

Meeting:	Grants Advisory Panel
Date:	6 th July 2006
Subject:	Edward Harvist Trust Charity – Reserved 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 reserved grants resulting from the 4th round of applications to the Edward Harvist Trust fund from the last meeting on 8th March 2006.

Decision Required

Members are requested to consider the reserved EHT applications for funding and make decisions accordingly:

- To authorise officers to release the total reserved EHT amount of £8,670 in respect of:
 - Flash Musicals;
 - Harrow Bengalee Association;
 - Horn Community;
 - Ivanaaji Somali Disabled Association

Reason for report

To enable the organisations listed above to utilise the reserved amount of £8,670.

Benefits

The release of the reserved EHT amount of £8,670 will help the relevant organisations to enhance the services they provide to their users.

Cost of Proposals

None from this report, as the £8,670 recommended for release is already in the budget and reserved for the organisations listed above.

(It should be noted that the EHT allocations at the meeting on 8th March 2006 exceeded the amount in the budget by £375, however a further payment of £8,919.39 was received into the fund on 11th April 2006).

Risks

The organisations may not use the funding for the purposes outlined in their applications.

Implications if recommendations rejected

The organisations may not be able to deliver the services or projects that the funding is required for, if their applications are rejected.

Section 2: Report

2.1 Brief History

2.1.1 Grants Advisory Panel 8th March 2006 – The Panel considered 15 EHT applications and awarded £11,750 to 11 organisations and decided to reserve a total amount of £8,670 in respect of the following organisations:

- Flash Musicals - £2,000;
- Harrow Bengalee Association - £3,000;
- Horn Community - £2,170;
- Ivanaaji Somali Disabled Association - £1,500.

2.1.2 Cabinet 16th March 2006: Cabinet approved all the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Panel on distribution of the 4th and final round of EHT money in 2006/2007.

2.2 Options considered

2.2.1 FLASH MUSICALS: The Panel agreed to reserve the EHT grant of £2,000 pending the outcome of discussions with Property and Development in Urban Living regarding the Organisation's accommodation. The Council agreed to hold the rent for 6 months to be reviewed end of June 2006, and will continue to hold further discussions with the Organisation. As the

current rent agreement is a short-term arrangement with a further review in July 2006, the Panel may wish to release the reserved amount of £2,000 as a contribution to their building maintenance costs.

- 2.2.2 HARROW BENGALÉE ASSOCIATION: The Panel agreed to reserve the EHT grant of £3,000 pending the outcome of discussions with People First, Service Commissioning Team to explore possible “one-off” funding. People First have now confirmed that whilst they support the services/activities set out in their application, they are unable to provide any funding due to financial constraints. It is recommended therefore, that this reserved amount of £3,000 be released.
- 2.2.3 HORN COMMUNITY: The Panel agreed to reserve the EHT grant of £2,170 in order for officers to seek further clarification regarding their request for funding. An officer has now met with the chairperson to discuss their application, and is satisfied that the amount of £2,170 is a justifiable contribution towards their overall running costs (i.e. Course tutor fees, volunteer expenses, etc.). Therefore, it is recommended that the reserved amount of £2,170 be released.
- 2.2.4 IVANAAJI SOMALI DISABLED ASSOCIATION: The Panel agreed to reserve the EHT grant of £1,500 in order for officers to seek further clarification regarding their request for funding. An officer has now met with a representative of the organisation, to ascertain the validity of their application. Records of volunteer expenses are kept, and it is confirmed that their computer equipment is in need of updating. Therefore, it is recommended that the reserved amount of £1,500 be released for this purpose.
- 2.2.5 The individual reports on the reserved EHT applications are attached as Appendix 1.

2.3 Consultation

None.

2.4 Financial Implications

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

2.5 Legal Implications

- 2.5.1 No legal comment

2.6 Equalities Impact

2.6.1 The applications 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 organisations 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: Individual reports on the following reserved grant applications:

Flash Musicals;
Harrow Bengalee Association;
Horn Community;
Iwanaaji Somali Disabled Association

APPENDIX 1

Flash Musicals: Grant requested: £5,000

The grant requested is for ongoing maintenance of the Organisation's premises in Methuan Road, Edgware. Flash Musicals offers the local community opportunities for their young people to get looked after (nursery and after school club) and to experience and engage in the arts and sport. No reserves held.

Harrow Bengalee Association: Grant requested: £4,665

Current main grants funding 2005/2006: £1,500;
Main grants funding agreed 2006/2007: £2,675.
The grant requested from the EHT is to fund the following:
75% contribution towards a new project by employing a Community Development Officer for 10 hours a week: £5,980; stationery/other office expenses: £240;
Total: £6,220. Reserves held: £2,010.

Horn Community: Grant requested: £4,340

The grant requested is to fund the following:
Course tutor @ £20/hr x 96 hrs: £1,920; translation and material production: £900; publicity: £400; venue hire @£20/wk x 24 weeks; volunteers expenses: £240; public liability insurance: £400.
The aim of the organisation is to help Somali parents take a more active and confident role in the education of their children. Reserves held: £8,159.

Ivanaaji Somali Disabled Association of Harrow and Hillingdon: Grant requested £5,000

The organisation is currently in receipt of a grant of £1,000.
The grant requested from the EHT is to fund the following:
Computer, printer and fax: £1,400; volunteers' expenses; £1,200; Insurance Liability; £180; stationary: £150. No reserves held.