.

WELLDON ACTIVITY GROUP

Current value of SLA: £21,504

Proposed value of SLA: £21,504

The Welldon Centre provides therapeutic day centre services for people who have a mental illness, learning and/or a physical disability.

The aim of the service is to enhance social and educational skills, self-confidence and self-knowledge via a range of activities and educational classes. The Organisation encourages links with the community, arranging outside activities and two outings per year.

The current SLA is based on 8 people receiving 4 days per week, 48 weeks per year.

This well organised day centre offers a cost-effective service at £16.80 per day, and also meets the Council's commitment to supporting carers.

Officers recommend that funding be continued at the current level.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

The Group does not receive funding from any other source.

Report produced by Service Commissioning Team, People First.

WOMEN'S AID HARROW

Current value of SLA: £32,539

Proposed value of SLA: £33,515 (inclusive of salary inflation)

Purpose

- To provide a safe house for women and their children fleeing from domestic violence
- To provide advice, information, support and representation on the wide range of issues affecting resident families.
- To provide some support, via the outreach workers, to non-resident service users.
- To provide weekly 'Drop-In' sessions at the refuge for ex-residents.
- To encourage links with local and voluntary groups and develop a multi-disciplinary approach to the problems of domestic violence

Women's Aid Harrow had a monitoring visit on 13.10.04. Whilst the organisation met its service targets, the visit revealed some management issues which needed to be addressed. The organisation was offered advice on how to resolve these issues.

Since 1st September 2003, the Outreach Service of Women's Aid Harrow has been relocated at the Harrow Women's Centre. The Service is provided by 2 outreach workers, one funded by the Council and the other from Bridge House Estates Trust.

In addition to the SLA funding, Women's Aid Harrow receives funding from Supporting People. This funding is for support services in the Refuge. The Council's funding covers the salary and on-costs for one Outreach post.

It is recommended that funding be approved at this year's level, plus salary inflation.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

Supporting People - £70,269.64 for Project Manager and support provision

Bridge House Estates Trust - £25,000 for 2 years for Outreach Worker post

QDI - £5,000 to upgrade volunteer sector

Floating Support - £24,200 to support 2nd stage Housing part-time worker

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APPENDIX 2 B

CURRENTLY FUNDED GROUPS

ADHD Support Group
Afghan Association
Angolan Civic Communities Alliance
Asian Elderly Group
Association of Senior Muslim Citizens
Carers Support - Harrow
Carramea
Community Link Up
Connaught Opera
Harrow Agenda 21 Environmental Forum
Harrow Anti-Racist Alliance (HARA)
Harrow Bengalee Association
Harrow Churches Bereavement Visiting Scheme
Harrow Citizens Advice Bureau – 2 applications
Harrow Community Transport
Harrow Council for Racial Equality – 2 applications
Harrow Heritage Trust
Harrow in Leaf
Harrow Iranian Community Association
Harrow Pensioners' Action Group
Harrow Public Transport Users' Association
Harrow Refugee Forum
Harrow School of Gymnastics
Harrow Show Committee
Harrow Somali Women's Action Group
Harrow Tamil School Association
Harrow Youth and Community Project
Headway N.W. London (formerly Headway Harrow)
Herga Road & Masons Avenue Community Association
Hindu Council
Home Start Harrow
Ignite Trust
Islamic & Cultural Society of Harrow
Jaago Punjabi Women's Group
Kala Anjali Arts Circle
Kids Can Achieve
Middlesex Association for the Blind (Harrow)
Multiple Sclerosis Society – Harrow Branch
National Council of Vanik Associations UK
Pakistan Society of Harrow
Parkinson's Disease Society
Russian Immigrants Association
Special Connection
Tongues on Fire
U.K. Asian Women's Conference
Victim Support Harrow
Vitalise (formerly Winged Fellowship Trust)
Woodlands Community Association

ADHD (ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVE DISORDER) SUPPORT GROUP

Grant requested:	£17,614
Current grant:	£8,096
Grant recommended:	£17,614

Background

ADHD Group currently receive £11,096.00 from the Grants Panel to fund their services, which includes funding for a part-time project worker, a number of training courses and resources for parents/carers and sufferers of ADHD.

The use of their services has increased, and continues to do so. They provide services to over 100 families and 140 young people. Following publicity of their services in the local press, they are now accepting an additional 5-10 referrals per week.

There is a need for additional hours for the Project Worker and additional courses to meet increased demand.

Grant request

Funding of £17,614.00 will enable the following service to be provided:

- ◆ To help the ADHD Support Group to continue to provide support to the parents/carers of children with ADHD and associated disorders, in the form of training courses, behavioural management, parenting, anger management for both parents/carers, child/young adult, and teenage only anger management.
- ◆ To continue to provide ongoing support to parents/carers through a weekly coffee morning, providing one-to-one support, group support and information library.
- ◆ To continue to be a one-stop shop for information and advice on the management of the condition and the plight of the sufferers for health and educational professionals, helping to raise awareness in the community.

Officer comments

This service is valued by People First, Children and Families Services. Officers recommend Grant funding of £17,614.00

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting 'Grant Applications Directory'.

Report produced by People First Children and Families Services

AFGHAN ASSOCIATION OF LONDON (HAROW)

Grant requested:	£8,000
Current grant:	£3,584
Grant recommended:	£4,000

Background

The Afghan Association was set up in 1995 to provide an advice and information service to members of the Afghan community. Its services include advice and assistance on immigration, benefits, education, training and employment issues, health issues, housing advice and liaising with service providers. The Association also provides mother tongue and supplementary classes.

The Association is very active in the Borough, is a founder member of CARRAMEA and active in the Renewal SRB Project, the Harrow Refugee Forum and the Refugee Council.

The Association has expanded its service throughout West London and has opened an office in Brent in order to meet the demands for its services.

During 2003/04 the Association dealt with over 1,000 visitors and nearly 7,500 enquiries, a significant increase over the previous year's figures. The Association's service and other records were examined during a monitoring visit on 13 June 2003. The Association was awarded the Community Legal Services Quality Mark over a year ago.

Grant Request

The grant is requested as a contribution towards general running costs, publicity, volunteer expenses and placements, as well as their educational, health and women's group activities.

Officer Comments

The Afghan Association continues to provide an effective service to Afghan refugees and asylum seekers in Harrow. The Association is also a very valuable resource for statutory and voluntary agencies in Harrow and indeed in the whole of London.

The Association's work has been recognised by many funding bodies, which provide the Association with substantial grants, totalling over £200,000. However, it needs to be recognised that the Association provides services to many Harrow residents as well as help to service providers and therefore, it is recommended that the Association be awarded a grant of £4,000.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information has not been received.

Report produced by the Grants Unit

ANGOLAN CIVIC COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE

Grant requested:	£8,500
Current grant:	£1,500
Grant recommended:	£8,500

Background

The Angolan Civic Communities Alliance (ACCA) aims to continue the empowerment of members of the Angolan and other Portuguese-speaking communities that are currently under-represented by community organisations in Harrow. By so doing they hope that the members of these communities will become able to access mainstream services and information as an alternative to a life of permanent dependency.

Grant request

ACCA are requesting £8,500 to cover the costs of employing a part-time general office and administrative assistant (£6,500) and a contribution towards running and volunteering costs (£2,000). The intended outcomes of the funding are:

1. Reduction of long-term unemployment among refugees, particularly Angolans and other Portuguese-speaking communities.
2. Improvement of the employability conditions of these people through the provision of training, work experience and enhancing their skills and aptitudes to enable them to compete with success for employment.

Help will initially be given in the following areas:

Re-training programme, including:

Needs analysis

English language

Accreditation of existing qualifications from overseas

Work placements

Training and employment support

Refresher training relevant to the particular discipline

Officer comments:

ACCA is very active at the Community Premises and is the lead organisation in the Harrow Refugee Forum. The budget for 2005/06 is £30,000 and the work programme outlined above will be dependent on ACCA obtaining funding from other sources. Applications have been made to BBC Children in Need, The Paul Hamlyn Foundation, DFES Strengthening Families and the Trust for London. If ACCA were to move to the next phase of its development, it would need to employ a paid member of staff. Officers would support ACCA's request on condition that more specific outcomes are agreed in terms of the number of courses, the number of people benefiting from the courses, the number of work placements and finally the number of people who will secure employment with ACCA's help.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

£6,100 from the Commission for Racial Equality, one-off funding for diversity work

£3,000 from the Drug Action Team for six months for drug awareness

Report produced by the Grants Unit

ASIAN ELDERLY GROUP (HARROW)

Grant requested:	£8,000
Current Grant:	£6,670
Grant recommended:	£6,670

Background

The Group is seeking funding to support a drop-in / activity centre for elderly, frail and disabled Asians. They advise that over 75 people attend their club each day.

Grant request

They currently employ a staff member for 10 hours per week, and would like to increase this to 20 hours per week. They are also seeking funds to pay the rental of the hall, insurance and administrative costs. The organisation received £6,670 from the Council for 2004/05. Accounts for 2003/04 show expenditure of £3,950. The organisation has reserves of over £9,500.

Officer comments:

Officers recommend that the organisation be funded to the same level as last year, i.e. £6,670.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

The Group does not receive funding from any other body.

Report produced by People First Contracts Unit

ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR MUSLIM CITIZENS

Amount requested:	£6,000
Current funding:	£500
Grant recommended:	£500

Background

The organisation was established in 2003 with the aim of improving the lives of senior Muslims in Harrow and surrounding areas by informing them of benefits, services and facilities that are available to them, including specific training and advice in health awareness. Over the year the membership has increased from 70 to 80.

Grant request

The grant request is to cover administration costs, volunteers' expenses and community transport for members. They are hoping to increase their team of volunteers from three to six people.

Officer comments:

Officers recommend that they are funded at the same level as last year, i.e. £500.

Officers are aware that Harrow PCT is planning to run workshops in the borough on health awareness and that a wide range of voluntary organisations will be invited to participate.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

The Group does not receive funding from any other body.

Report produced by People First Contracts Unit

CARERS SUPPORT - HARROW

Amount requested: £26,860
Current funding: £2,000
Grant recommended: Nil

Background

This registered charity has been working in Harrow since 1996, the main aim of the organisation is to support and improve the quality of life for unpaid carers in the borough. The organisation currently offers support to 1800 carers, of which 400 are aged 65+.

The following projects receive funding from People First: Health Liaison project, young carers, mental health carers support. People First also provides funding for their core costs.

Grant request

The current grant request is to fund an outreach worker to identify hidden older carers. The outreach worker will offer benefits advice, helping with form filling, supporting carers at hospital discharge meetings, carers assessments, etc. Other activities such as counselling drop in sessions, outings, and training sessions.

Officer comments:

Although there is a need to identify and support older hidden carers in the borough, it is recommended that Carers Support submit this bid to the Carers Grant. The bidding round for this will commence shortly.

Grant recommended - nil.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information has not been received.

Report produced by People First Commissioning Team.

CARRAMEA (CONSORTIUM OF ANTI-RACIST, REFUGEE AND MINORITY ETHNIC ASSOCIATIONS)

Grant requested:	£2,400
Current grant	£2,400
Grant recommended:	£2,400

Background

CARRAMEA was set up in 1999 by five groups based at Community Premises to consolidate the services they were providing and to develop additional services. CARRAMEA currently has 9 full member associations and 1 associate member organisation.

CARRAMEA has established very good links with the statutory and voluntary sectors in Harrow and beyond. It has provided training and capacity building to individuals and groups, primarily to groups at Community Premises.

Grant request

The grant is requested so that CARRAMEA will continue to provide people from black and other minority ethnic backgrounds (including refugees, students and unemployed people) with the opportunity to develop ICT skills and gain accreditation in word-processing, data-bases and desk-top publishing at a variety of levels, in a welcoming and confidence-building environment. The training will cover the following:

- Word processing, spreadsheets and databases
- E-mailing and internet information-seeking
- Camera skills and image manipulation
- Designing and printing (leaflets, posters, business cards in colour, and laminating)

Officer Comments

The ICT training has been very beneficial and demand for it is increasing year by year. During 2003/04 143 Harrow users benefited from the following courses including Tasters, Introductions, Consolidation and Internet, Desk Top Publishing and CLAIT 1.

In view of the high number of people benefiting from CARRAMEA training it is recommended that funding be approved at this year's level.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

CARRAMEA did not receive funding from any other source in 2004/2005.

Report produced by the Grants Unit

COMMUNITY LINK UP

Grant requested:	£80,000
Current grant:	£2,000
Grant recommended:	£4,500 (reserved)

Background

Community Link Up is a local charity, which supports adults and children with learning disabilities in the borough through several different schemes. The schemes include the inclusions project, 1-1 friendships, "Dosti" project which works with people from ethnic minority groups, refugees and asylum seekers, community radio station and many others.

Community Link-Up has 250 volunteers currently supporting 350 people in Harrow who have a learning disability. Although the organisation is local it has been recognised nationally for the quality of the work it has undertaken with people with learning disabilities. Community Link –Up is involved with the learning disabilities partnership board in Harrow, the healthy living centre in Wealdstone amongst others as well as partnership involvements with other local organisation, residential and day services.

Grant request

Community Link- Up have stated that they will need to scale back some of their projects if they are unsuccessful in securing funding towards the organisation costs.

Community Link-Up is asking for £80,000 a year for an unspecified length of time as a 50% contribution towards costs. Although Community Link-Up provide a successful and valued service for people with learning disabilities it is highly unlikely that the Grants Panel can fund such a large request and on an on-going basis.

Officer comments

Community Link-Up has made several grant application to national organisations and it is expected that they will be successful with some of their applications for funding.

Community Link-Up has secured £69,000 funding for its costs for 2005/06. This leaves a deficit of £91,000, 50% of the £91,000 deficit = £45.500. In recognition of the work that Community Link-Up does in the borough the Council may wish to offer 10% of the unsecured costs as a one-year grant of £4,500. Alternatively Members may wish to consider a higher percentage.

This sum should be reserved and released by officers should Community Link-Up be unsuccessful in meeting its costs from external sources of funding.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting 'Grant Applications Directory'.

Report produced by People First Commissioning Team

CONNAUGHT OPERA

Grant requested:	£3,000
Current Grant:	£2,000
Grant recommended:	£3,000

Background

Connaught Opera proposes to promote fifteen concerts, of approximately one hour's duration, for elders in the borough. These concerts will be organised in partnership with day care centres, voluntary sector organisations, etc. They would take place primarily in day centres, care homes, hospices and hospitals, although one or two would happen at a heritage site (such as Headstone Manor) to which older people would be invited.

Songs from the eras most relevant to the potential audience are performed by a pair of singers with piano accompaniment. The programme is specifically chosen to reflect the cultural diversity of the audience. It would reach between 450 and 750 older residents, plus relatives, staff, etc.

Officer comments:

- Connaught Opera has organised a similar programme in the current financial year, some twelve concerts, which was well received by older people, their families and carers. There is evidence that music has the capacity to engage with individuals who may have communication disabilities.
- The organisation has been successful in raising a considerable proportion of its costs from a wide variety of external sources, and Harrow's contribution represents good value for money. The activities are underpinned by a small amount of voluntary administrative support.
- There is a general gap in cultural provision for this age group, and Connaught Opera's programme goes some way to redressing this.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by the Arts Unit, Harrow Council

HARROW AGENDA 21 ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

Grant requested:	Purpose 1: £5,000
	<u>Purpose 2: £30,000</u>
	<u>TOTAL: £35,000</u>

Current grant: £1,500 + £6000 in reserve (£7,500)
Grant recommended: £5,000

Background and grant request

Harrow Agenda 21 Environmental Forum is requesting funding to help support it's work in relation to the Sustainable Communities Volunteering Programme (Purpose 1) and will support the running costs of this programme i.e. promoting, recruiting, managing and training volunteers, running consultation events, project costs and advertising/communication. Funding is also requested to pay for the salary and running costs of employing a School Environmental Liaison Officer. (Purpose 2)

Officer comments:

The previous year's grant application, was for funding to help support it's work in relation to the Schools Environmental Network. The Forum stated that they were able to attract external funding to cover 50% (£10,000) of the cost of the post and that they had secured a further £2,500 funding towards the remaining balance. However, no evidence was provided by HA21 to secure this money and therefore £6,000 has not been released.

Officers support the £5,000 funding for the administrative, project and promotion costs in relation to the Sustainable Communities Volunteering Programme. However, officers are unable to support the funding request of £30,000 for the salary costs of a School Environmental Liaison Officer, as no offer of match funding has been put forward for the post by HA21.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by Urban Living

HARROW ANTI-RACIST ALLIANCE (HARA)

Grant requested:	£9,110
Current grant:	£1,500
Grant Recommended:	£9,110

Background

The Harrow Anti-Racist Alliance (HARA) was set up in 1993 with the principal objective of supporting people subject to racial discrimination and harassment. HARA provides the following services:

- Guidance and support to people and families experiencing social exclusion and racial harassment/discrimination.
- Work experience and ICT training (in conjunction with CARRAMEA).
- Encourages participation in, and the development of arts and cultural activities in Harrow through the HARA Arts Unit (regular participation in Black History Month).
- Participation in London Borough of Harrow projects and activities (i.e. Harrow Strategic Partnership, Multi-Agency Forum on Racial Harassment etc.)

Grant request

HARA is seeking a grant of £9,110 to cover general running costs (£1,500) and the employment of a part-time Community Support Co-ordinator (£7,610 including recruitment costs).

The core activities to be delivered are:

- Work experience with on-the-job and external training opportunities for job seekers.
- Advice, guidance and support to people and families experiencing social exclusion and racial harassment/discrimination.
- Access, inclusion and participation for people from minority – ethnic backgrounds in Harrow decision-making/consultative forums e.g. MAF, HIAP, HPCCG, and in various LBH-sponsored IT and casework initiatives.
- Opportunities to participate in performances and in the management of arts, media and cultural activities in Harrow.
- Volunteering opportunities.

The Community Support Co-ordinator would liaise with other frontline statutory/voluntary agencies within the Harrow Strategic Partnership and other agencies as appropriate. The worker will co-ordinate existing and new volunteers who undertake casework or provide assistance to HARA's clients. They will also be leading on casework, advisory work and enabling full participation in existing crime reduction initiatives, such as third party reporting, Caseworks, MAF, and the inclusion of minority ethnic, the elderly and young people in a range of Harrow Council initiatives, including the Arts Festival and Black History Month.

Officer Comments

HARA is very active at the Community Premises and is well respected by other voluntary organisations and statutory agencies. During 2003/2004 they dealt with 63 cases of racial harassment. They also had:

- 13 job-seekers on work experience (7 gained employment, 2 went on to higher-level vocational training)
- 8 in Arts Real Drama Group
- 7 Harrow residents in I.T. and Media groups
- 300 at poetry and drama events
- 140 at the 11th anniversary of Harrow Anti-Racist Alliance

HARA has been in operation for over 10 years and during that period has been very active and successful in delivering a number of projects in Harrow relying entirely on volunteers. In order for HARA to move successfully onto the next stage of its development, it would need to employ a paid member of staff.

Officers would support HARA's grant request on condition that they also apply for funding from other sources to enable it to expand its services.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

HARA is not currently receiving grants from any other source.

Report prepared by the Grants Unit

HARROW BENGALEE ASSOCIATION

Grant requested: £6,110
Current grant: £1,500
Grant Recommended: £1,500

Background

The group provides cultural and intellectual Bangladeshi studies, including Bengali language to children between the ages of 6 and 12.

The group seems to be quite small. There are 12 mother tongue students, some of whom are adults. The application also talks about “older generations” (sessions by age concern).

Officer comments

From the youth aspect of this project presented in the documentation, we are only able to give limited support.

Officer Recommendation: £ 1,500

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by Youth and Connexions Service.

HARROW BEREAVEMENT CARE (FORMERLY HARROW CHURCHES BEREAVEMENT VISITING SCHEME)

Grant requested:	£8,000
Current grant:	£7,059
Grant recommended:	£7,128 (inclusive of salary inflation)

Background

Harrow Bereavement Care, formerly Harrow Churches Bereavement Visiting Scheme, was established in 1981 :

To relieve the suffering and distress caused by bereavement among the inhabitants of the London Borough and Deanery of Harrow and the surrounding area, in particular, but not exclusively by:

- Offering support through the process of grieving.
- Increasing public awareness and knowledge of the needs of bereaved people throughout the community.
- Training and supervising volunteers in visiting and listening skills for working with the bereaved (whether in their homes or in other appropriate places).
- Co-operating with and offering training to other agencies engaged in similar work
- Establishing and making contact with other community groups and faiths to enable them to provide relevant support to all sections of the community, recognising the cultural diversity of the borough.

Grant request

The funding requested is to cover core costs, such as premises, insurance, photocopier, office costs and 10% of staff costs so that volunteers can be trained and supported, enabling them to carry out their vital work of supporting the bereaved in Harrow.

Officer Comments

Harrow Bereavement Care continues to provide a vital service to the people of Harrow. It has about 120 members and 200 volunteers who have visited over 1000 bereaved people in 2003/04. At an Emergency General meeting held on 18th November 2004, it was decided to change the name of the organisation from Harrow Churches Bereavement Visiting Scheme to Harrow Bereavement Care. The change of name reflects the recognition that Harrow is culturally diverse and is based on the organisation's wish and determination to serve the whole of the community in Harrow.

It is recommended that funding of £7,128 be approved for 2005/06.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

Funder	Amount	Number of years	Expires
Hillside Trust	£700	1	-
Trust for London	£2,250	3	1 year
Co-op Dividend Scheme	£1,600	1	-

Report produced by the Grants Unit

HARROW CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU SERVICE LIMITED

Grant requested: £105,692
Current grant: £96,098
Grant recommended: £98,417 (inclusive of salary inflation)
Growth requested for joint funding of £7,570 for decision by Members

Background

The Harrow CAB was established in 1939 to provide free, independent advice to the local community. Advice is offered on benefits, education, employment, housing, consumer issues, immigration, leisure and health facilities, personal and family problems. During 2003/04 the service dealt with 18,568 clients of whom 59% were from minority ethnic communities. In addition to the grant, the Harrow CAB has a service level agreement with Harrow Housing Services to provide housing advisory services on behalf of the Council and a service level agreement with Social Services to provide an outreach welfare benefits service. The Harrow CAB Service has been awarded the Community Legal Services Quality Mark.

Grant request

The £105,692 grant is requested to fund the CAB's salaries and running costs and it is the only source of income for this part of the service. The CAB staff are paid at Local Government salary rates and the increase relates to this.

In addition to the main grant of £105,692 requested, the CAB has also submitted an application to form a partnership for joint funding between Citizens Advice (formerly NACAB) and the London Borough of Harrow.

The purpose of this partnership is to secure joint funding for a new post of Bureau Manager for Harrow CAB (please, see attached letter of application). This growth bid, if approved, will require the Council to provide an extra grant of £7,570 in 2005/06. In years 2,3 and 4 the Council's contribution will increase to 50%, 75% and 100% correspondingly.

The expected outcomes and benefits are outlined in pages 2 and 3 of the attached letter. Members need to note that the CAB currently has one full time Deputy Manager post to provide management, support and training to over 30 volunteer advisers and administrative staff. This ratio of paid staff to volunteers is causing real concern to the CAB Service, on top of which the demand for the CAB service is increasing daily.

Officer comments

The Grants Officer carried out a monitoring visit to the Harrow CAB on 5.10.04. The organisation's statistics and record-keeping are impressive. Undoubtedly, the Harrow CAB provides a very important service to the people of Harrow and officers recommend continuation of funding at this year's level plus inflation for salaries, subject to Cabinet agreeing salary inflation additions to grants.

Officers make no recommendations in relation to the growth partnership bid, because of the significant financial implications of the proposal, which would commit the Council to the long-term funding of the post of Bureau Manager. Members are requested to consider this bid and decide whether it could be funded.

Funding received from other sources 2004/05

Name of funder	Amount	No. of years	Expires	Purpose
Harrow Council Urban Living	£12,000	1	-	Training and recruitment project
Housing Management Urban Living	£7,000	1	-	Money Advice Referral (Tenants in rent arrears)

L.A.S.A. Quality Development Initiative	£5,000	1	-	Equalities training and D.D.A. audits
Stadium Housing Association	£7,000	1	-	Money Advice Referral Project

Report prepared by the Grants Unit

HARROW COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Grant requested:	£15,000
Current grant:	£5,000
Grant recommended:	£5,000 plus £10,000 reserved

Background

The Harrow Community Transport was set up in 1980 to provide transport to individuals and groups who are disabled or cannot use public transport due to poor health. The service is provided by volunteer drivers who use their own cars for individuals, or use the HCT vehicles for groups. In 2003/04 they provided over 4,000 journeys (car 1650, vans 500 and minibus 2000). The scheme has been run entirely by volunteers since it started in 1980, however the volunteer co-ordinator has decided to step down in March 2005 as have the committee members as they have agreed that younger, more active people should take over. It is envisaged that by March 2005 Harrow CT will become a company limited by guarantee. A new constitution is being drawn up which will enable all residents to become members of the scheme, providing they cannot use public transport. The Community Transport Association and HAVS are helping Harrow CT to put in place policies and procedures following best practice guidelines. Harrow CT has already identified two new board members.

Grant request

Harrow CT is requesting a grant of £15,000 to enable it, with matching funds from Bridge House Estates Trust, to employ a full-time manager who can dedicate their time to developing the scheme to ensure its long term sustainability by increasing member numbers, identifying funding sources and exploring possible ways to generate income such as carrying out MIDAS training and contract work as it is best practice within the London Community Transport sector.

Officer comments

Officers have been involved in meetings with Harrow CT, HAVS and the Community Transport Association where discussions took place about the restructuring and future direction of the organisation. These meetings confirmed that Harrow CT needs to become more professional and not rely entirely on volunteers, if its services would be improved and extended to the whole voluntary sector and the wider community.

The current trustees and voluntary co-ordinator have agreed that they will retire by the end of the financial year, but are supportive of the initiatives to restructure and re-launch the Harrow CT. Two possible board members have already been identified. The funding requested from the Council constitutes about 20% of Harrow CT's total budget of £79,275 for 2005/06. They hope to raise the rest from Bridge House Estates Trust (£36,275), Harrow Primary Care Trust (£12,000), Awards for All (£5,000) and from charges (£11,000). Bridge House Estates Trust have confirmed in writing that Harrow CT is eligible for a grant from them and would be pleased to receive an application from Harrow CT. The Trust officers have provided indicative figures of the grant. These are £36,275 in 2005/06, £49,000 in 2006/07 and £49,483 in 2007/08.

Harrow CT are in negotiations with Shaunsoft Limited to buy software designed specifically for Community Transport schemes. The software will enable Harrow CT to keep a comprehensive database of their passengers and member groups, store all the information they require on their vehicles and receive reminders about key events, such as MOT renewals, produce invoices and credit notes and many other things.

Officers think that these are very positive developments which will transform Harrow CT from a small group providing valuable services with the help of volunteers into an organisation

modelled on professional lines, which would extend the services, keep accurate records and raise more funds by being able to make use of new technology.

Officers, therefore, support the application and recommend funding of £15,000 (£10,000 to be reserved until match funds are secured from Bridge House Estates Trust).

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

The group did not receive funding from any other source.

Report produced by the Grants Panel (no comments received from other departments).

HARROW COUNCIL FOR RACIAL EQUALITY (HCRE)

Grant requested: £59,000
Current grant: £52,075
Grant recommended: £52,795 (inclusive of salary inflation)
Additional request of £14,000 for consideration by Members

Background

HCRE's duties are to:

- Work towards the elimination of racial discrimination
- promote equal opportunities and encourage good relations between people of different ethnic or racial backgrounds
- monitor the way the amended Race Relations Act is working.

HCRE provides free legal advice for victims of racial harassment, advice to employers and service providers on how to develop effective equal opportunities practices, community development work to help minority communities gain a fair access to public resources and to build good relations between different communities.

Grant request

The purpose of the grant is to assist with accommodation costs and also pay for a full-time Administrative Officer to support nine members of staff on specific projects and in HCRE's areas of activity:

- Offering legal advice and representation to victims of racial harassment and discrimination
- Advising employers and service providers on how to develop effective equal opportunities
- Monitoring police services to victims of racial harassment
- Undertaking community development work to assist minority communities to gain fair access to public resources
- Building community cohesion
- Campaigning to raise awareness of the effects of discrimination and the benefits of ethnic diversity.

Additional grant request

HCRE submitted an additional grant application on 3 December 2004 requesting £14,000 to employ a part-time caseworker to deal entirely with cases of racial harassment in Harrow. The caseworker will provide advice, representation and referrals, where necessary, to victims.

Officer comments

Officers carried out a monitoring visit to the HCRE on 26th August 2004. HCRE's statistics and record-keeping are very good. During 2003/04 they dealt with about 3,500 enquiries. HCRE was awarded the Community Legal Services Quality Mark.

Officers recommend funding at this year's level plus inflation for salaries and request Members to consider the additional request of £14,000.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

Name of funder	Amount received	Number of years	Expires	Purpose
Commission for Racial Equality	£49,559	1	-	To promote racial harmony and fight racism and discrimination

				within the community. Includes employer's pension contribution.
Harrow Primary Care Trust	£15,016	3	30 th November 2004	Refugee Access Development Project
Harrow Primary Care Trust	£26,250	3	30 th June 2007	Domestic Violence Outreach Worker
Prince's Trust	£25,071	1	31 st March 2005	Carer's Break Grant Project
Children's Fund Partnership	£20,000	3	31 st March 2006	Activities for refugee and asylum-seeking children
Sport England	£26,000	3	31 st March 2006	Sports Development Officer
Connexions Harrow	£14,000	1	31 st September 2005	Mentoring and Advocacy Officer
City Parochial Foundation	£14,000	1	31 st July 2005	Mentoring and Advocacy Officer (match funding)
University of Central Lancashire	£20,000	1	31 st December 2005	Khat usage research project in Somali community
Lloyds TSB Foundation	£7,500	1	31 st August 2005	One-stop shop for refugees and asylum seekers

Report produced by the Grants Unit

HARROW HERITAGE TRUST

Grant requested: £9,500 (plus £15,000 heritage grant)
Current grant: £9,000
Grant recommended: £9,000

Background

The Harrow Heritage Trust has been a focus for many heritage and environmental projects and initiatives since 1985. It operates through a number of sub-committees, each with its own specific role. These functions are co-ordinated through the Executive Committee. It also supports the Headstone Manor restoration through fundraising and advice.

Grant request

The Harrow Heritage Trust is requesting a grant of £9,500 to enable it to continue providing services to the Borough and the general public in terms of clearance and maintenance of open spaces, extra educational programmes for Harrow school children, administering the historic grants and plaque schemes, graffiti clearance and increasing knowledge of the Borough's heritage to all.

The 9,500 will cover the following:

Harrow Nature Conservation Forum	£4,000
Work with young people	£2,500
Administration	£2,500
Plaques	£300
Graffiti removal	£200

Officer comments

Much of the Trust's work falls clearly within the environmental objectives of the New Harrow Project. The Heritage Grants, which support restoration and improvement of historic buildings and landscapes, the graffiti removal initiative, Public Art and Nature Conservation work, all seek to improve the Borough's environment and in terms of 'added value' provide good value for money. The site-specific work, such as the Nature Conservation site wardens, will provide a network for future New Harrow Project area development in conjunction with the local community. The Harrow Heritage Trust had a satisfactory monitoring visit on 13th September 2004. The Trust keeps very good administrative and financial records. Whilst the Trust accounts to 31st March 2004 show net assets of £118,926, the 2005/06 budget shows a projected deficit of £51,450, which includes a payment of £50,000 for the Headstone Manor restoration.

Officers recommend funding at this year's level.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

The Trust did not receive funding from any other source.

Report produced by the Grants Panel (no comments received from Urban Living)

HARROW IN LEAF

Grant requested:	£1,000
Current grant:	£1,000
Grant recommended:	£1,000

Background

Harrow in Leaf was formed in 1998 as part of the LA 21 initiatives to improve allotment facilities and raise awareness of allotments in the Borough.

Grant request

Harrow in Leaf are requesting a grant of £1,000 to cover developing, printing and displaying 18 A3 posters in the Council Community Information Noticeboards with translation into seven languages. Harrow in Leaf will use the posters to publicise vacancies on allotment sites and general information on the costs and benefits of having an allotment.

Officer comments

The grant will enable the organisation to continue their work and will contribute to the increased use of sites. The organisation has been successful in obtaining funding for works to allotment sites and the grant from the Council will help to promote and enhance the use of allotments in Harrow.

Officers recommend a grant of £1,000.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

£17,700 from SEED for 2 years and £18,066 from Allotment Regeneration Initiative for 2 years for provision of secure storage huts and recycling bays.

Report produced by the Grants Unit (no comments were received from Urban Living).

HARROW IRANIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (HICA)

Grant requested: £11,000 (£5,000 for running costs, £6,000 premises costs)
Current grant: £5,000
Grant recommended: £5,000

Background

The Harrow Iranian Community Association was set up in 1991 to provide mother tongue classes in Farsi to Iranian children born in the U K and also to provide advice and information to their members and users from Harrow and neighbouring boroughs.

HICA's main services are to provide a point of reference for newly arrived refugees, to escort non-English speaking refugees to G P surgeries, hospitals, solicitors and other statutory agencies, providing interpretation and translation services, organising social / cultural events and running a very successful mother tongue school for over 140 pupils. They also run English classes for adults (mainly women) and visit house bound people in their homes. In the current year they obtained funding from Renewal to run a youth project jointly with East African Welfare & Community Concern.

HICA has been awarded the Community Legal Services Quality Mark.

Grant request

HICA is requesting £11,000 to enable it to carry on the following activities:

1. Maintaining and improving the level of services
2. Continuing ESOL classes
3. Running Saturday mother tongue school
4. Running elderly and single mothers' clubs
5. Printing bi-lingual leaflets and circulars
6. Recruiting and training volunteers
7. Running youth and advice centre
8. Assisting refugees and asylum seekers
9. Keeping the office open for approximately 40 hours per week.

Officer comments

HICA had a very satisfactory monitoring visit on 8th September 2004. HICA continues to provide very well used services to a substantial number of users and plays an active role in the Harrow Refugee Forum, CARRAMEA and Renewal. In 2003/04, they dealt with 1972 cases and 300 interpretation sessions. They have an active pool of about 40 volunteers.

HICA has been successful in obtaining funding from other sources, but the excellent work they provide to Harrow people warrants support. Officers recommend funding at this year's level, i.e. £5,000. The growth bid of £6,000 relates to premises costs at the Community Premises and will be considered by the Panel in February.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

Funder	Amount received	No of years	Expires	Purpose
Big Lottery Fund	£41,960 (2004), £38,910 (2005), 39,880 (2006)	3	2	Employment of Co-ordinator and Health Advisor
Renewal	£30,000 a year	2	1	Running youth advice centre and salary for two-part time

				staff
BBC Children in Need	£10,000 a year	2	1	Youth club project expenses
Awards for All	£5,000	1	-	unknown
Harrow Police	£750	1	-	unknown

Report produced by the Grants Unit

HARROW PENSIONERS ACTION GROUP

Grant requested:	£750
Current grant:	£500
Grant recommended:	£500

Background

The group has been established since 1975. It aims to facilitate people who are over 60 years of age to meet, discuss any difficulties they may have and to jointly seek possible solutions. Currently 97 Harrow residents are registered members of the organisation.

The group organise meetings on a monthly basis. They also arrange outings to places of interest and social activities.

Officer comments:

The organisation continues to provide a focal point for pensioners in Harrow. The panel has supported their activities in previous years and may wish to continue to support them in 2005/06. Current activities would not appear to justify an increase in their funding.

A grant of £500 is recommended.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by People First Contracts Unit

HARROW PUBLIC TRANSPORT USERS ASSOCIATION

Grant requested:	£300
Current grant :	£275
Grant recommended:	£300

Background

The HPTUA is a voluntary association based in and covering only this borough. The chair has been an advisor to the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel and its predecessor bodies for many years, and now also chairs the quarterly member-level public transport liaison meetings. There is also close officer co-operation with HPTUA.

Grant request

The grant is required to contribute towards running costs.

Officer comments

The Council have been providing a modest grant to HPTUA for some time and this application seems reasonable. I would therefore recommend that the grant of £300 be paid.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

To our knowledge, HPTUA does not receive funding from any other source.

Report produced by Urban Living

HARROW REFUGEE FORUM

Grant requested: £16,582
Current grant : £5,000
Grant recommended: £16,582

Background

The Harrow Refugee Forum was set up in 1992 and was re-constituted in 1999 as an umbrella organisation of some 20 refugee and migrant groups based in Harrow. The Forum assists local refugee community organisations with capacity building in order to enhance the quality of the services they provide and increase their ability to access resources from a variety of sources. The Forum also represents refugee groups in partnerships and joint-working initiatives and articulates the views of refugees to statutory and voluntary bodies.

Grant request

The grant is requested to cover the costs of rent and hiring of venues (£6,000), office running costs (£3,500) and the employment of a part-time General Office and Administrative officer (£7,084 including national insurance contributions). The funding will support the following activities/services:

- Assisting local Refuge Community Organisations (RCOs) with capacity building programmes in order to enhance the quality of the services they provide and increase their ability to access resources by implementing agreed work plans
- Supporting with Governance and accreditation for Quality Assurance Systems
- Playing a major role in the process of consulting local communities on the existing and future policies, projects and services aimed at refugees, devised locally, regionally or nationally
- Actively participating in partnerships and joint-working initiatives for the purpose of influencing local, regional and national policies and procedures targeted at refugees
- Raising awareness of refugee issues through workshops, seminars and presentations

Officer comments

Officers are aware of the important role of the Harrow Refugee Forum and fully support its aims and objectives. Despite that fact that the Forum is in receipt of funding from the ALG and Renewal, officers think that Harrow Council needs to support the Forum as well, because the Forum's services are directed at some of the most disadvantaged members of the communities in Harrow. It needs to be emphasised that the Harrow Refugee forum is very active within the Harrow Strategic Partnership and was one of the key agencies that drafted the Multi-Agency Strategy for the Development of Services to Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Harrow.

Officers recommend that the Forum's grant request be approved in full, i.e. £16,852.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

Funder	Amount	No. of years	Expires	Purpose
Renewal SRB	£90,000	3	-	Staff salaries
Renewal SRB	£4,000	1	-	Refugee work
ALG	£85,000	3.5	2.5	RCOs capacity building and salaries
Awards for All	£300	1	-	Black History Month

Report produced by the Grants Unit

HARROW SCHOOL OF GYMNASTICS

Grant requested:	£13,250
Current grant:	£2,000
Grant recommended:	£4,000

Background

Harrow School of Gymnastics (HSG) has over 900 members/users and it is estimated that there are around 740 who live in Harrow. It is designated a National Performance Centre and has recently applied for Gym Mark, which is a kite mark award for good practice bestowed by the sport's governing body. The club provides a Harrow team in the annual London Youth Games.

The club works with local schools and also provides opportunities for young people who have participated in the sport in curriculum time to continue with the sport outside school.

Grant request

The organisation's Hardship Fund aims to provide funding to support young gymnasts living in Harrow whose families are not able to meet the full financial costs of participating in the sport.

Officer comments

Officers recommend funding of £4,000 for the club's Hardship Fund.

However, HSG has also requested additional funding in order to pay their rent arrears and rent increases, which it currently owes to the Local Authority. Officers felt that this request is not an appropriate use of grant funding and therefore, cannot recommend this part of the application.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information has not been received.

Report produced by Sports Strategy Unit, Urban Living

HARROW SHOW COMMITTEE

Grant requested: £10,000
Current grant: £1,000
Grant recommended : £1,000

Background

The Harrow Show is the main open-air event held in Harrow each year. The main aim of the Harrow Show is to promote and organise this annual event over the August Bank Holiday weekend for the benefit of all local residents at an affordable price. The Show also supports several local charities and voluntary groups and is an annual showcase for many local businesses.

Grant request

The Harrow Show Committee is requesting a grant of £10,000 to cover the ever-increasing cost of staging the event, and to promote further membership of the Harrow Show Committee with a sustained drive for the recruitment of new volunteers. With the support of the grant they hope to keep the admission charges to an affordable cost for all those who visit the show.

Officer comments

Officers take the view that the Council should support this long established annual event which gives an opportunity to promote various Council initiatives and collaboration with community groups.

Officers recommend funding at this year's level.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

The Committee did not receive funding from any other sources.

Report produced by the Grants Unit (no comments received from Urban Living)

HARROW SOMALI WOMEN'S ACTION GROUP

Grant requested: £10,000
Current grant : £5,000
Grant recommended: £10,000

Background

Harrow Somali Women's Action Group aims to promote the welfare of Somali women and their dependants (especially young Somali men and women). They run a supplementary schools project for 40 Somali children in Harrow schools who are aged between 5 and 16 years to support their learning with English, Maths and Science.

Grant request

They are seeking to recruit a part-time school co-ordinator and two sessional workers to teach.

The group claim to enhance the life chances of children and young people of Harrow.

The group reaches out to isolated people most of whom are refugees or asylum seekers and unemployed, they also assist single women and their families.

Officer comments

Officer Recommendation: £ 10,000

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by Youth and Connexions Service.

HARROW TAMIL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Grant requested: £7,500
Current grant : £2,400
Grant recommended: £7,500

Background

This group seems to support the Tamil community based in Harrow. They promote the Tamil language and performing arts and cultural development. They also hold classes for healthy living through sports and fitness. In addition they provide for the social and welfare and general well being of the members.

Officer comments

Officer Recommendation: £7,500

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This organisation does not receive funding from any other source.

Report produced by Youth and Connexions Service.

HARROW YOUTH & COMMUNITY PROJECT

Grant requested: £8,000
Current grant : £1,000
Grant recommended: £8,000

Background

Harrow Youth And Community Project main aim is to work in the Kenmore Park Area of Harrow. They work with both the community and other organisations in the local area. At present they provide a youth club for 12-16 year olds on a Thursday evening from Kenmore Park Hall.

Grant request

They are seeking funding to continue the Thursday club for young people as well as establishing a youth club for the 8-11 year olds and other community events such as yoga classes, time management.

Officer comments

Harrow Youth and Community Project is registered with the Youth and Connexions Service and two youth workers work with the project on a Thursday evening.

Officers recommend funding of £8,000. The needs for a youth provision have clearly been highlighted. The project attracts between 20-25 young people from the Kenmore Park Area every Thursday. The full £8,000.00 is based upon the setting up of the 2 new additional projects.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report Produced by Voluntary Sector Development Team

HEADWAY HARROW

Grant requested:	£5,000
Current grant :	£450
Grant recommended:	£3,102

Background

Headway Harrow was established in 1990 to support Harrow residents leaving hospital who have sustained an acquired brain injury.

The group has currently 55 members – 48 live in Harrow.

For 2005-2006 the group plans to set up “Headway House” in Wealdstone as part of the Healthy Living Centre. The service will provide support, advice, information, guidance and practical skills for people affected by an acquired brain injury and their carers / families.

Grant request

Headway plan to use the grant money initially to fund 8 Harrow members who will attend the Healthy Living Centre in Wealdstone 1 day week for 6 hours at a cost of £17 an hour, the remainder if the money will continue to fund the monthly support group meetings / activities.

Officer comments

There is a lack of suitable support services in Harrow for people with an acquired brain injury and their carers / families. The above scheme would provide a useful resource for the local community.

The panel may wish to make a contribution of £3,102, which will enable the support group to get started and to meet fortnightly for a year. This will also fund the monthly support group meetings / activities. If the group is successful the Grants Panel can consider a bid for the full amount in the next bidding round. Alternatively, if Headway can obtain match funding from elsewhere then they could meet on a weekly basis.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by People First Commissioning Team.

HERGA ROAD & MASONS AVENUE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (HAMCA)

Grant requested:	£2,460
Current grant :	£500
Grant recommended:	£1,000

Background

HAMCA was set up in September 2003 with the following aims:

- To create and maintain a safe and pleasant living environment promoting good will, pride, and community spirit in residents, businesses and the wider community.
- To promote the interests of the community by providing a forum for consultation and negotiation with Harrow Council and other bodies that may have an interest in the area, e.g. Wealdstone Active Community or housing agencies
- The Association is non-political

Grant request

HAMCA is requesting a grant of £2,460 to cover the cost of professional printing of newsletters, the purchase of a small scanner/printer/copier and cartridges and the purchase of an external noticeboard. HAMCA will try to cover the other running costs, such as stationery, postage and phone calls through personal contributions, sponsorship and fundraising events.

Officer comments

HAMCA consider effective communication with the local community as central to its work. Their main method of communication is their newsletter, which needs to be eye-catching in order to persuade the community to read it and join in with the activities. Officers recommend a grant of £1,000 and will advise HAMCA to apply to the North West London Community Foundation for the scanner/printer/copier.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

HAMCA is not in receipt of funding from any other source. They did approach local businesses for sponsorship for these costs, but have so far been unsuccessful.

Report produced by the Grants Unit

HINDU COUNCIL

Grant requested:	£2,500
Current grant :	£1,000
Grant recommended:	£1,000

Background

The Hindu Council was set up in 1998 as a non-political entity and its objects are:

- To promote the Hindu religion, be it the Jains, the Sikhs, the Vaishnavas, the Buddhists or any other relevant religion based on the Hindu philosophy.
- Advance the Education and Social Welfare of the Hindus.
- To work towards improving the quality of life for all Hindus.

Grant request

The Hindu Council is requesting a grant of £2,500 for capital equipment (not specified) and health seminars and to help disadvantaged people and assist other organisations to meet the Hindu Council's aims. The funding will also enable them to provide sports and cultural activities in addition to celebrating the diverse mix in Harrow through supporting and with the support of Harrow Council.

Officer comments

The Hindu Council's aim of promoting the Hindu religion does not meet the Council's Qualifying Conditions for Grant Aid. The request to fund health seminars should be made to Harrow Primary Care Trust (this advice was offered to the Hindu Council last year). The application is vague on what the organisation intends to provide with the grant, apart from the health seminars.

Officers recommend funding at this year's level as a contribution towards general running costs.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

No other funding received in 2004/05 or applied for.

Report produced by the Grants Unit

HOME START HARROW

Grant requested:	£5,000
Current grant :	£2,496
Grant recommended:	£5,000

Background

Harrow Home Start works with families experiencing difficulties or suffering stress to prevent family crisis and breakdown. Those who receive the service have at least one child under five. The services that the organisation provides includes support in the home for as long as necessary, a family group, a drop-in and a summer holiday play scheme.

The service is covered by a Service Level Agreement, which is monitored by People First. Quarterly statistical returns are submitted by Home Start and formal meetings are held six monthly. Home start has consistently increased the number of families it helps, which now average out to 160 each year. Collectively, these families have approximately 200 children under five years of age. They provide this service with an average of fifty volunteers. The organisation is based at the Headstone Centre.

Grant request

The First Time Mothers Group was funded by the John Lyons Trust but this will come to an end at the end of March 2005. In order for the group to continue next year they will need a minimum level of funding of £13,500.00.

Home Start provides valued preventative services to families with young children and works extremely well with People First Children's Services. The First Time Mothers Group has supported 82 mothers over a period of 3.5 years from birth to approximately 8 months old when the baby starts to crawl.

The purpose of the group is to provide specialist support to the mothers to give the babies a positive start to life. This involves sitting together as a group to discuss issues that have arisen during the week and this way mothers are able to see that they often have similar concerns and this in itself lessens anxiety.

Three times a year baby massage is taught to the group and this frequency ensures that all those attending are able to receive this service, which is an invaluable assistance to mother and baby bonding. Mothers are offered the opportunity to receive an aroma massage, and many value this opportunity to relax.

Attendance at the group allows the mothers to make friendships that often continue outside the group, so forming a network of support they may not have had before.

The funding will be used to meet the cost of a group leader, four sessional workers, fees for a qualified massage therapist and a trained baby massage therapist. Homestart has also bid to the PCT's Voluntary Sector Commissioning fund for this project. Discussions have taken place with the PCT and it is hoped that they will be able to match fund this project.

Officer comments

The Grants Panel is requested to fund £5,000.00 towards this project, conditional upon the successful bid for the remaining funding from the PCT. The Panel to agree to authorise officers to release the £5,000.00 once confirmation has been received from the PCT regarding the balance of the funding.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by People First Contracts Unit

IGNITE TRUST

Grant requested: £21,000 & £6,000
Current grant : £3,500
Grant recommended: £10,000

Background

Ignite's objectives are to educate, inform and inspire young people.

Grant request

One application is for office space. If office space is needed perhaps could work with community premises.

Application two for a project named Club 2000 (Compact Club). To work along side secondary school staff to work with disaffected and disengaged young people and special educational needs young people. The young people will gain skills in communication, working with others, information technology, numeracy, problem solving and improving their ability to learn.

Officer comments

The recommendation is to grant £10,000 against the £21,000 application and £0 (nil) for the £6,000 application. We additionally recommend that Ignite trust apply to Connexions for any additional funding.

Officer Recommendation: £ 10,000

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by Youth and Connexions Service.

ISLAMIC & CULTURAL SOCIETY OF HARROW

Grant requested: £2,000
Current grant: £500
Grant recommended: Nil

Background

This group runs a “mother tongue teaching school (Urdu)”.

Officer comments

This group has significant funds loaned to the Harrow Mosque project in addition to unrestricted funds.

The group appears to work outside the remit of the Youth and connexions service, thus we are not in a position to comment on the overall application.

Officer Recommendation: £ 0 (nil).

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This organisation does not receive funding from any other source.

Report produced by Youth and Connexions Service.

JAAGO PUNJABI WOMEN'S GROUP

Grant requested: £2,750
Current grant : £2,750
Grant recommended: £2,750

Background

This voluntary organisation provides a meeting place and forum for Punjabi women to provide mother-tongue classes in Punjabi for children. The organisation also runs other activities including Bhangra classes, yoga and a Women's group every Thursday from 12.30 to 2.30pm. Counselling sessions are also provided.

Jaago is currently run by a total of 20 active volunteers.

Grant request

The grant requested is to fund the cost of renting a room at the Vaughan Centre where the group meets.

Officer comments

Officers recommend that the current level of funding of £2,750 be continued.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by Service Commissioning Team, People First.

KALA ANJALI ARTS CIRCLE

Grant requested:	£5,000
Current grant :	£1,500
Grant recommended:	£1,500

Background

Kala Anjali Arts Circle was set up in 1982 with the aim of promoting South Asian Arts and Heritage in schools and the wider community. They are based in Harrow, and the majority of their work takes place in Harrow and Brent schools. They do this through the provision of resources and workshops in collaboration with partners such as Arts 4 Schools and Arts Culture Harrow.

Grant request

The organisation is requesting a grant of £5,000 to enable it to complete its five-year plan 2000-2005 on valuing diversity, which includes the following projects:

- Choral Music Project 2000-2005 – involves Asian languages; Bilingual pupils and peers learn alongside staff
- Schools 5th Indian Music Festival, involving mainstream schools, as well as community schools.
- Seminar planned to consolidate their work, share resources, showcase artists.

Officer comments

Kala Anjali Arts Circle provides valuable resources and activities for schools, raising awareness of South Asian arts and heritage, thus promoting cultural diversity and community cohesion. Officers in People First support this application. It is recommended that funding be offered at this year's level.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by the rants Unit

KIDS CAN ACHIEVE

Grant requested:	£15,808
Current grant :	£2,000
Grant recommended :	£15,808

Background

Kids Can Achieve is a registered voluntary organisation that was started in October 2002. They support children with disabilities and their families.

In October 2003 they identified an area of need in young people aged between 12-17 years, and set up Kids Can Crew.

Kids Can Crew is the youth project that is part of KCA work. It was started up to help young people who don't go out, can't go out, or won't go out because of particular disabilities, which include ADHD, Autistic spectrum disorders and emotional behaviour difficulties.

The majority of their young people find it hard to socialise and to go out by themselves. They offer support in empowering them to overcome their fears, and to help them become more confident and independent. Their activities include a weekly youth group, one-to-one work, small group work, working with families and their children, school support, and holiday provision for all young people.

Kids Can Crew youth group is run on a Wednesday evening for two-and-a-half hours. There is one paid part-time staff member who co-ordinates the project, plus several volunteers. They offer young people Play Station 2, art 'n craft, sport, trips, video nights, pizza nights, pool and snooker, bowling, and much more.

The one-to-one sessions are an important part of their work, as they meet with young people in order to build up their confidence and enable them to attend the youth club. The one-to-one work can go on for a number of weeks, depending on the young person and their needs.

Holiday provision is run every school holiday, and runs for four days per week. They offer a wide range of different activities, such as sport, trips, art 'n craft, workshops, swimming and music. They also run a programme that enables young people to go and access other projects run by the local authority, with the guidance of their staff.

One of the aims of their project is to empower their young people to join main stream activities. During the Easter holidays this year, twelve of their members joined a staff team on Harrow's Easter Action Project, and eight of them travelled on a double decker bus for a day trip to Butlins. Their youth workers were there to support them and the young people coped amazingly. One of their original members now accesses a borough youth club regularly, and another has gained the confidence to become a volunteer helper at their weekly sessions.

Working with families, as well as with the young people, enables them to help overcome any problems at home, and to support them in a positive way so that they can get the best out of their time as a family.

Officer comments

This is the only provider of this type of service in the borough, which is valued by the People First, Children & Families Services. A grant of £15,808 is recommended.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by People First Children and Families Services

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

Grant requested: £11,220
Current grant : £2,500
Grant recommended: Nil

Background

Middlesex Association for the Blind is a locally based organisation that offers support, information, equipment and advice for people who are partially sighted, blind or deaf-blind. MAB also works in eight other local authorities and is a well-respected organisation.

Grant request

The organisation wish to extend the opening hours of the resource centre at their offices in Harrow. The resource centre gives people advice and information on specialist equipment that can be used to aid people's independence

Officer Comments:

Although the MAB offices are based in Harrow the resources and the services offered are used by eight other London boroughs. It would seem inappropriate for Harrow to fund the whole of the cost for the extended hours of the resource centre. As this request will benefit 9 London Boroughs including Harrow, the MAB should be advised to submit a bid to the Association of London Government Grants.

Grant recommended - Nil.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by People First Commissioning Team.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY – HARROW BRANCH

Grant requested: £2,000
Current grant : £1,000
Grant recommended: £1,000

Background

The Harrow Branch of the MS Society was established in 1963, and is part of the national MS organisation. The main aim of the group is to promote awareness of people with MS and to offer information and support for people with MS and their carers. There are currently 200 members of the society in Harrow.

Grant request

For 2005-2006 the grant request is to contribute towards the cost of printing the MS society bi-monthly newsletter. The newsletter is one way that people with MS are able to receive information about social activities, contact numbers and information. The newsletter is also produced on tape for people who have a visual impairment.

Officer Comments

The MS society provides a vital link for local people who are affected by MS and also their carers. The MS society funds the newsletter from the current grant, fundraising and donations.

Officers recommend grant funding at the current level of £1,000 towards the cost of the newsletter.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information has not been received.

Report produced by People First Commissioning Team.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF VANIK ASSOCIATIONS UK

Grant requested: £4,000
Current grant : £500
Grant recommended : nil

Background

This is an umbrella organisation of over 20 associations in the UK. The current request is for funding for their "Help the Elderly" project, to help able and disabled elderly members of the Vanik community by providing support to enhance their quality of life.

Grant request

The organisation was awarded a grant of £500 last year to initiate a research project to identify elderly Gujarati and Hindi speaking Harrow residents who might need culturally specific support. The current application is for funding for a member of staff, equipment and premises once the research is completed.

Officer comments

Officers are aware that the Association has reserve funds of over £24,000 and would suggest that some of this is used to carry out the research.

Members might wish to reserve a sum of money to fund them once they have completed the research.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This organisation does not receive funding from any other source.

Report produced by People First Contracts Unit

PAKISTAN SOCIETY OF HARROW

Grant requested: £7,000
Current grant : £6,000
Grant recommended: £6,150 (inclusive of salary inflation)

Background

The Pakistan Society of Harrow was set up in April 2002 to promote the interests of the Pakistani community living in Harrow in order to improve their health, education and access to employment, to enable them to make a positive contribution to Harrow.

Grant request

The organisation is requesting a grant of £7,000 (£5,000 for the salary of the part-time Admin Officer and £2,000 for other expenses). The funding will help them in their work with the youth, women and elderly. The aim is to raise awareness towards improving health, encouraging access to services, promoting equality, encouraging access to education, increasing knowledge about domestic violence and about child care facilities.

Officer comments

The Pakistan Society is active at the Community Premises and since the appointment of the part-time Admin Officer there has been an increase in the take-up of its services by the community. The grant application specifies that they propose to set up a Sunday Club for over 50s, and establish crèche facilities for young mothers. However, the application fails to provide details of where the activities will take place, the frequency of the activities and the number of intended beneficiaries. In view of this, officers can only recommend funding at this year's level, plus salary inflation, on condition that the Pakistan Society provide evidence that they have apply for funding from other sources as currently they rely entirely on the Council's grant.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

The Society does not currently receive funding from any other source.

Report produced by the Grants Unit

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SOCIETY

Grant requested: £2,300
Current grant : £2,240
Grant recommended: £2,300

Background

The Harrow branch of the Parkinson's Disease Society employs a part time Community Support Worker to provide advice, information and support to people affected by Parkinson's Disease, their families and carers. Practical and emotional support is given as well as information on other support services.

From April 2003- March 2004, the Community Support Worker carried out 80 home visits, 22 nursing homes and hospital visits and telephone support to 544 people.

Officer Comments

Officer recommends a grant of £2,300 as a contribution towards funding the CSW post. This is a valuable local service, which has seen a doubling in requests for support and advice.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information has not been received.

Report produced by People First Commissioning Team

RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS ASSOCIATION

Grant requested: £5,500
Current grant : £2,300
Grant recommended: £3,000

Background

The association was set up in April 1999 to address the needs of London's large Russian-speaking community, which is not served by any other organisation. The main aims of the organisation are:

- To support community involvement, particularly among Russian-speaking people who are at greatest disadvantage and fully excluded, such as minority ethnic community, asylum seekers, refugees, people on low income, unemployed people and lone parents;
- To provide services for Russian-speaking refugees and asylum seekers;
- To provide information about British law, culture, traditions, health service, and education system among Russian-speaking people.

Grant request

RIA are requesting a grant of £5,500 to cover volunteers expenses (£3,000), telephones (£1,000), postage and stationery (£500) and interpreting and translation (£1,000).

Officer comments

RIA is very active and has a very large membership (730 members, of whom 420 are from Harrow). During 2003/04 they dealt with over 1500 users, of whom 70% were from Harrow. In view of the large number of Harrow residents who benefit from the organisations services, officers recommend a grant of £3,000 to cover the following:

Volunteers' expenses £1,500
Interpreting services £500
General running costs £1,000 (telephone, postage, stationery)

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

Funder	Amount	No. of years	Expires	Purpose
Trust for London	£9,500	1	May 2005	Part-time co-ordinator
Turvill trust	£2,000	1	June 2005	Summer club for children
BBC Children in Need	£8,000	1	February 2006	Children's club
Metropolitan Police	£500	1	June 2005	Counselling sessions
Bridge House Estates Trust	£5,000	1	April 2005	Club 50+
Awards for All	£5,000	1	May 2005	Club 50+

Report produced by Grants Unit

SPECIAL CONNECTION

Grant requested:	£2,000
Current grant :	£2,000
Grant recommended:	£2,000

Background

Special Connection is a registered charity organisation whose aim is to break down the preconceived perceptions of disability through the opportunity to work in an integrated environment on equal terms. The whole of the borough of Harrow is covered by the group. Special Connections plan to run two day drama workshops involving 30 young people from mainstream education working on a one to one basis with 30 young people with special educational needs. The aims of the project are:

- To break down social barriers in Harrow
- To influence for the good future colleagues, employers and decision-makers
- To promote friendships across the barriers, and promoting social inclusion.

Grant request

Proposed are three two-day workshops for 180 young people 50% of whom will have special needs, and 50% from mainstream education. Participants will be encouraged to use their imaginative skills to 'make up' the play they are working on- based this year on a Health and Fitness project. They then have to produce, costume and stage their idea.

The two-day workshops will be held either in Harrow Arts Centre, or Canons Community Centre. At each workshop 6 Special Connection qualified and experienced team leaders will work with approximately 60-65 young people.

Officer Comments

An excellent project proposal that will directly benefit Harrow in the area of social and cultural integration of special needs persons.

The project implemented by Special Connection means that all the young people, disabled and non-disabled are given equality of opportunity and empowerment. Whilst they are able to take part in drama activities and performances, the project also promotes understanding of disability issues, encourages team work, develops confidence and offers a pathway to future training and employment within the arts sector.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by the Arts Unit, Harrow Council

TONGUES ON FIRE

Grant requested:	£5,000
Current grant :	£5,000
Grant recommended:	£5,000

Background

Tongues on Fire is an annual film festival that raises Asian Women's issues through film, seminars, workshops etc. It takes place across London, including at nationally important arts venues e.g. National Film Theatre, and using agencies such as the British Film Institute. As the Festival is organised by local Harrow people, Harrow residents and students based in the Borough benefit from much of the educational work. Some of the festive events take place in the Borough, so local people can also attend these. In addition, Tongues on Fire usually contribute to Harrow Arts Festival.

There are a total of three films to be screened, each to be followed by discussions which will be open to members of community and women's groups, plus the staff & volunteers working with these groups.

An education programme will be rolled out to schools and colleges in Harrow. This will include media students at Harrow College & University of Westminster, Harrow Campus. The programme will include a seminar at the University for students & film enthusiasts from the Harrow Community.

Grant request

The total cost of the project, including work focussed on Harrow, will be £5,000, which is the sum Tongues on Fire are requesting. If they do not receive this amount, the education programme they offer in Harrow will be reduced accordingly.

Officer comments

- Tongues on Fire have a track record of working in Harrow and with Harrow Council Arts Unit, as well as other local partners, e.g. Harrow College; the Vaughan Centre; University of Westminster, Harrow Campus; Harrow Women's Centre.
- Their work is focussed on raising women's issues, e.g. in the cultural and political areas.
- Tongues on Fire aim to work with a range of disadvantaged groups within the Harrow community such as refugee groups; Mental Health groups; Day Centres for people with disabilities.
- The Harrow community benefits from having a London-wide and nationally important film festival that focuses some of its work specifically in the borough.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This organisation does not receive funding from any other source.

Report produced by Harrow Arts Unit

U.K. ASIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Grant requested:	£3,000
Current grant :	£2,750
Grant recommended:	£2,750

Background

The UK Asian Women's Conference run the SEWA project (Drop-In Centre) that provides an information and advice service to enable Asian women, mainly Indian, to come out of their isolation. It also organises a programme of activities to address social, health and employment issues. The organisation currently receives a grant of £2,750 to meet the cost of their room at the Vaughan Centre.

The UKAWC also provides a commercial translation and interpreting service and currently have a service level agreement with this authority for this service. The organisation is required to use part of the surplus from their trading account to part-fund the post of Co-ordinator and other running costs of the SEWA project. The funding transferred from the trading account to this Project is normally £4,000 annually.

Officer comments

Officers recommend that the UKAWC receive a grant of £2,750 to meet the cost of their room hire at the Vaughan Centre.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by Service Commissioning Team, People First.

VICTIM SUPPORT HARROW

Grant requested: £19,000
Current grant : £15,415
Grant recommended: £15,780 (inclusive of salary inflation)

Background

Victim Support Harrow was set up in 1981 to provide emotional support, advice and information to victims of crime living in Harrow. Victim Support Harrow is committed to providing victims of crime and witnesses with appropriate and sufficient recognition, support and information to assist them in dealing with crimes which they have experienced; to ensuring that the rights of victims and witnesses are acknowledged and advanced in all aspects of criminal justice and social policy; to ensuring that all clients receive a consistent level of service throughout the London Borough of Harrow.

Grant request

VSH is requesting a grant of £19,000 to cover the salary, on-costs and running costs for the part-time post of Deputy Co-ordinator for Black and Minority Ethnic clients.

Officer comments

VSH had a very satisfactory monitoring visit on 1st September 2004. According to VSH statistics, in 2003/04 they dealt with 5,369 victims of whom 2,484 (46%) were from minority ethnic communities. These figures represent a significant increase over the previous year's figures (4,407 and 2,096 respectively). VSH has very good administrative and financial records and a committed pool of about 18 volunteer visitors. Officers recommend funding at this year's level plus inflation for salary, if Cabinet agrees inflation additions to grants.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

Funder	Amount	No. of years	Expires	Purpose
National Assoc. of Victim Support Schemes	£69,674	3	31.3.2007	Salary, on costs and running costs
Children's Fund	£38,750	3	31.3.2006	Young victims of crime project
Metropolitan Police Authority	£875	one-off funding	-	Victims of crime 16-19 years project

Report produced by Grants Unit

VITALISE (FORMERLY WINGED FELLOWSHIP TRUST)

Grant requested:	£3,364
Current grant :	£2,022
Grant recommended:	£3,364

Background

Vitalise is the new name for The Winged Fellowship. Vitalise provides breaks for adults with a physical disability and or sensory impairment. The respite service is provided in their five purpose built centres around the country. Vitalise provide nursing and residential care and is supported by a well-established team of national and international volunteers.

Each break is subsidised by Vitalise. During 2004, 89 weeks were booked to provide breaks for physically disabled and sensory impaired from Harrow and 15 weeks to accommodate volunteers from Harrow. The number of breaks offered to Harrow residents has increased by 32 weeks in 2004 and volunteers weeks have increased by 2 weeks in 2004.

Grant request

The grant requested represents a 10% contribution towards the breaks for Harrow residents and expenses for 15 volunteers from Harrow.

Officer comments

The organisation provides a valued break for carers and an opportunity for disabled people to have a wide range of experiences in a safe and stimulating environment. Volunteers receive an opportunity to develop work related skills.

It is recommended that the Council continue to support this organisation at the level requested of £3,364.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by People First Commissioning Team.

WOODLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Grant requested: £7,725
Current grant : £7,725
Grant recommended: £4,000

Background

This project provides a Youth club 2 evenings per week on a Monday and Thursday, for the young people of the Woodlands and the Cottessmore Estates. It meets in the Bede Anandappa community centre (formally the Woodlands community centre). It is managed by the TRA with support by Harrow Youth and Connexions, voluntary sector development team.

The project meets all of the Y&C standards such as child protection and equal opportunities.

Grant request

The grant is needed to provide 2 trained (1 male, 1 female) youth workers to enable the project to meet the projects aims.

Officer comments

The recommendation is made with view to funding 1 of the 2 current sessions.

Officer Recommendation: £ 4,000

Funding received from other sources 2004/05

This information has not been received.

Report produced by Youth and Connexions Service.

APPENDIX 2 C

GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM GROUPS NOT CURRENTLY FUNDED

Age Concern Harrow
Aspire
BTWSC
Community and Refugee Enlightening (CARE)
Disability Foundation (The)
Girlguiding North West Middlesex
Harrow Association of Somali Voluntary Organisations
Harrow Bangladeshi Association
Harrow Computer Group
Harrow Emerald Circle
Harrow Family Learning Network
Harrow Gayatri Satsang Mandal
Persian Senior Citizens Club
Rayners Lane Estate Tenants & Residents Association
Sahara
Sangat Advice Centre
Transage Project (The)
Wealdstone Active Community
Wish Centre (The)

AGE CONCERN HARROW

Grant requested: £41,418

Grant recommended: nil

Background and grant request

Age Concern are seeking grant funding of £41,418 to set up a service within the Healthy Living centre in the Wealdstone Centre, as a community facility for people of all ages and to support intergenerational activities.

This would include resources for older people to enable them to participate in community and social activities (e.g. lunch and social clubs based at the Wealdstone Centre), outreach work, planned activities and outings, exercise sessions for older people, and increasing awareness of rights and entitlements through talks.

Age Concern has submitted an identical bid for the PCT's Voluntary Sector Commissioning Fund, which has not been approved.

A Prevention Strategy is at present being formulated and services such as these will be priorities for future funding. It is anticipated that a Prevention Fund will be created and bids invited towards the end of 2005. Successful bids will be funded from 2006/07.

Officer comments

As this grant application is for 3-year funding, officers consider that it is more appropriate that it be re-submitted to the Prevention Fund when that is established.

Officers recommend that the Grants Panel refer the application for funding to the proposed Prevention Fund.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by People First Contracts Unit

ASPIRE

Grant requested: £6,000

Grant recommended: £1,000

Background

Aspire is a national spinal cord injuries charity, which has its base at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital in Stanmore. Aspire provides a range of very highly regarded schemes including the integrated play scheme as well as the fully integrated leisure service. Aspire was awarded funding in October 2004 from the English Federation Disability Sports Inclusive Award to support new equipment, training, marketing and sports developments for disabled people.

Grant request

The leisure service is a well-used resource by both disabled and non-disabled people from Harrow and NW London. Aspire has contributed 25% towards the costs of the scheme and is seeking £6,000 to cover the deficit in funding from the English Federation Disability Sports, which was not covered by the award.

Officer Comments

The leisure centre is used by several day and residential services for adults with a physical disability and learning disability in the borough to support and expand people's day service options.

A grant of £6,000 cannot be justified as more non-disabled people than disabled people use the scheme and not all of the centres users are from the Harrow area. However, as the service offered by Aspire is nationally recognised and well respected it is important that Harrow is seen to be associated with and supporting this organisation.

Although it is difficult to suggest a level of funding, a grant of £1,000 is recommended as a contribution towards the deficit.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by People First Commissioning Team.

BTWSC

Grant requested: £6,000
Grant recommended: Nil

Background

The BTWSC project will provide 14-17 year olds with 12 weeks of music industry training with one to one support, and the opportunity to write and record a song with a positive ethos, on a theme such as substance misuse. Beneficiaries will gain industry knowledge – overview of publishing, copyright, contract and income streams.

BTWSC give access to the project through it's database and networking with other organisations in Harrow and contact with personal advisers and the youth offending team.

Grant request

This grant would be the total income meeting all the groups costs.

Officer comments

This group is not known to us and are therefore unable to comment upon their work or project.

Officer Recommendation: £ 0 (nil).

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by Youth and Connexions Service.

COMMUNITY & REFUGEE ENLIGHTENING (CARE)

Grant requested: £8,500
Grant recommended: nil

Background

CARE was set up in June 2003 to offer advice and assistance to Somalis and other ethnic minority people in Harrow and the surrounding areas, who are unable to fully understand or access mainstream services, such as immigration, benefits, training, education and employment. CARE has a management committee of five, which meets once a year. They have 102 members, of whom 26 (25%) are from outside Harrow. At present they offer a drop-in service at 384D Northolt Road, South Harrow on Tuesdays and Fridays between 10 am and 4 pm (1 pm to 2 pm lunch break). They see on average 10-15 people a week and they offer them information, help with form filling, phone calls or letter writing. They refer people with complex cases to other agencies.

Grant request

CARE is requesting a grant of £8,500 to enable it to continue providing a 'drop-in' service for Somalis twice a week. The grant will pay for the salary of a part-time project worker and general running costs.

Officer comments

CARE is a new organisation offering services to the Somali community in South Harrow. Members are aware that there are already five other Somali groups based at the Community Premises, that have come together and formed an umbrella organisation to co-ordinate services to the community and avoid duplication. During the pre-assessment meeting on 16th December 2004, this was pointed out to the Co-ordinator of CARE who was introduced to the management committee of HASVO (Harrow Association of Somali Voluntary Organisations) and advised to explore with them future co-operation.

CARE's budget for 2005/06 is £29,970, of which only £750 has been secured. An application to Bridge House Estates Trust has been declined. No other applications are pending, but they may apply to the Lottery.

In view of the uncertainty about funding from other sources and because CARE's services will duplicate those provided by HASVO members this application is not recommended.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

The organisation received a grant of £750 from Renewal.

Report produced by Grants Unit

DISABILITY FOUNDATION (THE)

Grant requested: £65,642
Grant recommended: £14,441 (reserved)

Background

The Disability Foundation is a non-profit making organisation, which provides a variety of services for adults and children with learning disabilities, physical disabilities, sensory impairment and Autism, their carers and families.

The organisation is based at Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital at Stanmore and has been running since 1998. The organisation provides complementary therapies to clients at an affordable rate, as well as a disability information service. The service receives referrals from other local organisations such as Carers Support Harrow, HAD, Community Link –Up, HAVS and local special schools.

Officer Comments

Although the service is based in Harrow, only 33% of its client base live in the borough. People who live in Barnet and Hertfordshire also use the service. The service is looking for £65,642 for 1 year to pay for the posts of Project co-ordinator and Disability Information co-ordinator. Funding had been previously given by the Community Fund and this ends in July 2005.

It would be inappropriate for Harrow Council to fund the whole of the £65,642, however as the organisation supports a large number of Harrow based families it would be a suitable service for Harrow to be associated with. The Council may wish to make a contribution of £14,441, which is 33% of £65.642 pro rata for 8 months towards the cost of the service, which is used by Harrow families.

This funding is conditional upon the Disability Foundation obtaining match funding from the other Local Authorities using the service. The Grants Panel to agree that officers can release this funding once it has been confirmed that a viable amount has been raised for this service.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by People First Commissioning Team.

GIRLGUIDING MIDDLESEX NORTH WEST

Grant requested: £5,000

Grant recommended: £5,000

Background

Girlguiding Middx NW (GG M NW), is an autonomous part of Girlguiding UK. The Girlguiding MNW seeks to promote girl's spiritual, social, emotional, physical, intellectual and moral development.

Grant request

GG M NW is seeking funding of £5,000 towards the £35,000 running cost of the Willow Tree Centre, a multi-purpose residential centre with full disabled facilities located in Hillingdon. The centre attracts more than 6,000 users per year.

The accounts show an annual loss of approximately £10,000 per year.

Officer comments

GG M NW confirms that more than 3,000 users are from the Harrow council area. We are currently building a relationship with this organisation locally.

Officer Recommendation: £ 5,000

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by Youth and Connexions Service.

HARROW ASSOCIATION OF SOMALI VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS (HASVO)

Grant requested: £25,000

Grant recommended: £15,000

Background

HASVO was set up in January 2004 to provide a united voice to the needs of the Somali community in Harrow; to help Somali groups to network and develop; to improve the social and economic conditions of the Somali community.

HASVO is the umbrella group of 6 full member organisations and 3 affiliated groups. In addition to co-ordinating services to the Somali community, HASVO is trying to avoid duplication of effort and service by allocating responsibility to member organisations for a specific service area or client group.

Grant request

HASVO is applying for a grant of £25,000 to employ a part-time Co-ordinator to oversee the surgeries of the 6 member groups, provide advice to service providers and establish quality systems. Funds will also be used by all of the member organisations, under the guidance of the HASVO management committee, in delivering services to the community.

The HASVO member specialist groups will provide advice, guidance, sign posting and facilitating access to services for the community. They will escort clients to service providers and will represent them whenever necessary. The outcomes they expect to meet are:

- 400 will be assisted
- 200 children will be supported in their education
- Working links with Council departments and other local providers will improve considerably
- The quality of life of the Harrow Somali community will generally improve

Officer comments

The establishment of HASVO is a most welcomed development, because it brings a number of groups together, thus creating community cohesion, a focus for the whole community and avoids the dilution of effort and duplication of services.

The Somali groups have in the past experienced a degree of competition and antagonism. HASVO hopes to create a united front and equip the member groups with specialist skills so that members of the community will know who deals with a specific service area or client group (youth, women, elderly, disabled). The Council currently funds 4 Somali groups in the total sum of £7,500 (£5,000 for the Harrow Somali Women's Action Group (HASWAG), £1,000 for the East African Welfare & Development Concern and £1,000 for Iwanaaji Somali Disabled Association). These groups, except for HASWAG, have decided not to apply for a grant in their own right so as to strengthen HASVO's application.

Whilst the HASVO bid constitutes a significant growth over the current funding to Somali groups, officers recommend a grant of £15,000, because of the huge benefits that many accrue from a strong and adequately resourced HASVO.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

HASVO so far have only had £1,300 from Renewal. They hope to have a similar sum in 2005/06. Officers will assist HASVO with applications to other funding bodies.

Report produced by the Grants Panel

HARROW BANGLADESHI ASSOCIATION

Grant requested: £4,847

Grant recommended: £2,500

Background

This is a new organisation that has started in 2004.

The primary function of the group is to provide educational support to the young children of Harrow with particular focus on teaching Bengali language and providing cultural awareness to the community.

The group is principally staffed by volunteers. There are 37 students attending classes, all from the borough of Harrow.

Grant request

The group currently meets in two classrooms at Whitmore High School. Due to the wide range of ages and the anticipated growth with new students the group needs to fund an additional classroom.

Officer Recommendation: £ 2,500

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

The organisation does not receive funding from any other source.

Report produced by Youth and Connexions Service.

HARROW COMPUTER GROUP

Grant requested: £750
Grant recommended: nil

Background

The Harrow Computer Group was set up in 1975 to hold weekly meetings where people in the local community that are interested in computers and computing can gather to learn and discuss the subject. The group is a voluntary organisation with a membership of 35-40 people. They have two classes of membership – fully paid up members who pay a subscription annually and have full voting rights at the AGM and visitor members (users) who are not able to attend all weekly meetings and who pay a membership on a weekly basis as they attend.

Grant request

The Harrow Computer Group is requesting a grant of £750 to enable it to purchase a new data projector. They have not made any other applications for funding, but they will try to obtain trade discounts of sponsorship deals and subscriptions.

Officer comments

The membership of the Group is very small, but it is well established which would indicate some community support. The Group will be advised to apply to the North West London Community Foundation, who may be able to provide them with a data projector. Members may wish to reserve £750 to be paid from unallocated funds from 2004/05, in case the Group is unsuccessful with their application to the Foundation.

The Group does not receive funding from any other sources.

Report produced by Grants Panel

HARROW EMERALD CIRCLE

Grant requested: £4,900

Grant recommended: £500

Background

This organisation was established in 2002, but has not applied to the Council for funding in the past. It is run for and by Irish pensioners in the borough of Harrow, and provides social and educational sessions one afternoon per week, based at St Joseph's Church, Salvatorian College in Wealdstone. There are 39 current members / users. The organisation wishes to attract more members and provide more events.

Officer comments

Some funding has already been secured from other sources.

Officers recommend a grant of £500 to this organisation.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by People First Contracts Unit

HARROW FAMILY LEARNING NETWORK

Grant requested: £40,000
Grant recommended: nil

Background

Harrow Family Learning Network provides support to parents through parenting classes and groups, One to One Parent Mentoring Support, Mother Tongue Parenting Groups for parents whose first language is not English, topical workshops for parents and Anger Management for parents and children. They also train parents to support other parents.

They offer parents an opportunity to meet and discuss ways to develop positive relationships, improve communication with their families and understand their children's behaviour.

At present they have a Service Level Agreement with the Children's Fund (£56,500) and work closely with Connexions, the Youth Offending Team, local schools, People First, foster carers and community organisations to provide support to carers and parents.

The Mother Tongue Parenting is a recent project and is not carried out by any other organisation in the borough.

Grant request

The funding requested, an additional £40,000, will be used to expand existing services and develop new parenting support initiatives, provide for a full time Network Co-ordinator and a part time administration assistant, contribute to rent and office expenses, put in additional One to One Parent Support and parent group support, deliver the publication of a newsletter twice per year, fund a part time project worker, provide workshops for parents and professionals, and support lone parents.

Officer comments

Harrow Family Learning Network already receives £56,500 from the Children's Fund and this will continue through 2005/06. There is a commitment from the Children's Fund to consider the longer-term, including funding, in partnership with the groups currently funded from that Fund. It is recommended that the group continue for another year within the current level of funding from the Children's Fund to consolidate their service.

Grant recommended - Nil

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by People First Contracts Unit

HARROW GAYATRI SATSANG MANDAL

Grant requested: £5,304
Grant recommended: to be decided by Members

Background

The group has been established since 1990 and has a current membership of over 50 older ladies living in or around Wealdstone. Members meet twice a week for three hours each session. Current activities involve provision of advice and support, with an aim of preventing social exclusion and isolation. It is hoped to provide access to IT at the new centre.

Grant request

The group used to meet at Grant Road Community Centre. Since its closure, they have been advised that they can transfer to the new Wealdstone Centre. They are therefore seeking funding from the Council to cover this rental. Officers have been advised that the rental is £17 per hour for one room, and that the organisation has enquired about hiring a room, but has not yet submitted an application to the Wealdstone Centre.

Officer comments

The rental for one room for six hours per week is £102 per week. This amounts to £5,304 for a full year.

Members are asked to consider this request.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This organisation does not receive funding from any other source.

Report produced by People First Contracts Unit

PERSIAN SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Grant requested: £10,140

Grant recommended: nil

Background

This organisation was established in May 2004. It currently has 25 members and 25 users and was established to support older people of Iranian origin, who entered Britain as refugees/asylum seekers. It aims to preserve, promote and celebrate the Iranian cultural heritage, and reduce isolation within the Iranian community. The group meets once a week at the Victoria Hall, Sheepcote Road.

Grant request

They already have a voluntary member of staff and wish to convert this into a paid position. They also wish to recruit more volunteers and an English / yoga teacher.

Officer comment:

This is a small organisation. Officers do not consider that funding should be provided to pay a member of staff.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by People First Contracts Unit

RAYNERS LANE ESTATE TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Grant requested: £2,500

Grant recommended: £2,500

Background

Rayners Lane Estate Tenants & Residents Association (RLETRA) has been involved in a major regeneration programme in South Harrow by participating, in partnership with Warden Housing, in the process of re-developing the Rayners Lane estate. As part of that process, RLETRA wishes to promote a programme of cultural activities to support the regeneration and promote social inclusion and community cohesion.

Grant request

Rather than engage in a piecemeal series of activities, RLETRA wish to take a more coordinated and longer term approach, integrating cultural activity with other social and developmental programmes on the estate. To make this effective, and to ensure neighbourhood needs and aspirations are properly researched, they wish to appoint an arts development consultant to drive forward the first stage of the process; the development of a coordinated strategy. This plan will become the basis of a future programme of work.

Officer comments

- The Rayners Lane area is ranked as the most deprived in the borough, but with an active community that is seeking to tackle its problems. It would be extremely useful for RLETRA to thoroughly research what local residents priorities, etc., really are before launching on any programme of activity. Offering residents an opportunity to view good practice elsewhere is a good means of increasing the quality of final outcomes. The RLETRA proposal to employ an external consultant to assist with these aspects is a feasible and realistic approach.
- Warden Housing and RLETRA are currently working with the Council's Sports & Leisure Service on individual projects and have made initial approaches to the Council's Arts Unit. The proposed strategy would enable both services to target their support for the area.
- Warden Housing have offered to fund the other 50% of the consultancy and have indicated a commitment to providing substantial funding to support the outcome of the strategy, so that award of the grant will liberate additional external funding.
- There is an increasing realisation of the significant role cultural activity can play in advancing urban regeneration and promoting community cohesion. There are many proven examples of success throughout Britain, but as yet not so many of its practice in Harrow. Overall, this is an imaginative approach to harnessing culture to neighbourhood regeneration which could become an example of good practice to other neighbourhoods, both in Harrow itself and at a regional level.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by the Arts Unit, Harrow Council

SAHARA

Grant requested: £7,500
Grant recommended: nil

Background

SAHARA was set up in 1994 to provide health and welfare advice to the immigrant and refugee community of the African Great Lakes region in order to promote better UK national health. SAHARA ceased operations during the past few years and has been reactivated recently. The management committee has five members and meets twice a year. The organisation has 45 members.

Grant request

SAHARA is requesting a grant of £7,500 to support volunteer recruitment, training, transport and subsistence, assistance to clients and equipping a resource base.

Officer comments

A pre-assessment meeting was held with the SAHARA Co-ordinator on 30th November 2004. At the meeting it was requested that they provide a work programme, minutes of management committee meetings and AGM, membership list and a budget for 2005/06. Despite a promise that these documents would be provided by Friday 3rd December, these documents were hand-delivered on 21.12.04, but not the membership list for confidentiality reasons.

Officers are not satisfied that this organisation is sufficiently active or that it has significant community involvement, and therefore the application is not recommended for funding.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information has not been received.

Report produced by Grants Unit

SANGAT ADVICE CENTRE

Grant requested: £28,000
Grant recommended: nil

Background

The Sangat Advice Centre was set up in 1996 to provide information, advice, advocacy, case work and representation of South Asian and other refugee communities; to provide mentoring services for other organisations wishing to set up similar services; to provide training for I.T. learning; to identify hidden BME carers.

The Centre is a company limited by guarantee. The Centre was the first BME organisation to be awarded the Community Legal Services Quality Mark. They are authorised by the Office of the Immigration Commissioner to provide immigration advice and services at level 3, category 1–6.

The Centre provides an advice service in other languages including Gujarati, Punjabi and Hindi.

Grant request

The Sangat Advice Centre is seeking funding of £28,000 to cover the salary and on-costs for a new post of advice/admin officer. The funding will enable the Centre to provide free legal advice and case work on a range of welfare issues to prevent and reduce poverty, social exclusion, discrimination, family unity, settlement difficulties, debt, housing and other areas of benefits.

Officer comments

The Sangat Advice Centre has a very good track record. The Centre's reputation for good quality services has been recognised with the award of the Quality Mark and the registration with the Office of the Immigration Commissioner. A number of funding bodies have also shown their confidence in the organisation. The ALG provides an annual grant of £60,000, Bridge House Estates Trust provides a grant of £28,650 and the Children's Fund provides a grant of £25,000. They also have a service level agreement with People First Carers Support for £22,256 to identify hidden BME carers of people with disabilities and to provide outreach work and support, advice and information.

Officers are impressed by the professional services provided by the Sangat Advice Centre and would be very supportive of the organisation's attempts to secure more resources. However, as the Centre already has considerable funding, officers are unable to support this grant application for 2005/06. The Sangat Advice Centre should be advised to approach the ALG for additional funding should they deem the new post of advice/admin worker crucial.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by the Grants Unit

TRANSAGE PROJECT (THE) – HARROW ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Grant requested: £5,000

Grant recommended: £5,000

Background

This organisation has set up a network of volunteers from both the younger and older communities. Older people work with young people in schools in Harrow, giving them support and extra help in areas such as English and other community languages. Young people volunteer to visit older people in residential homes and day care centres, including Milmans and Anjali day centres. Relevant training is provided by the organisation. Since September 2004 there have been 92 older volunteers working in 37 schools in Harrow, and 40 young people have provided their services on a voluntary basis.

Grant request

The organisation is seeking funding to extend their services, including employing administrative support in the office.

Officer comments

It is noted that the organisation has applied for funding from three other sources. Members are asked to agree that officers release this funding should the bids for funding from the other organisations be unsuccessful.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by People First Contracts Unit

WEALDSTONE ACTIVITY COMMUNITY

Grant requested: £7,456
Grant recommended: £7,456

Regeneration has been working with and supporting WAC for a few years.

We have been able to support the delivery of a number of projects such as the Wealdstone Bridge Mural, community safety days, Blooming Wealdstone and newsletters .They provide the local community opportunities to become involved and informed, plus the opportunity for council and statutory services to interact with the public.

Representatives on this group also sit on other Harrow groups, and WAC has helped considerably with access to the community. The New Harrow Project, local counsellors and partners from the Wealdstone Centre have used this forum to gain feedback and share information. WAC representatives sit on the Wealdstone Regeneration Advisory Panel

Regeneration would support this application. It's a milestone in WAC's development, giving them the chance to properly plan their next year's activities and again raise their profile and encourage wider participation. The council can continue to use this forum for interaction.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

Report produced by Regeneration Team, Urban Living

WISH CENTRE (THE)

Grant requested: £8,000

Grant recommended: £8,000

Background

WISH was established in April 2003 (constituted March 2004) to:

- Empower the diverse community of women in Harrow through ensuring equal access to resources, information, and support
- Build capacity in new and existing services through being a catalyst for creative partnership work
- Support the women's sector towards greater sustainability and financial self reliance through capacity building and continuous learning

WISH is an umbrella organisation for women in Harrow and those providing services to them. WISH is also a catalyst for new local initiatives such as the successful Borough-wide multi-agency self-harm work with young women in Harrow.

WISH convenes the multi-agency Women's Forum, which has over 400 members representing over 120 local services to women.

Grant request

WISH is requesting a grant of £8,000 in 2005/06. This will be spent on the production of the Directory of Services, transferring this to an online directory, printing and distribution of the directory and publicising and evaluating the directory. Resources will also be invested in training equipment for Harrow Women's Forum and accredited training to empower women by ensuring they can easily access all information, resources and support that they may need to take control of their decision making and enhance their quality of life in areas ranging from childcare and health services through to continuous learning and safety issues.

Officer comments

WISH is an innovative and successful partnership project, which has made a significant impact on the groups servicing women and on the voluntary sector as a whole.

Funding for the Centre Developer was originally provided by joint finance and subsequently by Harrow Primary Care Trust. WISH has re-activated the Harrow Women's Forum and has improved the capacity of member organisations. Their successful Borough-wide multi-agency self-harm work has been recognised throughout Harrow and beyond. The production of the Directory of Services, which could be accessed online, and the associated training will enhance women's self-confidence and ability to access valuable services.

Officers recommend that this application be supported in full.

Funding received from other sources in 2004/05

This information is provided in the supporting Grant Applications Directory.

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