

Meeting:	Grants Advisory Panel
Date:	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2006
Subject:	Grant Funding 2006/07 – Deferred Grants
Responsible Officer:	Director Financial & Business Strategy
Contact Officer:	Chander Vasdev 020 8420 9249
Portfolio Holder:	Business Development – David Ashton
Key Decision:	No
Status:	Part 1

### **Section 1: Summary**

This report provides an update on the deferred grants to Voluntary Organisations from the last meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

#### **Decision Required**

Members are requested to consider the deferred grant application outlined in Appendix 2 and approve the recommendation in the attached individual report.

#### **Reason for report**

To finalise the allocation of funding to voluntary organisations in 2006/07.

#### **Benefits**

The funding requested will enable the Academy of Punjabi Heritage Group to continue delivering their services to their members and users, thereby improving the quality of life for the Punjabi community in Harrow, which at present is under-represented.

#### **Cost of Proposals**

The base Grants Budget (excluding Community Lettings) for 2006 is £1,163,694. The Panel on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006 allocated £1,155,994 from 2006/07 budget (please see Appendix 1.

The amount available for allocation is £7,700

## Risks

If approved for funding, the organisation may not be able to deliver their services to a standard outlined in their application.
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## Implications if recommendations rejected

None
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## Section 2: Report

### 2.1 Brief History

- 2.1.1 Grants Advisory Panel 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006 - The Panel decided to defer decision in respect of the application for the Punjabi Heritage Group, pending receipt of further information.
- 2.1.2 Cabinet 16<sup>th</sup> March 2006: Cabinet approved all the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Panel on Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2006/07.

### 2.2 Options considered

- 2.2.1 ACADEMY of PUNJABI HERITAGE GROUP: Consideration of this item was deferred pending receipt of further information from the organisation, i.e. a work programme and a budget for the activities it wishes to provide. An officer met with the chairperson of the organisation, however the information requested at this meeting has so far not been received.

### 2.3 Consultation

None

### 2.4 Financial Implications

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

### 2.5 Legal Implications

No legal comment

### 2.6 Equalities Impact

- 2.6.1 The application aim to address through funding inequalities and disadvantage and to promote equality of opportunity and better community and race relations. The funding requested will assist the organisation to serve black and minority ethnic communities, children and young people, women, people with disabilities and the elderly.

## 2.7 Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Considerations

No direct implications.

### **Section 3: Supporting Information/ Background Documents**

#### **APPENDIX 1**

##### **ACADEMY OF PUNJABI HERITAGE**

**Grant requested:           £10,000**

**Grant recommended:    Nil**

##### Background

The organisation was set up in 1984 to provide counselling, interpreting, housing and immigration advice to their disadvantaged group in Harrow.

##### Grant request

The organisation is seeking a grant of £10,000 to be spent on providing a comprehensive service (unspecified). The organisation is also requesting office space at the Community Premises and a grant to cover the lettings for their Punjabi classes.

##### Officer comment

The organisation failed to provide a work programme, or a budget for the activities it wishes to provide. Under question B3 What activities will be delivered and where? It states: "We request for a space at the Community Premises at Northolt Road where we can also monitor and keep records."

Officers recommend that no funding be offered to this organisation in 2006/07, but be offered advice on work programmes, budget setting and project design and management. Finally, it should be noted that the organisation has unrestricted reserves of £3,000, which could be used for external training to supplement any advice to be offered freely by officers.