

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **GRANTS BASED SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS**

Arts Culture Harrow (no longer part of the grants budget)  
Harrow Association of Disabled People (HAD)  
Harrow Association of Somali Voluntary Organisations (HASVO)  
Harrow Association of Voluntary Service (HAVS)  
Harrow Citizens Advice Bureau  
Harrow Council for Racial Equality  
Harrow in Business  
Harrow Shopmobility Scheme  
Harrow Sports Council  
Harrow Weald Common Conservators  
Harrow Women's Centre  
Ignite Trust  
Mind in Harrow  
Relate  
Victim Support Harrow  
Welldon Activity Group  
Women's Aid Harrow

## **APPENDIX 3**

### **CURRENTLY FUNDED GROUPS (2006/07)**

ADHD Support Group  
Afghan Association  
Angolan Civic Communities Alliance  
Ashiana  
Asian Elderly Group  
Association of Senior Muslim Citizens  
Bentley Priory Nature Reserve  
Carramea  
Community Link Up  
Connaught Opera  
Edo State Women Association  
Flash Musicals  
Girlguiding Middlesex North West  
Harrow African-Caribbean Association  
Harrow Agenda 21 Environmental Forum  
Harrow Anti-Racist Alliance (HARA)  
Harrow Bangladeshi Association  
Harrow Bengalee Association  
Harrow Bereavement Care  
Harrow Emerald Circle Club  
Harrow Gingerbread  
Harrow Heritage Trust  
Harrow in Europe Association  
Harrow in Leaf  
Harrow Iranian Community Association  
Harrow Mencap (3 applications)  
Harrow Pensioners' Action Group  
Harrow Pre-School Learning Alliance  
Harrow Public Transport Users' Association  
Harrow Refugee Forum  
Harrow School of Gymnastics  
Harrow Somali Women's Action Group  
Harrow Tamil School Association  
Harrow Youth and Community Project  
Hindu Council  
Home Start Harrow  
Ignite Trust – Young Women at Risk of Exclusion Project (new application)  
Islamic & Cultural Society of Harrow  
Jaago Punjabi Women's Group  
Kids Can Achieve  
K.I.S.M. Senior Citizens Association  
Middlesex Association for the Blind (previously known as Harrow Association for the Blind)  
Mind in Harrow  
Multiple Sclerosis Society – Harrow Branch

National Autistic Society – Harrow Branch  
Navnat Yuva Vadil Mandal  
Pakistan Society of Harrow  
Pakistan Womens Association Harrow  
Parkinson's Disease Society  
Persian Senior Citizens Club  
Rayners Lane Islamic Welfare & Cultural Association  
Russian Immigrants Association  
Sangat Advice Centre  
Special Connection  
Tongues on Fire  
U.K. Asian Women's Conference  
Wealdstone Active Community  
Wish Centre (The)  
Women's Aid Harrow  
Woodlands Community Association

**APPENDIX 3a**

**INDIVIDUAL REPORTS RELATING TO  
CURRENTLY FUNDED GROUPS (2006/2007)**

## **ADHD (ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVE DISORDER) SUPPORT GROUP**

**Grant requested:                   £17,740**  
**Current Grant:                     £8,319**  
**Grant recommended:           £7,400**

### **Background:**

The ADHD support group in Harrow is a registered voluntary organisation, which started in October 1996. The group provides support, information, respite and parenting education to all parents, carers and sufferers of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and related conditions within the London Borough of Harrow, in a safe and non-judgemental environment.

Living and working with ADHD can be extremely difficult and challenging, as the children struggle with a range of problem behaviours which often prevent the child from learning and socialising. This is reflected in all aspects of the child's life, education and personal friendships.

Services provided by the organisation includes advice and information, parenting courses, anger management, telephone helpline, one to one support, social events for families and children, drama therapy and educational support within schools, respite through play schemes, junior football team and telephone helpline.

Their main achievements during the year include:

- A successful joint bid with Kids Can Achieve, Harrow Family Learning and National Autistic Society to Harrow PCT, to run a telephone helpline, one-to-one parent support and additional coffee morning;
- A joint venture with CAMHS at Northwick Park Hospital to run clinic days for ADHD patients once a month to enable them to be more involved with families (approx. 8 families per session, provided free of charge, and run by 3 ADHD support group volunteers including the Project Manager);
- Training and implementing of 'PQASSO' quality assurance. They have achieved level one in all areas and are currently working towards achieving level two.

### **Grant request:**

The grant requested would be to employ the Project Manager on a full time basis (currently part-time) to help run, support and co-ordinate the services already in operation as listed above, as well as working on funding applications to sustain current services.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

ADHD supports CAMHS in running clinic days, one-to-one family sessions, parenting advice, monitoring behaviour at home and school, and keeping hospital records and appointments up to date. ADHD have also set up a co-ordinated referral and support system with CAMHS borough-wide to include links with schools, GP surgeries, health visitors, Family Services, school nurses, YOT, Harrow Family Learning Network, Kids Can Achieve, NASH, one-to-one mentors, EACH and parents/carers.

Officers consider this a valued service, and therefore recommend funding of £7,400 as a contribution towards the salary of the part time post of Project Manager.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

£5,207 for 3 years from Harrow Carers Grant (less £500 – cut made for 2006/07) to provide a term-time drop-in coffee morning with crèche facilities and care worker (this funding will end in March 2009);

£7,040 for 3 years from Harrow Carers Grant (less £500 – cut made for 2006/07) to provide 3 x parenting courses, 1 x anger management course, and babysitting (this funding will end in March 2009);

£6,787 for 3 years from Harrow Carers Grant to provide playscheme respite places (this funding will end in March 2009);

£10,478 for one year from Children In Need, to provide drama therapy;

£9,635 for 3 years from Harrow PCT to provide telephone helpline, one-to-one parent support and coffee morning held by Kids Can Achieve (this funding will end in March 2009);

£1,000 for 1 year from Wider Family Learning to provide Anger Management Weekend Programme.

**Report produced by the Grants Team in consultation with the Service  
Commissioning Team – People First**

## **AFGHAN ASSOCIATION OF LONDON (HARROW)**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£9,000</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£1,500</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£1,350</b>

### **Background:**

The Afghan Association was set up in 1995 to provide an advice and information service to members of the Afghan community, which includes immigration, benefits, education, training and employment issues, health issues, and housing advice. They also run a women's group and the group leader specifically deals with women's problems as well as publishing a magazine for Afghan women and families with articles in Dari and Pashto. The Association also provides mother tongue and supplementary classes as well as after school activities, and a summer holiday scheme for Afghan youth.

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, HAVS 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 2005/06, the Association dealt with over 8,615 enquiries (an increase of nearly 300% from the previous year). It assisted more than 537 clients in the process of becoming British citizens. The Association's service and other records are of high quality, and this was recognised by the Community Legal Services, which awarded the association the Quality Mark two years ago.

### **Grant Request:**

The grant requested is for mother-tongue classes, after school supplementary classes, room hire, materials and printing costs, volunteer teachers' expenses, admin volunteer expenses, and general running costs.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

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.

Whilst the Association does not meet the 80% criterion in terms of Management Committee (only 2 out of 7 are from Harrow) and with a database of over 500 addresses (of which 70-80% are Harrow-based), it must be noted that it provides services to substantial number of Harrow citizens.

The Association's work has been recognised by many funding bodies, including the ALG, which provide the Association with substantial grants (£51,063 for 3 years). In

view of the fact that the Association provides services to many Harrow residents, funding of £1,350 is recommended for 2007/08.

**Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

£51,063 per annum for 3 years from the ALG (funding ends March 2007) for salaries and running costs for the Advisory Service;

£16,000 per annum for 2 years from City Parochial Foundation (funding ends March 2007) for salary costs for Group Women's Leader;

£5,850 for one year from the Home Office for running English Language classes and other training.

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**



## **ANGOLAN CIVIC COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE (ACCA)**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£6,180</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£3,000</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£2,700</b>

### **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 £6,180 to provide information and advice on education, employment and training, welfare rights and benefits, housing, asylum and immigration, interpreting, ESOL classes, Children and Families services, health promotion and awareness programmes and a Youth and Unaccompanied Minors Service.

The intended outcomes of the funding are:

- Reduction of long-term unemployment among refugees, particularly Angolans and other Portuguese-speaking communities;
- 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.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

ACCA is very active at the Community Premises and is the lead organisation in the Harrow Refugee Forum. They have not submitted any other applications to other funding bodies. As the organisation has scaled down their proposed activities from previous years, funding of £2,700 is recommended for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

£1,280 from Harrow Council Drug Action Team for drugs and alcohol awareness project;  
£1,500 from Edward Harvist Trust;  
£450 from Black History Month;  
£200 for Refugee Week.

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**

## **ASHIANA**

**Grant requested: £21,050**  
**Current Grant): £3,000 (paid from 2005/06 budget)**  
**Grant recommended: £2,700**

### **Background:**

Ashiana is a local voluntary organisation, which supports children and adults from the Asian communities who have learning or physical disabilities and their carers. The organisation aims to provide regular social activities for people (including outings), Asian arts and culture, singing and dancing. Ashiana currently holds a monthly entertainment leisure evening in a local school for service users and carers, and also a weekly activities programme for 2 hours (i.e. yoga and dance classes).

### **Grant request:**

The funding requested is for the following projects / activities:

- Venue hire of premises for monthly entertainment/leisure evening - £1,800;
- Venue hire for weekly activity centre for children and young people - £2,800;
- Professional fees for tuition classes (dancing, singing, drama and IT) - £6,200;
- Hiring of bands and professional entertainers - £500;
- Venue hire for monthly meetings of Sahara Carers Support Group - £800;
- Office rent and services - £2,600;
- Part-time staff costs - £5,000;
- Printing, postage, stationery, insurance, telephone and sundry costs - £2,350.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

The organisation was set up in September 2000, and has grown considerably in terms of membership (approx. 90% are from Harrow). Officers recommend funding of £2,700 for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

Carers Grant - £3,096 per annum for 2 years – funded for Sahara Carers Group.

**Report produced by the Grants Unit in consultation with People First Service Commissioning Team**

## **ASIAN ELDERLY GROUP (HARROW)**

<b>Grant Requested:</b>	<b>£7,600</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£3,950</b>
<b>Grant recommended</b>	<b>£3,500</b>

### **Background:**

The Asian Elderly Group was set up in 1975 to promote the interests of elderly Asians in Harrow, provide venues to meet, socialise, share information, participate in activities for better physical and mental health and spend time in company, rather than alone, for a better quality of life. Activities include card games, light physical exercises, lectures on health issues, help with translations, filling out forms, advice on social services, entertainment programmes, and outings. Feedback survey recently carried out by the organisation showed that a majority of the members benefited from meeting others, making friends and alleviating loneliness.

### **Grant request:**

The Group is seeking funding to pay for rent of the hall at Gateway House in North Harrow, for a total of 5 afternoons a week (£2,234 per annum), and salary of a part-time Development Officer (£4,158 per annum) to run a drop-in / activity centre for elderly, frail and disabled Asians.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

Members may wish to note that funding in 2005/06 and 2006/07 was scaled down due to the organisation having sufficient reserves. However, these reserves have now been used up, and the expenditure now exceeds their income. Whilst officers recognise and acknowledge that this group continues to provide a very valuable service to the elderly, frail and disabled Asian community of Harrow, due to the limited grants budget however, they are only able to recommend funding of £3,500 for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

No other funding received.

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Commissioning Team**

## **ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR MUSLIM CITIZENS**

**Grant Requested:** £5,750  
**Current grant:** £2,000  
**Grant recommended:** £1,800

### **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, and to reduce social isolation.

The organisation has a membership of about 128 of whom a majority live in Harrow, and 6-8 regular volunteers and is seeking to recruit further volunteers, specifically to provide 50/60 hospital visits annually to improve communication between hospital staff and patients.

### **Grant request:**

The organisation is seeking a grant of £5,750 to pay volunteers expenses and to cover general running costs. The funding requested is to enable the Association to organise medical/health related seminars with topics covering diet, wills and inheritance tax, benefits entitlement, etc. The Association also provides moral support through volunteers to sick members in hospital or in their home by maintaining telephone contact. Volunteers are paid expenses for mileage and parking incurred for social and hospital visits. Various cultural functions are also held throughout the year (funded from their own resources).

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

Officers have provided details of 2 funding programmes administered by Age Concern England to explore further funding for some of their activities.

The membership has increased slightly since last year, although the number of volunteers has remained the same.

Officers recommend funding of £1,800 to the Association of Senior Muslim Citizens for 2007/08, restricted to the operating costs of the Organisation.

### **Funding received from other sources 2006/07:**

Edward Harvist Trust - £860

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## **BENTLEY PRIORY NATURE RESERVE**

**Grant Requested: £5,600**  
**Current grant: £2,200**  
**Grant recommended: £1,900**

### **Background:**

Bentley Priory Nature Reserve is a site of outstanding metropolitan importance and includes 3 acres of "special scientific interest" within its boundaries. The management committee through its volunteer sector assists the Council in creating a high quality landscape, in terms of biodiversity, education and leisure pursuits for all sectors of the community. Schools in Harrow and surrounding Boroughs use the Nature Reserve for field trips to educate the students in a natural environment.

### **Grant Request:**

The organisation is seeking a grant of £5,600, mainly to fund qualified British Conservation Trust Volunteers to carry out scrub clearance, coppicing and general maintenance. The organisation hopes to increase their activities in local schools by providing leaflets and promotional literature. Funding is also needed to pay the voluntary warden's incidental expenses as well as general administrative expenses.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

Officers are fully supportive of the aims and objectives of Bentley Priory Nature Reserve. Much of the Organisation's work contributes to promoting 'green space' and meeting the corporate objective of protecting our precious environment. Volunteers employed by the Organisation have been very active in work on Bentley Priory and in providing educational field trips for local schools.

Officers are unable to comment on any reserves held by the organisation, as their accounts for 2005/06 have not been received. Due to the limited grants budget, officers recommend funding of £1,900 to this organisation for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources 2006/07:**

None

**Report produced by the Grants Unit in consultation with Parks Service, Urban Living**

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

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£2,400</b>
<b>Current grant</b>	<b>£2,400</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£2,100</b>

### **Background:**

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

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 based at the Community Premises.

### **Grant request:**

Grant of £2,400 is requested to enable CARRAMEA to 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 grant requested is for contribution to running costs £1,200 and volunteers' expenses £1,200 (the volunteer trainers).

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

The ICT training has been very beneficial. In view of the number of people benefiting from CARRAMEA training, officers recommend funding of £2,100 to this organisation for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

CARRAMEA received £877 funding from ESF in March 2006.

**Report produced by the Grants Unit.**

## **COMMUNITY LINK UP**

<b>Amount requested:</b>	<b>£10,000</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£5,000</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£4,500</b>

### **Background:**

Community Link Up is a local charity, set up in 1981, which supports adults and children with learning disabilities in the borough through several different projects. The projects include:

- The Transitions Project for High School leavers.
- The Inclusions project for education/vocational placements
- Volunteer Training
- “Dosti” project which works with people from ethnic minority groups, refugees and asylum seekers.
- Children’s activities/ Junior 1-1 club.

Community Link-Up has 250 volunteers currently supporting 480 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 healthy living centre in Wealdstone as well as partnership arrangements with other local organisations and provides services to people in residential care and day services. Changes Night Club is now run and managed by a group of people with learning disabilities with support from Community Link Up. The organisation was nominated by Harrow Times as the “Charity of the Year”. Two of their Asian volunteers won the Bright Young Things award organised by Harrow Observer.

### **Grant request:**

Community Link- Up is requesting a grant of £10,000 as a contribution towards the administrative and running costs in respect of the five projects listed above.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

Officers recognise and acknowledge the valuable work that Community Link-Up does in the Borough. Officers therefore, recommend funding of £4,500 as a contribution towards the overall running and administration costs of the above projects.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

£60,958 from Big Lottery (2 years left to run) for Transitions Project;  
£20,000 from Bridge House Estates (1 year left to run) for Transitions & Inclusions Projects;  
£1,000 from Carers Support Harrow;  
£10,000 from City Parochial for Inclusions Project;

£1,500 from David Solomons;  
£1.166 from Esmee Fairbairn for Inclusions Project;  
£11,039 from People First, Service Commissioning Team for Volunteering;  
£5,833 from Jack Petchy;  
£15,000 from John Lyon Charity for core costs;  
£5,000 from Lloyds TSB Foundation;  
£5,000 from Sobell Foundation for Volunteering

**Report produced by the Grants Unit in consultation with People First Service Commissioning Team.**



## **CONNAUGHT OPERA**

**Grant Requested:** £2,500  
**Current Grant:** £2,200  
**Grant Recommended:** Nil

### **Background:**

Connaught Opera was set in January 2003 to provide Classical and Music Hall concerts for elderly people in residential homes, hospitals, hospices, day care centres, sheltered housing and community-based clubs. They take pride in their ability to provide for different cultures from a wide selection of medleys and with diverse performers and are acutely sensitive to the needs of their main audience, usually frail, elderly people. Feedback from staff and service users indicate that the concerts raised morale and enhanced the dignity, self-esteem, consciousness and quality of life of elderly people in Harrow.

### **Grant Request:**

The application is to provide 10 Concerts (at £220 per performance) within Harrow for the period 2007–2008 (exact times and dates to be worked out in collaboration with the Arts Unit) in settings where elderly people congregate and appropriate for a performance. The cost of each concert includes artists' fees, travel, and admin and accountancy fees.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

The organisation has a proven track record of providing quality arts activities for a target group for arts provision. The project would provide for a potential audience of over 500 people (including carers, relatives and staff) across the ethnic and cultural diverse groups that make up Harrow. Feedback from staff and service users indicate that the concerts raised morale and enhanced the dignity, self-esteem, consciousness and quality of life of elderly people in Harrow. Given the current financial constraints on the Council and the fact that the Arts Unit will be including older people in their plans for a music festival later in the year, officers are unable to recommend any funding to Connaught Opera for 2007/8. The organisation is encouraged to contact the Arts Unit to discuss how they can get involved in the forthcoming music festival and to discuss the possibility of securing funding from other sources.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

Arts Council	£5,000
London Councils (formerly ALG)	£7,000
London Catalyst	£3,000
City of Westminster Arts Council	£2,000
Bridge House Trust (2 years funding to end 6/7/2008)	£20,000
Small sums from 5 other funders amounting to	£1,430

**Report produced by the Grants Unit in consultation with the Arts Unit**

## **EDO STATE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (ESWA)**

**Grant Requested:** £10,000  
**Current Grant:** £1,000 (paid from 2005/06 budget)  
**Grant Recommended:** £900

### **Background:**

Edo State Women's Association (ESWA) was set up in December 1991 to provide support services and facilities for advancement of education and recreation in the interest of social welfare and improving the quality of life for all. Their aim is to instill positive values and community awareness in young people and steer them away from drugs, crime and anti-social behaviour.

ESWA's educational activities include academic support in English, Maths and Science. Other activities include Youth football, workshops and African dance, aerobics, planning and developing weekly football games, career/personal development, leadership and citizenship workshops during half-term and summer holidays. These activities are aimed at motivating and encouraging a holistic approach to create a healthy lifestyle.

### **Grant Request:**

The funding requested is for a contribution towards the overall cost of all the activities as outlined above.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

ESWA is registered with the Youth and Connexions Service. Their activities take place at the Community Centre on the Rayners Lane Estate. The Youth Club "High Hopes" runs every Saturday during term time between 10am and 12 noon for sports activities, and between 2pm and 5pm for educational activities and dance/music. All activities are aimed at children aged 10-14 years. There are limited activities in the Rayners Lane part of Harrow for young people in this age group, however a newly established organisation, Lifestyle Development, have also applied for grant funding to provide similar activities at the Community Centre on the Rayners Lane Estate, and which have been endorsed by Warden Housing (management landlord) and the police. It is suggested that ESWA and Lifestyle Development start discussion on the possibility of merging together as one organisation. Funding of £900 is recommended to ESWA for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

£2,989 from Trafford Hall (for capacity building)

**Report produced by the Grants Unit in consultation with the Youth and Connexions Service**

## **FLASH MUSICALS**

**Grant Requested:           £10,000**  
**Current Grant:             £3,430**  
**Grant Recommended:     £1,000**

### **Background:**

Flash Musicals is a theatre-based charitable organisation in Edgware with good connections to the local community and the Council. They have a good history of producing strong, popular, well-organised and innovative dance and drama activity for local children and young people, in particular those with special needs and disabilities. The building comprises of two workshop areas and a fully equipped, virtually brand new 200-seat theatre, complete with new disabled toilets.

### **Grant request:**

Funding requested is for the provision of weekly workshops for special needs and disabled young people, and to produce a show called "The Spirit of Togetherness". The grant would be used to pay for all the revenue expenditure associated with these activities.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

This is an extremely well run centre that is running some extremely worthwhile activities for young people, whilst also putting on high profile performances. Officers recognise that this organisation has made a valuable contribution to the local community and have successfully engaged with the local young people in Harrow. The organisation has recently negotiated a new 15-year lease from Harrow Council for their premises at Methuen Road in Edgware. As at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006, they had a cash balance of £4,395. Officers value the very nature of the project for which funding is sought, however due to the limited grants budget, they can only recommend funding of £1,000 to Flash Musicals for 2007/08. The organisation is encouraged to contact the Arts Unit to work in association with them to explore the possibility of putting in a joint application to other funding sources, focussing on integrating the disabled young people and older people into the arts calendar of festivals and events.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

£32,000 per annum for 5 years (to end in 2011) from Big Lottery Fund to fund full-time Project Co-ordinator;  
£5,000 from Faith Communities for community cohesion;  
£5,000 from Trusthouse Forte Trust for general running costs;  
£8,000 from the Rose Foundation for capital building works;  
£7,000 from LNF for Youth Cinema Project.

**Report produced by the Grants Unit in consultation with the Arts Unit**

## **GIRLGUIDING MIDDLESEX NORTH WEST**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£5,000</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£2,000</b>
<b>Grant Recommended:</b>	<b>£1,800</b>

### **Background:**

Girlguiding Middlesex North West is an autonomous part of Girlguiding UK. The organisation, working in small groups and with commitment to a common standard, provides a varied programme of activities which teaches the girls values, life long skills, self confidence and the opportunity to reach their full potential and be aware of their local community and the wider world. Activities are provided in a safe environment at Willow Tree Centre.

### **Grant request:**

They are requesting £5,000 as a contribution towards their overall operating costs, which are mainly repairs and maintenance of the Centre. The grant would also enable them to make the Centre available for 7 days a week, and would enable more young people from Harrow to use their facilities. It is important to keep the groundwork maintained for those with special needs and the grant requested would ensure that this happens.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

Girlguiding Middlesex North West is a member of Girlguiding UK. However, it does have its own constitution, finances, activities and programme and activities. They do not receive any financial help from Girlguiding UK.

Statistics and records show that it has 50 unpaid volunteers at Willow Tree Centre, and out of 6,500 users, 3,200 are Harrow residents. Approximately 8,500 young people used the Willow Tree Centre in 2005/06, which included their own membership of young girls in Harrow, plus other youth organisations such as Kids Can Achieve and Special Schools. Clearly, the organisation serves a great number of Harrow residents and would, therefore, qualify to receive part funding in recognition of this fact. Due to the limited grants budget, officers recommend funding of £1,800 to this organisation for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

£3,500 from London Borough of Hillingdon – equipment grant to purchase tents etc at Willow Tree Centre;

£645 from Barclays Bank to purchase a lawn mower;

£5,000 from Paradigm Housing Trust to purchase trees and shrubs at Willow Tree Tranquil Garden;

£500 from Colne Valley Groundwork – for environment project at Willow Tree, making compost areas.

**Report produced by the Grants Unit with comments from Youth & Connexion Service**

## **HARROW AFRICAN-CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION (HACAS)**

**Grant requested: £17,500**  
**Current grant: £6,600**  
**Grant Recommended: £5,900**

### **Background:**

The aim of the organisation is primarily to unite African-Caribbean communities in the Borough, to actively encourage a thriving membership, and to provide a meeting place and foster friendship. Services are primarily for the elderly, disabled and isolated members of the African-Caribbean community.

### **Grant request:**

Funding requested is to enable HACAS to meet part of the total running costs of the Day Centre (i.e. hall hire and salaries of cook and volunteer helper). Members meet at the Wealdstone Methodist Church from 11am to 4pm each Friday. Activities include keep-fit sessions (for which there is a small charge), board games, crafts, speakers on relevant topics, e.g. Age Concern, a cooked 2-course Caribbean lunch at a cost of £3 per member, which includes afternoon tea and biscuits.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

Officers have provided details of 2 funding programmes administered by Age Concern England to explore further funding for some of their activities.

HACAS continues to provide a very valuable service to the elderly, disabled and isolated members of the African-Caribbean community in the Borough. They have over the years been building up their Business Reserve Account, which currently stands at £42,775, and which they hope to use in acquiring their own premises in the future. Due to the limited grants budget, officers recommend funding of £5,900 to this organisation for 2007/08 for the overhead costs of the Day Centre.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

None

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## **HARROW AGENDA 21 ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM**

**Grant requested: £9,700**  
**Current grant: £5,000**  
**Grant Recommended: £4,500**

### **Background:**

The aim of Harrow Agenda 21 Environmental Forum is to increase the environmental sustainability of Harrow for those that live, work and visit the Borough. This will be done by influencing Harrow Council to introduce more sustainable policies and procedures, by encouraging and informing residents to adopt more sustainable lifestyles, through direct contact, and through schools, community groups and businesses.

### **Grant request:**

Funding requested is to enable HA21 to meet part of the total running costs for their various projects. These include promoting, recruiting, managing and training volunteers, running consultation events, project costs, communicating the results of these projects to the public, Council Members and Officers, and networking with other local organisations to provide community cohesion. Proportion of the grant will be used to advertise for volunteers and create more newsworthy achievements, and develop volunteering publicity material.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

Officers are fully supportive of the aims and objectives of this organisation, which has been very active throughout the year in delivering worthy initiatives in the Borough. Due to the limited grants budget, officers recommend funding of £4,500 to Harrow Agenda 21 Environmental Forum for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

None.

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## **HARROW ANTI-RACIST ALLIANCE (HARA)**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£9,500</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£3,000</b>
<b>Grant Recommended:</b>	<b>£2,700</b>

### **Background:**

The Harrow Anti-Racist Alliance (HARA) is a multi-ethnic organisation, which was set up in 1993 with the principal objective of supporting people subject to racial discrimination and harassment. HARA runs anti-racist training courses; offers work experience and volunteering opportunities, and organises youth, arts and media events and projects. HARA provides the following services:

- Casework on racial harassment/discrimination and crime reduction.
- Guidance and support to people and families experiencing social exclusion and racial harassment/discrimination.
- Participation in existing crime reduction initiatives such as the third-party reporting, CASEWORKS and MAF.
- Encouraging the inclusion of people of minority-ethnic heritage, refugees, the elderly and young people in a range of Harrow Council initiatives, including the Arts Festival and Black History Month.

### **Grant request:**

HARA is seeking a grant of £9,500 to expand a part-time Community Support Co-ordinator (CSC) post from one evening a week to 5 mornings a week to co-ordinate services provided by HARA supporting individuals who are subject to racial discrimination by undertaking frontline casework 5 days a week. The CSC will effectively 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 and Recommendations:**

HARA is very active at the Community Premises and is well respected by other voluntary organisations and statutory agencies.

HARA has been in operation for over 12 years and during that period has been very active and successful in delivering a number of projects in Harrow relying entirely on volunteers. Officers recognise and value the contribution made by the organisation in raising their activity levels and providing a quality service, however due to budget constraints, funding of £2,700 is recommended to HARA for 2007/08.

**Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

Lifelong Learning	£612
Harrow Refugee Forum	£100
Words Live	£360
Edward Harvist Trust	£1,000

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## **HARROW BANGALDESHI ASSOCIATION**

**Grant requested:** £3,419  
**Current grant:** £1,860  
**Grant Recommended:** £1,650

### **Background:**

The organisation was set up in 2004 to provide Bangladeshi cultural, intellectual and social welfare to young people of Harrow and promote good will and understanding of Bangladeshi culture to people of all ethnic origins.

### **Grant request:**

The organisation is seeking a grant of £3,419 as a contribution towards the cost of classroom and hall hire, and a small amount towards materials (please see breakdown below);

Rent & Room Hire	-	£1,386
Equipment	-	£300
Youth & Connexions registration	-	£10

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

The project provides 3 hours classroom activity every Sunday between 10am and 1pm at Whitmore High School. The classes teach children between the age of 6 and 16 years, Bengali language, culture, good behaviour and manners. A register is maintained and examinations to monitor progress are carried out every 4 months. Parents' meetings are held at least once a year to discuss progress. The organisation is registered with the Youth and Connexions Service.

Due to the limited grants budget, officers recommend funding of £1,650 to this organisation for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

None, other than individual donations amounting to £2,150.

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## **HARROW BENGALEE ASSOCIATION**

**Grant requested: £9,420**  
**Current grant: £2,675**  
**Grant Recommended: £2,400**

### **Background:**

The organisation was set up in 1989 to provide a common platform for the Bengalee residents in and around Harrow to share their views, experience, concerns and practise and maintain their rich cultural heritage.

### **Grant request:**

They are requesting £9,420 to support the running costs and tutor expenses for the following activities:

- Mother-tongue classes and singing class at Harrow High School on Saturdays from 2.30pm to 4.30pm;
- Dance class once a month;
- Yoga class at the Lodge in Pinner Road on Saturdays from 9am to 11am;
- Health Awareness Sessions on a quarterly basis;
- Coffee afternoon every 2 weeks;
- Services provided at the Community Premises – information and guidance on community welfare advice, practical and emotional support to isolated families and domestic violence, referral and interpreting services.

### **Officer Comment and Recommendations:**

Harrow Bengalee Association has been based at the Community Premises since 1995/96. As this organisation holds charitable status, officers have advised that they should also explore possible funding from other sources, i.e. Bridge House Trust.

Officers therefore, recommend funding of £2,400 to this organisation for 2007/08 as a contribution towards their overall activities as outlined above.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

None

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## **HARROW BEREAVEMENT CARE**

**Grant requested:                   £19,782**  
**Current grant:                     £7,181**  
**Grant recommended:           £6,400**

### **Background:**

Harrow Bereavement Care, formerly Harrow Churches Bereavement Visiting Scheme, was established in 1981 to relieve the suffering and distress caused by bereavement amongst the residents of the London Borough of Harrow and 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 suitable 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 to enable them to provide relevant support to all sections of the community, recognising the cultural diversity of the Borough.

There are currently 19 groups that operate the bereavement scheme to meet the diverse needs of the borough. The groups include Christian, Jewish, Muslim and non-faith groups, which have volunteers that visit the bereaved in their own homes and/or provide telephone support and a drop-in service. A conference is held annually and focuses on a different topic each year. Referrals are made directly from churches and synagogues, from individuals, Harrow Palliative Care Team, GP's, Social Services, Continuing Care, Police, residential homes, voluntary organisations, schools, hospices, hospitals and Macmillan Nurses. The Primary Care Trust lists HBC in a 'Bereavement Information' booklet, which is in every GP practice.

### **Grant request:**

The funding requested is to cover core costs, such as rent, insurance, office running costs and staff costs for a part-time administrator in order that some 120 volunteers could be trained and supported in their vital work of visiting approximately 1,000 bereaved people a year.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

The organisation continues to provide a very valuable service to the most vulnerable people in the community, the bereaved. Harrow Bereavement Care is making serious efforts to address the needs of Harrow's diverse communities. Due to the limited grants budget, officers recommend funding of £6,400 to this organisation for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

None

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## **HARROW EMERALD CIRCLE CLUB**

**Grant Requested:** £1,000  
**Current Grant:** £500  
**Grant Recommended:** Nil

### **Background:**

This organisation was established in 2002 by BIAS (Brent Irish Advisory Service). It now operates independently and is run by and for Irish pensioners in the Borough of Harrow. The aim of the Club is to provide an outlet for pensioners to join in social and educational sessions (keep fit classes, trip to the seaside, annual dance, basic computer course), and thus improve the mental and physical health and self-esteem of its members. These sessions are provided one afternoon a week, based at St Joseph's Church in Wealdstone. There are 30 current members / users. The organisation wishes to attract more members and provide more events.

### **Grant Request:**

Funding requested is to provide outings, keep fit classes and computer classes for Irish pensioners in the Borough.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

Officers have provided details of 2 funding programmes administered by Age Concern England to explore possible funding for some of their activities. The accounts submitted by the Club show that their income is greater than their expenditure, leading to build-up of reserves. Officers therefore recommended no grant funding for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources 2006/07:**

£3,000 from DION;  
£1,500 from Irish Fund of Great Britain.

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## **HARROW GINGERBREAD**

**Grant Requested:** £5,000  
**Current Grant:** £570 (paid from 2005/06 budget)  
**Grant Recommended:** £500

### **Background:**

Harrow Gingerbread is a self-help and support group for lone parent families, and is a subsidiary of the National Gingerbread. They provide a meeting place for lone parents and their children, as well as emotional, moral and practical support. They also organise activities and events to bring people together to avoid isolation and meet others in similar situations.

### **Grant Request:**

Harrow Gingerbread is applying for a grant of £5,000 to improve services to the community for lone parents through provision of additional training, support, activities, equipment etc. The service is currently provided at the Pinner Youth Centre in Chapel Lane on one Sunday per month, but they hope to re-locate to more central premises in the near future.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

Harrow Gingerbread have not precisely specified in their grant application as to how they will use the funding requested, apart from stating that they hope to improve their current activities. Officers therefore recommend funding of £500 to this organisation for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources 2006/07:**

No other funding received.

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## **HARROW HERITAGE TRUST:**

**Grant requested: £9,000 (plus £15,000 from Capital Fund)**  
**Current grant: £9,000**  
**Grant recommended: £8,100**

### **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 £9,000 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 in accordance with the Trust's Equal Opportunities and Anti-Racism policies.

Funding of £9,000 will cover the following:

Harrow Nature Conservation Forum	£4,000
Work with young people	£2,000
Administration	£2,000
Plaque and graffiti removal/cleaning	£500
Graffiti removal	£200
Contingencies	£500

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

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 Trust keeps very good administrative and financial records. Due to the limited grants budget, officers recommend funding of £8,100 to Harrow Heritage Trust for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

The Trust received £15,000 from Harrow Council from its Capital Fund (long-term commitment).

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## **HARROW IN EUROPE ASSOCIATION (HIE)**

<b>Grant Requested:</b>	<b>£6,000</b>
<b>Current Grant:</b>	<b>£5,000</b>
<b>Grant Recommended:</b>	<b>£4,500</b>

### **Background:**

The aims of Harrow in Europe is to promote international friendship and understanding by strengthening the links formed by Harrow and Douai, stimulating and fostering mutual exchanges between the communities of the 2 towns. The twinning activities provide an opportunity to involve people of all age levels and interests, and should cut across boundaries, including political ones. Other aims and purpose includes:

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

### **Grant Request:**

Harrow in Europe are requesting funding of £6,000 to continue with the following activities:

- Remembrance Day representation for Borough visitors to and from Douai;
- Civic hosting (visitors to and from Douai);
- Fetes de Gayants (visit of Harrow Giants group with supporters);
- Provision of translation and interpreting services to the Council in relation to twinning activities;
- Promotion of twinning in the wider community.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

The expected outcomes are the delivery of the funded activities listed above. Due to the limited grants budget, officers recommend funding of £4,500 to Harrow in Europe Association for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources 2006/07:**

No other funding received.

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## **HARROW IN LEAF**

<b>Grant Requested:</b>	<b>£1,000</b>
<b>Current Grant:</b>	<b>£1,000</b>
<b>Grant Recommended:</b>	<b>£900</b>

### **Background:**

Harrow in Leaf was formed in 1998 as part of the LA21 initiatives to encourage horticulture, improve allotment facilities and raise awareness of allotments in the Borough.

### **Grant Request:**

The funding requested would enable "Harrow in Leaf" to continue to fund the largest horticulture art and crafts event in the Borough since the Harrow Show collapsed in 2004. The grant will be used to stage the show, print show schedules, provide a raffle and prizes, and publicise the event.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

Harrow in Leaf aimed to improve the take-up of allotments and raise awareness of the benefits of gardening through events and newsletters. They have reported that there has been an increase in allotment use on sites in Harrow. In summer 2006 Harrow in Leaf organised the largest horticultural event in Harrow over 2 days on August Bank Holiday (Sunday and Monday). This took place at the Kodak Recreation Ground. They also took part in the Grimsdyke Open Day over May Bank Holiday Monday.

Through Harrow in Leaf's own fundraising efforts, they managed to raise a total of £933 in 2005/06 (e.g. plant sale, quiz night, barbeque, etc.). Their accounts for year-end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 show a balance of £22,147.

Due to the limited grants budget, officers recommend funding of £900 to this organisation for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources 2006/07:**

No other funding received.

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## **HARROW IRANIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (HICA)**

**Grant requested:                   £12,000**  
**Current grant:                     £5,000**  
**Grant recommended:           £4,500**

### **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 GP 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 150 pupils and supplementary classes for about 50 pupils. They also run English classes for adults (mainly women) and visit house bound people in their homes.

HICA has been awarded the Community Legal Services Quality Mark, and are currently considering training for PQASSO.

### **Grant request:**

HICA is requesting £12,000 as a contribution towards their overall running costs to enable it to continue providing the following activities:

- Maintaining and improving the level of services, covering health, education, settlement and referral of clients to statutory and non-statutory organisations.
- Increasing the level of computer application
- Continuing ESOL classes
- Organising cultural events
- Continuing Elderly Club
- Organising women's art and sport club
- Continuing supplementary maths classes
- Printing bi-lingual leaflet and circulars
- Continuing Saturday Mother Tongue Language School for 150 students
- Recruiting volunteers
- Continuing Youth Advice Centre
- Assisting other organisations
- Fundraising and applying for grants

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

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 2005/06, they dealt with 2,275 cases (of which 1,752 were devoted to Harrow residents) and 310 translation and interpreting sessions. They have an active pool of about 50 volunteers. HICA has been successful in obtaining funding from other sources, but the

excellent work they provide to Harrow people warrants support. Officers therefore, recommend funding of £4,500 to this organisation for 2007/08.

**Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

£39,880 per annum for 3 years (to end March 2007) from National Lottery.

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## **HARROW MENCAP (3 applications)**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£21,690 – User Involvement</b>
	<b>£9,780 – Black History Month</b>
	<b>£20,749 – After School and Holiday Clubs</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£7,455</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£6,700</b>

### **Background:**

Harrow Mencap is a major provider of services for people with learning disabilities within the Borough. Current services include housing and supported living services, advocacy, person centred planning, Asian outreach services, and a forum for people with learning disabilities.

### **Grant Request:**

Harrow Mencap have submitted 3 applications for 2007/08 as detailed below:

User Involvement: The project will support individuals and groups of people with learning disabilities in Harrow to become involved in the planning, delivery and development of services for people with learning disabilities in the Borough. Project workers, one of whom will be a person with a learning disability, will support service users to:

- Run Harrow Forum for people with learning disabilities, which provides an opportunity for people to discuss issues which they have identified as being relevant to them and contribute to the planning of projects and services;
- Organise committee meetings in day centres and projects for people with learning disabilities giving users a say in how the centres are run;
- Attend the Harrow Learning Disability Partnership Board which is instrumental in the planning, delivery and development of services in Harrow;
- Attend sub-committees such as Health and Person Centred Planning;
- Produce accessible information which will enable people with learning disabilities to understand agendas, policy papers etc, and so play a full part in discussion;
- Run the Harrow Forum Steering Committee.

Black History Month: The Black History Month Forum will develop “Food Fest”, an opportunity for all communities in Harrow to explore and share their food heritage. Members of this Forum will take a lead role in facilitating research into food, its history and influences. The Project will be run by a steering group elected from members of the Black History Month Forum. The project will include:

- Workshops in schools throughout Harrow to research the history of food and take part in practical cookery sessions;
- Inter-generational sessions where food history and recipes can be learnt from older members of the community;
- An exhibition to run throughout Black History Month;

- Two shared feasts (street festivals) which will take place in Central Harrow and Wealdstone and to which the whole community will be invited to celebrate food migration and Black History;
- Competitions involving food and research about food.

After School and Holiday Clubs: The grant of £20,749 requested will be used to run after school and holiday activities for children with learning disabilities in the Borough. These children are often excluded from the type of after school and holiday clubs enjoyed by other children because their disabilities mean that they require a high ratio of staff and volunteer support as well as specialised transport.

Pilot projects have been run for one year at Woodlands and Shaftesbury Schools using a One year grant provided by the OSC fund and a grant of £7,455 from the Council's grants budget in 2006/07. Both projects have proved to be popular and well attended. The clubs provide the opportunity for children to socialise and enjoy activities, which will broaden their horizons and foster transferable skills including social interaction, co-ordination, and confidence.

The activities run at Woodlands and Shaftesbury schools are co-ordinated by a project worker who plans and run the clubs as well as making contact with local schools, nurseries and BMER and community groups and consulting with children, families and professionals about the needs of this group.

#### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

In view of the current financial constraints on the grants budget, the Grants Advisory Panel may wish to fund Harrow Mencap a contribution of £6,700 towards their overall activities.

#### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

£855,000 – Harrow Consortium (Residential and Supported Living Services);  
 £499,614 – Local Authority Funding inc. OSC fund, PCT, VSCF, Carers Grant, etc;  
 £11,000 – Children in Need (Woodlands After School Club);  
 £1,500 – Help a London Child (Asian Cultural Clubs);  
 £3,000 – Sport Relief (Trampolining);  
 £19,306 – Football Foundation;  
 £68,000 – Fundraising.

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## **HARROW PENSIONERS ACTION GROUP**

**Grant Requested:** £750  
**Current Grant:** £750  
**Grant Recommended:** £650

### **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

The group meets on a monthly basis at the Baptist Hall in Wealdstone. They also arrange outings to places of interest and social activities.

### **Grant Request:**

The organisation is requesting funding of £750 towards the cost of hiring the hall, delegates fees and expenses, journals (printing and postage), catering and affiliation fees.

### **Monitoring information 2005/06:**

The organisation provided a monitoring and assessment form, which stated that they met all of its objectives for the year and provided a breakdown of how the grant was spent.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

Officers have provided details of 2 funding programmes administered by Age Concern England to explore further funding for some of their activities.

Harrow Pensioners Action Group has a current membership of 91 Harrow residents. The Group has representatives on the Partnership with Older People Panel and have been involved with the 'Fair Trade Campaign'.

The organisation continues to provide a focal point for all pensioners in Harrow. Based on their current activities, officers recommend funding of £650 for 2007/08, restricted to their operating costs, e.g. hall rental, postage, stationery, etc.

### **Funding received from other sources 2006/07:**

No other funding received.

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## **HARROW PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE (HPSLA)**

<b>Grant Requested:</b>	<b>£12,213</b>
<b>Current Grant:</b>	<b>£4,230</b>
<b>Grant Recommended:</b>	<b>£3,800</b>

### **Background:**

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. This Harrow branch is currently based at the Glebe First and Middle School.

### **Grant Request :**

Funding requested will pay for the rent of the office at Glebe School, and part-fund the salaries of the Administrator and Finance Officer. The Administrator's post is part-time of 12 hours per week for 38 weeks. This post supports families that call the office for help and advice and are signposted to other agencies or to staff in the office. The Finance Officer post is also part-time, working 8 hours per week over 42 weeks.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

Most of the organisation's funding comes from the Early Years Childcare and Parenting Services. HPSLA continues to produce regular quarterly newsletters, which detail the many activities, events and training courses it organises for its members. It is acknowledged that this organisation provides very useful support to pre-school and toddler groups in the Borough, however due to the limited grants budget, officers recommend funding of £3,800 for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources 2006/07:**

£61,777 per annum for 2 years from the Early Years Childcare and Parenting Services – to provide a team of Development Workers to support Early Years settings to provide good quality care and education to the children and families in Harrow in line with the Day Care Standards Act 2000.

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## **HARROW PUBLIC TRANSPORT USERS ASSOCIATION**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£350</b>
<b>Current grant :</b>	<b>£300</b>
<b>Grant recommended :</b>	<b>£270</b>

### **Background:**

The HPTUA is a voluntary organisation based in Harrow and covers 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 Association is requesting a grant of £350 as a contribution towards their overall running costs, i.e. cost of public meetings, postage, stationery, photocopying, etc.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

The organisation holds 5 public meetings each year, including their AGM.

Officers recommend funding of £270 for 2007/08 for the purpose outlined above.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

HPTUA does not receive funding from any other source.

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## **HARROW REFUGEE FORUM**

**Grant requested: £25,000**  
**Current grant : £6,000**  
**Grant recommended: £5,400**

### **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 Forum is requesting funding of £25,000 as a contribution towards their overall running costs, i.e. needs analysis, administrator salary, premises, etc. The funding will also enable the Forum to continue providing capacity building initiatives to RCOs and member organisations.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

During 2005/06 they had 152 users (direct service provision), 600+ attending Refugee Week events, and 400+ receiving the Funding Bulletin, or those involved in partnership initiatives. They organised several seminars, workshops and training sessions for Refugee Community Organisations and Minority Ethnic Community Organisations. These were specifically for raising awareness of refugee issues, capacity building, finance, fundraising, quality assurance, etc.

Officers are aware of the important role of the Harrow Refugee Forum and fully support its aims and objectives. Despite the fact that the Forum is in receipt of funding from the ALG and Renewal, officers are of the opinion that Harrow Council needs to support the Forum as well, as their 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 the Voluntary Sector.

Officers recommend funding of £5,400 to Harrow Refugee Forum for 2007/08 as a contribution towards their rent, rates and running costs.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

£30,000 from Renewal SRB (to end March 2007) – to provide institutional infrastructure support to refugee and minority ethnic community groups;

£25,000 from ALG (to end January 2007) – Capacity Building Manager's salary.

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## **HARROW SCHOOL OF GYMNASTICS**

**Grant requested:                   £2,500**  
**Current grant:                     £2,500**  
**Grant recommended:           £2,250**

### **Background:**

Harrow School of Gymnastics (HSG) was established in 1979 to provide high quality gymnastics training to children, young people and adults to enable them to progress as far as they are able, including to regional, national and international level. It is designated a National Performance Centre and has been awarded the quality standard "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 is seeking funding of £2,500 to continue to serve financially disadvantaged children. 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 and Recommendations:**

Harrow School of Gymnastics have submitted a full breakdown of the hardship fund account to show how the grant was spent in 2005/06. A record number of gymnasts have been trained, reaching just over 1,000 by the end of 2005/06.

Officers recommend funding of £2,250 to this organisation for 2007/08 for the club's Hardship Fund, which is to be spent on Harrow gymnasts.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

£8,000 per annum for 3 years (to end March 2009) from John Lyon's Charity for choreography, coach development, competition expenses and hardship funding for non-Harrow children.

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## **HARROW SOMALI WOMEN'S ACTION GROUP (HASWAG)**

**Grant requested:** £10,000  
**Current grant:** £5,000  
**Grant recommended:** £4,500

### **Background:**

The Harrow Somali Women Action Group provides a wide range of activities and services to Somali children and their parents. It aims to address and promote the welfare of social, cultural, and development needs of the Somali community in Harrow. It provides practical support and tries to build a bridge between mainstream service providers and community members disadvantaged by cultural and language barriers and to build up the Somali community in exile through empowering in particular young people and women.

HASWAG organises and run a supplementary school for Somali pupils; this takes place on Monday and Thursday from 4pm to 6.30pm in Wealdstone Youth & Community Centre, and every Tuesday from 3.30pm to 6pm at Bentley Wood High School. The supplementary school provides additional help with Maths and English homework and tuition in Science, following the national curriculum, for children aged 5 to 16 years. Between 30-40 young people attend these classes.

### **Grant request:**

HASWAG are requesting funding of £10,000 to continue to pay the salary of a part-time school co-ordinator and two sessional workers to teach and support the children with one-to-one homework, especially in Maths, English and Science. They propose to provide help and extra support for those who are preparing for their GCSE to enable them to achieve better grades. The grant requested is to support the salaries of the school co-ordinator and two tutors as well as running costs.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

HASWAG aims to raise the self-esteem and confidence of children at school and help them integrate in the society and enhance their life chances.

In 2005/06, HASWAG successfully implemented several projects. These included ESOL classes for Somali women, youth clubs and football teams, training and workshops for the different social groups of the Somali community, advocacy and information, advice and guidance on education, employment and immigration.

HASWAG has run successful youth career advice workshops. During the year, they organised 12 workshops each attended by around 35 young people and facilitated by representatives from many local key providers, such as Harrow Council (Connexions), the police, Harrow College, and other youth services. Sessions included job search skills such as CV writing.

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. HASWAG was a founding member of and affiliated to HASVO. The working arrangements with HASVO continue to be difficult; therefore officers recommend funding of £4,500 to this organisation for 2007/08.

**Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

HASWAG are expecting to receive the following funding:

£5,000 from Trust for London (running costs);

£5,000 per annum for 3 years (to end March 2007) from BBC Children in Need (supplementary school);

£2,000 from Harrow Children Services (one-off grant for youth activities);

£5,000 from LAA Stretched Targets (young people who are not in education or employment).

**Report produced by Grants Unit.**

## **HARROW TAMIL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

**Grant requested:                   £12,000**  
**Current grant:                     £4,500**  
**Grant Recommended:           £4,000**

### **Background:**

The organisation was set up in 1987 to promote Tamil language, Dravidian culture and related performing arts, social and welfare of the members and to provide leisure and sports facilities.

### **Grant request:**

The organisation is requesting a grant of £12,000 in 2007/08 as a contribution towards their overall costs, i.e. to pay teachers and trainers' fees and expenses, hall hire at Whitmore High School, and running costs.

The activities to be supported by the grant will be:

- Tamil Language courses and Fine Arts courses at Whitmore High School, every Saturday to prepare pupils for exams conducted by 'Oriental Fine Arts', London
- Running a Yoga Club with assistance of a qualified trainer.
- Participate in Football and Netball tournaments for age group under 10, under 12, under 14 and under 16 with adequate training.

To ensure that the project, activities, and services are of good quality, they would employ qualified, experienced and suitable teachers and hold regular meeting of management committee to assess quality and regular assessment of children performance.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

Harrow Tamil School Association's achievements in 2005/06 included most of the students passing with a distinction in exams conducted by the Oriental Fine Arts Examination Board, the netball team became runners-up in a tournament organised by the Tamil Rehabilitation Organisation, and students won gold medal awards in speech competitions organised by various organisations.

This group is registered with the Youth Service. The organisation has been in receipt of funding since 2004/05 and is active at the Community Premises where they have casual use.

Officers recommend funding of £4,000 to this organisation for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

No other funding received.

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## **HARROW YOUTH & COMMUNITY PROJECT**

**Grant requested:** £3,000  
**Current grant:** £2,000  
**Grant Recommended:** £1,800

### **Background:**

The Harrow Youth & Community Project was set up in 2002 to provide services for the local community, mostly in and around the Kenmore Park Estate area (Kenton). The services are primarily aimed at young people, but the organisation is hoping to run services for the elderly at Kenmore Hall when it becomes available. Activities for the youth club take place every Thursday evening for 2 hours at Kenmore Park Community Hall, and includes computer games on X box and PS2 consoles, pizza making, arts and craft, and trips. Activities for the elderly will include outings and special lunches

### **Grant request:**

The organisation is seeking funding of £3,000 to continue providing activities (as outlined above) for the youth club.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

The Project is supported by and is registered with the Youth and Connexions Service. Due to the reduction in the number of young people attending the session on Thursday evening, they now employ only one Professional Youth Worker.

Officers recommend a grant of £1,800 in 2007/08 to enable the Project to continue to run the youth club, and hopefully to start providing activities for the elderly.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

£500 from the Harrow Youth Service.

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## **HINDU COUNCIL**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£5,250</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£2,000</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£1,800</b>

### **Background**

The Hindu Council was set up in 1998 as a non-political entity with the aim to provide social, cultural and health related support to the Hindu community and work very closely towards improving the quality of life in Harrow for all members. It currently has 31 affiliated organisations.

### **Grant request**

The Hindu Council is requesting a grant of £5,250 to continue to provide its services to members of the community. These include:

- Sports programme including cricket, football, swimming, hockey and badminton
- Health programme, e.g. Yoga
- Workshops on cultural awareness
- Cultural events and programs
- Business start –up

A job description has been received for the post of an assistant, but it does not include any details of the salary to be paid. The application mentions that they would also like to translate leaflets for the community on the services it provides and increase the frequency of the Sports Programme. It also states that the demand for services has increased due to the increase of the Hindu community in Harrow. A draft action plan has been produced but no details of quality and quantity targets have been included.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

The services provided such as sports activities, yoga and cultural events do not feature highly on the Council's priorities and therefore Hindu Council will need to consider exploring other sources of funding or by charging fees for these services. No evidence has been given on how many people were given advice and guidance, particularly on business start-up. Nonetheless, officers recommend funding of £1,800 for 2007/08, with the proviso that they work with officers during the year to identify other sources of funding.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

No other funding received in 2005/06 or applied for.

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**

## **HOME START HARROW (First Time Mothers Group)**

**Grant requested: £5,000**  
**Current grant: £5,000**  
**Grant recommended: £4,500**

### **Background**

Home Start aims to alleviate stress for vulnerable families where there is at least one child under 5. This is achieved through a volunteer home visiting scheme, group work including a Family Group, Drop In, Young Parents Group and a First Time Mothers Group. A Summer Scheme also runs for 4 weeks and includes children up to 10 years old. Home Start also supports mothers who are suffering the effects of domestic violence. Health visitors attend the groups once a term to offer activities that address parents' health concerns.

### **Grant request**

Funding of £5,000 is requested for the continuation of the First Time Mothers Group to cover the cost of the group leader's salary, aroma massage for mothers and baby massage. The Harrow PCT provides £8,500 to meet the full cost of this Group.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

The "First Time Mothers Group" forms part of a Service Level Agreement, which is monitored by People First. Home Start submits quarterly statistical returns and formal meetings are held six monthly. The services provided by Home Start Harrow are currently under review by the Early Years, Childcare and Parenting Services.

Officers feel that this is a crucial, much needed service and therefore funding of £4,500 is recommended for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

£59,022 from Harrow Council for core costs (SLA)  
£10,421 from Harrow PCT for core costs  
£25,000 from Harrow PCT for groups  
£8,500 from Harrow PCT for the First Time Mothers Group  
£11,500 from BBC Children in Need  
£10,000 from Bridge House Estates Trust  
£1,185 from Help a London Child

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## **IGNITE TRUST**

**Grant requested: £17,226 (in addition to SLA)**  
**Current grant: £10,000 sla**  
**Grant Recommended: Nil**

### **Background**

Ignite Trust was set up in 2001 and seeks to support and empower people especially the most vulnerable in society. They seek to achieve this through a number of innovative, focussed projects. Some of their work is based in schools such as Club 2000 and Drugs Road-show projects. Other work takes place in the community, such as Elevate Academy and the Romance Academy.

The Ignite Trust currently has a 3-year service level agreement, funded through the main grants programme, which commenced in April 2006. This agreement is for the Compact Club, which works with children and young people in schools, particularly those at risk of exclusion.

### **Grant request – Young Women at Risk of Exclusion**

The Ignite Trust is requesting funding for the ‘Young Women at Risk of Exclusion’ project. The purpose of this project is to provide a service for targeted vulnerable young women, especially those at risk of exclusion from school. The main area of work will focus on providing individual transition mentoring sessions to young women in support of the Council’s new ‘Managed Moves’ initiative. Young women may also be referred onto Ignite’s other projects, such as Elevate Dance Academy, the healthy eating course and other educational programmes to help support the young people in the life issues that they face as well as helping them to build their self esteem.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

Due to the Council’s budgetary constraints, officers are unable to recommend funding for this project. Ignite Trust are already in receipt of a 3-year service level agreement and it is not possible to increase this funding at the current time.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

£45,000 from Drug Action Team for drugs training  
£19,500 from Safer Harrow for Elevate Dance Academy  
£5,000 from Awards for All for Elevate Hype  
£11,000 from PAYP for a fun week, activities and away weekend

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## **ISLAMIC & CULTURAL SOCIETY OF HARROW**

**Grant requested:                    £2,000**  
**Current grant:                     £1,000**  
**Grant Recommended:             £900**

### **Background**

The Islamic and Cultural Society of Harrow is a registered charity and was established in 1973. The aims and objectives are:

To provide a common platform for Muslim families in Harrow and surrounding areas  
To promote community cohesion by bringing together families from the subcontinent, of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi and Sri Lankan origin.

The Society runs a Saturday school aimed at enhancing and supporting targeted services/educational activities. They provide mother tongue education and educational support for underperforming students in core subjects provided. The application form states that the school is open to non-Members of the Society, which is possible due to the grant from the Council.

### **Grant request**

Funding of £2,000 is requested to further support the school and at least two more trained teachers. The form states that there is an annual shortfall of £2,000.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

Officers recommend funding of £900 for 2007/08 as a contribution towards the activities outlined above.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

No other funding received or applied for.

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## **JAAGO PUNJABI WOMEN'S GROUP**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£2,750</b>
<b>Current Grant:</b>	<b>£2,750</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>Nil</b>

### **Background**

The Jaago Women's Group started in 1985, and provides a meeting place and forum for Punjabi women and children for sharing and promoting the Punjabi language. They also run other activities including Bhangra classes and yoga.

### **Grant request**

The funding is requested in order for the Jaago Punjabi Women's Group to pay for the room they rent in the Vaughan Centre, Harrow. This enables the group to have a permanent base from which to run their activities.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

It is likely that the Group will need to find another base for their activities during 2007 whilst the Vaughan Centre closes for refurbishment. Activities provided by Jaago, such as Bhangra classes and yoga, do not feature very highly in the Council's priorities. Officers therefore recommend no grant funding to Jaago Punjabi Women's Group for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

No other funding received or applied for.

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## **KIDS CAN ACHIEVE**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£13,749</b>
<b>Current Grant:</b>	<b>£6,024</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£5,400</b>

### **Background**

Kids Can Achieve (KCA) is a registered voluntary organisation that was started in October 2002. They support children and young people with special needs and their carers and families. Their young people have a range of emotional, social, behaviour and learning difficulties including Autistic Spectrum disorders and ADHD. Services include a youth group, under 12s playscheme and after school clubs and all services are over-subscribed. The term-time education inclusion service has a 95% success rate in helping children back into education and preventing permanent exclusion. KCA provides placements for young people at the centre who are out of school or who are not coping with full time education. KCA also works in schools with groups of children or on a one-to-one basis to help them through difficult periods and to manage their behaviour and emotions.

### **Grant request**

Kids Can Achieve is requesting funding of £7,227 to maintain the Youth Group at its new premises and provide 26 places for 12-19 year olds and access to adequate space, facilities and a range of activities, for one evening per week, 7-9.30 pm. In addition, funding of £6,522 is required for the Art Therapy Club for Under 12s for one evening per week 4.30-6.30pm. A full breakdown of this request has been provided.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

KCA aim to develop the self-esteem, social skills and education of their young people and prepare them for integration into mainstream activities and independent young adulthood as far as possible. Their approach is to address the individual needs of service users and tailor provision for them accordingly.

Activities and strategies target young people at key stages of their development. Particular attention is paid to their smooth transition to settings/activities outside Kids Can Achieve and progressing to other groups.

In view of the above, officer's feel that Kids Can Achieve provides a very valuable service to the young people in the Borough and therefore recommend funding of £5,400 for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

L B of Harrow (Education Inclusion Service) - £46,000 pa (SLA). Funding up to March 2008;

Harrow Carers Grant - £38,328 pa. Funding up to March 2008 (respite for carers to include After School Club, Under 12s Holiday Scheme, and Football Club);

Harrow PCT - £50,000 pa. Funding up to March 2008 (counselling, therapy and Helpline Project);

Harrow Advocacy - £35,000 for 1 year (children's advocacy service);

Connexions - £3,500 for 1 year (Youth Holiday Scheme);

BBC Children In Need - £3,391 for 1 year (Youth Group);

Marchday Trust - £7,000 pa. Funding up to March 2009 (core funding);

Mercers Foundation - £750 for 1 year (After School Club).

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## **K.S.I.M. SENIOR CITIZEN ASSOCIATION**

**Grant requested: £5,000**  
**Current Grant: £2,387**  
**Grant recommended: Nil**

### **Background**

This Organisation was set up in 1988 and 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. Members who attend the centre receive refreshments and a meal.

### **Grant request**

The organisation is requesting £5,000 as a contribution towards running costs. They have stated that they will use the funding to:

- Improve the quality/standard of service provided to members
- Arrange extra trips during the summer within the UK
- Arrange Yoga/Keep Fit classes for senior ladies

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

During 2005/06 the organisation continued their services, including home visits, hospital visits, welfare services, and English classes to relieve isolation and improve accessibility to services within the Borough. They also arranged lectures on various services available and arranged day trips and outings to places on interest.

Officers acknowledge that this organisation provides good quality services to its members, and would normally support this application for some of its activities, e.g. health promotion. However, in view of the limited grants budget, funding is not recommended to K.S.I.M Senior Citizen Association for 2007/08. Officers have provided details of 2 funding programmes administered by Age Concern England to explore possible funding for some of their activities.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

None

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## **MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£7,000</b>
<b>Current Grant:</b>	<b>£4,670</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£4,200</b>

### **Background**

The Middlesex Association for the Blind (MAB) is a locally based organisation that offers support, information, equipment and advice for people who are blind, partially sighted and deaf-blind. Services are provided across nine London boroughs.

### **Grant request**

The organisation wishes to develop a children's/parents support group, which would provide after school access to computers and resources for children to do homework and study. The free service would be open monthly for approximately 30 visually impaired children and their parents/carers. Information would also be available on sport and leisure services, e.g. British Blind Sports Association and Look, which is the national support organisation for visually impaired children. MAB also want to increase the amount of information available in accessible formats and provide and promote visual awareness training and safety in the community. The Transcription Co-ordinator currently works for 2 hours per week, funded by the organisation's reserves. These hours would increase if funding is successful. In addition, they would like to carry out research/consultation that recognises the needs of visually impaired people in Harrow.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

During 2005/06, the Association supported over 50 clients who had a visual impairment and over 30 carers directly. Indirect support was provided to over 100 clients and 80 carers.

Funding received in that year was primarily used to provide services for visually impaired people. The deaf/blind clients who are extremely vulnerable have received specialist support through Deafblind Communicator Guides. With additional funding from other sources, the Association have provided assistance to their clients through the telephone support scheme, access to welfare benefits, computer training, Braille training, information in alternative formats (i.e. Braille, tape, large print, CD and various languages) and support groups. The Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) noted in a previous report that services and resources were lacking for people with sensory disabilities and that there were limited services for Deaf-Blind people in the borough, of which there are approximately 81 children and adults registered with Harrow Sensory Services. Officers recommend funding of £4,200 to Middlesex Association for the Blind for 2007/08 as a contribution towards developing a children's/parents support group.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

The organisation provides services across nine London boroughs and therefore receives a variety of funding from different sources.

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## **MIND IN HARROW**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£18,722</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£7,722</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£6,900</b>

### **Background**

MIND in Harrow was set up in 1967 and works to improve the quality of life for people experiencing mental health problems. They provide a range of services including a Befriending Scheme and the Stepping Stones Project.

### **Grant request**

The organisation is requesting £18,722 (an increase of £11,000 from previous years) as follows:

£14,722 for the Stepping Stones project to publicise and run 11 courses during the year, including Tai Chi, Aqua Fitness and Hairdressing. These will take place at mainstream community venues (eg Harrow College) to improve the mental well-being of 250 people. £4,000 for the Befriending Group Worker post to run 20 outings over the year to coffee shops, shopping centres, places of interest and the countryside. It will support 12-25 local people experiencing serious mental health problems to learn more social skills and increase their independence.

In previous years a total of £7,722 has been awarded to MIND in Harrow: £3,722 for the Stepping Stones project and £4,000 for the Befriending Group Worker.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

During 2005/06, MIND in Harrow achieved the following:

- Promoted positive mental health and social inclusion through both projects and other services provided by MIND in Harrow, i.e. Befriending, Link Work, Access Work – for over 120 people disadvantaged by their mental ill health;
- Worked with the BME communities in Harrow, benefiting 60 people;
- Supported 300 people to access a range of other services, via the Access Worker, telephone helpline and the Mental Health Directory;
- Supported and ensured effective involvement of over 60 mental health users through the User Involvement Project, via the Quarterly Forum, the monthly User Group meetings and over 15 working groups; users also assisted in recruitment and selection of mental health staff;
- Supported 360 users into Lifelong Learning through Stepping Stones Project;
- Offered training to more than 70 volunteers, in both Befriending and User Involvement. Ensured all staff received excellent supervision and training to enable them to carry out their work effectively.

The grant element of the total funding for all of the services provided by MIND in Harrow forms part of the Service Level Agreement monitored by People First. The Service

Commissioning Team carries out detailed six monthly monitoring meetings to assess the outcomes and the quality of their services. The Service Commissioning Team values highly the services provided by these two projects and will assist MIND in replacing the £11K funding shortfall, which is likely to occur in 2007/08 by supporting applications to other funding bodies. Officers therefore recommend funding of £6,900 as a contribution towards the Stepping Stones Project and for the Befriending Group Worker.

**Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

£170,411 from Harrow Primary Care Trust – part-funding for core activities and projects  
£25,625 from Harrow Primary Care Trust – Access Worker post  
£147,487 from Harrow Council People First – part funding for core activities and projects  
£31,637 from Big Lottery Fund - Asian & Refugee Befriending Scheme  
£11,425 from CNWL MH Trust – Roxbourne Befriending Scheme  
£20,914 from Home Office – Refugee Advocacy Project  
£23,400 from Opportunities for Vols – User-led Training Project

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## **MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY – HARROW BRANCH**

**Grant requested:** £1,000  
**Current grant:** £1,000  
**Grant recommended:** £900

### **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**

Funding requested for 2007/08 is to contribute towards the cost of printing and distributing the MS society bi-monthly newsletter. The newsletter is one of the primary ways 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. The group would like to increase the circulation of the newsletter, it is currently sent to approximately 200 members.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

Funding requested would be for the production of a bi-monthly newsletter, which is their primary means of communication to all their members. The newsletter gives information on the activities run by MS Society and advice sections. The Society actively encourages feedback and regularly survey their members as to the effectiveness of their newsletter. The Society has also been active in facilitating a MS Specialist Nurse in Harrow and, together with their MS Helpline, will be the first point of contact for many of their members.

Officers recommend funding of £900 for 2007/08 as a contribution towards the production costs of the bi-monthly newsletter.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

None

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## **NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY HARROW BRANCH**

**Grant requested:                   £10,408**  
**Current grant:                     £1,650**  
**Grant recommended:           £1,450**

### **Background**

NASH is a formally constructed branch consisting of members of the National Autistic Society charity organisation, but do not receive any financial assistance from the charity. The aims of the Harrow branch are to give information, training, provide support groups and practical help to families, carers and people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), and support children with ASD through playschemes and special events. They have a lending library and helpline, and aim to raise awareness of the needs of Autistic families and provide input to planning processes when required, within the Borough.

Services currently provided include counselling, Saturday morning respite group offering music and drama therapy, a training programme for parents and carers called SCATT, free phone helpline, playschemes, adult Asperger group, weekly coffee morning and telephone, in person and email support to families and professions with specific enquiries.

### **Grant request**

The organisation is requesting a total of £10,408 of which £8,758 is for a proposed new project for a youth group for young people with ASD and £1,650 is for the continuation of the current grant to deliver local support to parents, carers and professionals in Harrow, to approximate 500 people. This includes a weekly coffee morning for parents, which is held along with the ADHD Support Group.

The Youth Group would be for young people aged between 11-16 at the less able end of the autistic spectrum. It would meet once a month on a Saturday afternoon and have approximately 8 attendees. There would be a charge of £10 per session per attendee.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

The services of NASH are open to all members of the local community and provide written material on Autistic Spectrum Disorders in a number of community languages. NASH also shares a weekly coffee morning with the ADHD group and contributes towards the costs.

Officers recommend funding of £1,450 to this organisation for 2007/08 as a contribution towards the costs of their existing project to deliver local support to parents, carers and professionals in Harrow.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

£1,596 from Help a London Child for transport and outing costs for older/able playschemes

£12,361 from Carers Grant for Summer playscheme

£13,525 from Carers Grant for Saturday respite project and adult Asperger group

£20,596 from Carers Grant to provide SCATT training course

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## **NAVAT YUVA VADIL MANDAL**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£5,350</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£500</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>Nil</b>

### **Background**

The organisation was set up in 1986 to promote activities for elderly and retired members of the community. They meet every Friday at a hall in Masons Avenue, Wealdstone, and arrange regular yoga classes and health talks to bring better health awareness and provide information, counselling and interpreting services. They organise group activities and social events with the intention of improving the quality of life for the disadvantaged members of the community. The application form states that between 100-120 members attend the weekly gatherings.

### **Grant request**

The organisation is seeking funding of £5,350 to pay for a yoga teacher, to pay for the cook to provide a hot vegetarian lunch and for rental of the premises.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

In 2006/07, the Grants Advisory Panel agreed a grant of £500 from the previous year's under-spend as a contribution towards the employment of a cook to prepare lunch. Whilst officers would normally support this application, provision already exists for this community in this part of the Borough. Officers have provided details of 2 funding programmes administered by Age Concern England to explore possible funding for some of their activities.

Therefore, due to the limited grants budget, officers are unable to recommend funding to this organisation for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

No funding received from other sources.

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## **PAKISTAN SOCIETY OF HARROW**

**Grant requested: £7,000**  
**Current grant : £6,642**  
**Grant recommended: £5,900**

### **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 for the salary of the part-time Co-ordinator. 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 and recommendations**

The Co-ordinator is the only paid member of staff and is responsible for the day-to-day running of the organisation.

The first of a quarterly 'Health in Touch' newsletter was produced in April 2006, with funding received from Harrow Primary Care Trust. This edition was aimed at women and focused on female cancers. A female GP contributed towards the information provided. The next edition, which is currently in production, will be aimed at men. Due to the limited grants budget, officers therefore recommend funding of £5,900 to this Organisation in 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

£1,000 from Harrow PCT for the production of the 'Health in Touch' newsletter.

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## **PAKISTAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION HARROW**

**Grant requested:** £5,000  
**Current grant:** £1,000 (paid from 2005/06 underspend)  
**Grant recommended:** £900

### **Background**

The organisation has been operational since 1984 and its aims and objectives are:

- To help isolated and deprived Pakistani women in the Borough of Harrow and cater for the religious, cultural, social and educational needs of Pakistani women and girls.
- To raise the standard and image of Pakistani women.
- To develop good relations between the Pakistani community and the host community.
- To provide information on health issues for women over the age of 50.
- To encourage British Pakistani boys and girls to marry within their own culture but in this country.
- To give guidance to parents so that they are aware of the activities their grown up children are involved in.
- To give advice and counselling to women who have suffered domestic violence or matrimonial problems.
- To remove the misconception of the Islam religion and to inform younger members of the community that Islam teaches peace, love and unity to all walks of life.
- To reduce fear of crime and develop awareness of personal safety
- To organise social, cultural and national functions in order to promote the image of Pakistan, so that the British born children know their history, language, literature, art and music.

The Association has a membership of 365 families (659 women and girls). They currently run a monthly lunch club for women who are aged 50 and over. Approximately 50 women currently attend. They also organise cultural and social events once a month where over 300 members of the Pakistani community attend. Day trips and religious celebrations are also held a couple of times per year.

### **Grant request**

The Association is requesting a grant of £5,000 as a contribution towards the cost of running the monthly lunch club for over 50s, as a contribution towards the cost of a part-time administrator for 2 hours per week and towards running costs.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

Due to the limited grants budget, officers recommend funding of £900 to this Organisation in 2007/08, restricted to the running costs of the monthly lunch club.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

No other funding received or applied for.

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**

## **PARKINSON'S DISEASE SOCIETY – HARROW BRANCH**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£2,500</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£2,400</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£2,150</b>

### **Background**

The Harrow Branch of the Parkinson's Disease Society was set up in 1976 to help people with Parkinson's and their carers, family and friends with the problems arising from Parkinson's disease; to collect and share information on PD; to encourage and provide funds for research into PD. The overall objective of the Parkinson's Disease Society is to be one of the leading neurological charities in the UK serving all people with PD. All the activities, including those of the branch, focus on achieving its aims, including education and professional development, research, information and support.

### **Grant request**

The organisation is requesting a grant of £2,500 to continue to part-fund the Community Support Worker post. The worker provides support, information and advice to all existing and newly diagnosed people with Parkinson's Disease as well as their carers and families. The role ranges from advice on how to manage the physical and mental aspects of the illness, ways in which day to day tasks can be undertaken, how to access professional help which may be needed to manage the illness and to ensure access to any benefits to which they may be entitled. People living with PD, their carers and families may be confused or in denial and therefore unable to access the help they need or have the ability to complete the required forms. The Worker provides contacts and often makes the first contact for the people with PD and assists in completing forms as those with PD often have very poor handwriting and speech impairment so practical help is necessary.

In addition the Worker liaises with health and social care professionals to improve access to services and the quality of services provided in the area through appropriate information on PD, arranging training or information packs, raising awareness of the services she offers and signposting to other relevant services for the individual.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

During 2005/06, the Community Support Worker provided telephone support to 577 people, letters/email support to 107 people, 57 face-to-face consultations, and 82 contacts with other agencies. The Branch also provided training packs to all care homes with PD patients; advice and information to staff at Northwick Park Hospital, plus arranging specific training; attendance at events such as Rotary Clubs, exhibitions, POP Health Fair, 12 Branch meetings to give support, advice and/or raise awareness. The Branch provided support to approximately 44 newly diagnosed people with PD.

Officers recommend funding of £2,150 to this organisation for 2007/08 to continue funding the part-time post of Community Support Worker.

**Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

None.

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Commissioning Team, People First**



## **PERSIAN SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB**

<b>Grant Requested:</b>	<b>£13,995</b>
<b>Current Grant:</b>	<b>£500</b>
<b>Grant Recommended:</b>	<b>£450</b>

### **Background**

This organisation was established in 2004 for the benefit of elderly people of Iranian origin, who are refugees. The organisation's aim is to preserve, promote and celebrate the Iranian cultural heritage and traditional festivals. The main objective of the project is to reduce isolation with the Persian speaking community. The group meets once a week at Victoria Hall and provides advice, guidance, basic day-to-day English and health awareness and yoga sessions. Between 15-25 people attend the weekly sessions. The Association has stated that 75% are Harrow residents.

### **Grant request**

The grant is requested to continue the current activities and to introduce arts and crafts sessions to the weekly meetings. A detailed breakdown of the grant request has not been provided.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

Funding received in 2005/06 was used towards rent of the hall for weekly meetings for their members. The organisation provides advice, guidance, and basic lessons in English, health awareness sessions and translations. They also organised cultural events such as the Iranian New Year. Given the number of members of this organisation, the activities outlined above could potentially be provided by the Iranian Community Association, which is well established and currently based at the Community Premises in Northolt Road. Officers have provided details of 2 funding programmes administered by Age Concern England to explore possible funding for some of their activities.

Due to the limited grants budget, officers recommend funding of £450 to the Persian Senior Citizen Club for 2007/08 as a contribution towards the rent of Victoria Hall for the weekly meetings.

### **Funding received from other sources 2006/07**

£4,945 from Awards for All for running costs and Co-ordinator's salary;  
£3,000 from Renewal for a yoga teacher, English teacher, four outings and running costs.

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## **RAYNERS LANE ISLAMIC WELFARE & CULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

**Grant requested: £4,800**  
**Current grant: £1,000**  
**Grant recommended: £900**

### **Background**

This organisation was constituted in 2006 and its aims and objectives are to assist children to grow up as good, valuable and educated citizens, assimilating into the host society along with learning the values of their birth religion and culture.

Many of the children are from poor educational and socio-economic backgrounds, and are children of recent immigrants.

### **Services provided are as follows:**

- Teach life skills and personal development
- Mother tongue classes
- Good citizenship and family values
- Home working classes, cultural education
- Health and hygiene classes
- Social events (funds permitting)
- I.T., cooking, sewing and drapery skills

### **Grant request**

The organisation has provided a budget, which totals £19,800. This includes £5,000 for the rental of school classrooms at Rooks Heath High School (they do not receive a discount), running costs (£5,000) and salary costs (£9,800). They aim to recover a total of £15,000 in charges to students (£7.50 per week, per child for 40 weeks). Therefore the organisation is requesting £4,800 for the remainder of the costs.

### **Officer comments and recommendation**

The organisation received a start-up grant of £1,000 in 2006/07. They also received a grant of £1,000 from the Edward Harvist Trust to cover the costs of stationery and the purchase of a computer. Due to the limited grants budget, officers recommend funding of £900 to this organisation in 2007/08 as a contribution towards the shortfall of rental costs of school classrooms.

### **Funding received from other sources 2006/07**

None

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## **RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS ASSOCIATION**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£5,000</b>
<b>Current grant :</b>	<b>£1,500</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£1,350</b>

### **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 is requesting a grant of £5,000 to cover volunteers' expenses (£3,000), telephones (£500), postage and stationery (£300), office equipment (£200), interpreting and translation (£800) and refreshments (£200).

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

During 2005/06, 5212 people from the Russian community used the service. A further 560 people attended monthly events/gatherings. The organisation has stated that only 72% of its users are Harrow residents. However, there is no other organisation locally that deals specifically with the Russian speaking community. In view of this fact and due to the limited grants budget, officers recommend funding of £1,350 to this organisation in 2007/08 as a contribution towards their overall operating costs.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

£15,000 from the City Parochial Foundation for the Co-ordinator's salary  
£4,000 from Awards for All for the Healthy Living Club  
£7,800 from the Community Fund for the Advice and Information Service  
Also, an application to Children in Need is pending.

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## **SANGAT ADVICE CENTRE**

**Grant requested:                   £28,000**  
**Current grant:                     £1,000**  
**Grant recommended:           £900**

### **Background**

The Sangat Advice Centre was set up in 1996 to provide advisory, consultancy, advocacy and any or all other related services to individuals, companies, societies, organisations and businesses concerning matters related to welfare benefits, housing, race relations, immigration, child care, matrimonial matters and general poverty. It provides free legal advice and case-work and free appeals representations and also runs a children's project, disabled children's activities and IT training on a weekly basis.

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 run the service, which will cover salary and running costs. The funding will enable the Centre to continue 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. Current funding from the Bridge House Trust comes to an end on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2006 and the ALG funding ends on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 (see funding information below). It is not yet known if either funding body will continue to fund the Centre. The expected outcomes for 2007/08 are:

- To provide advice and advocacy for up to 500 individuals
- To enable up to 200 clients to exercise their rights to British Citizenship and/or other immigration matters
- To reduce poverty for up to 175 clients by acting as a go-between with benefits agencies, etc
- To prevent loss of accommodation and other housing case work for up to 125 clients
- To improve working relations with two other local groups to improve/assist towards better advice services
- To organise two seminars for local participation on local needs and available services

## **Officer comments and recommendations**

In 2005/06, approximately 1,592 individuals were assisted with welfare benefits cases (over £500,000 was received in benefits by their clients) and 560 clients were assisted with debt, immigration and other issues.

The Centre provided basic IT training to 220 individuals, and provided information, advice and guidance to 382 clients. They were able to identify and support 110 BME carers. Some of their other achievements in 2005/06 were as follows:

- Updated their "History of Asians in Harrow" project;
- Organised 5 conferences on various issues and subjects of interests to their clients;
- Raised £14,000 for the Tsunami Disaster appeal to help educate orphaned children in Sri Lanka;
- Provided free legal advice and case work;
- Initiated BME Carer's Project;
- Provided free dance classes to disabled children.

The Sangat Advice Centre has a very good track record and the reputation for the provision of good quality services. It has gained recognition 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 and the Bridge House Estates Trust provides a grant of £28,700.

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. Officers have been informed that the Centre's attempts to secure funding for this post from the ALG have been unsuccessful. Officers are fully supportive of the organisation and its work and would wish to support the application in full. However, due to the limited grants budget, officers are only able to recommend funding of £900 to Sangat Advice Centre in 2007/08.

## **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

£28,000 from Bridge House Trust for the legal and advice outreach service/salary  
£20,000 from the Children's Fund for work with children  
£60,000 from the ALG for the legal service core costs/salary

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## **SPECIAL CONNECTION**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£3,000</b>
<b>Current grant :</b>	<b>£2,000</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£900</b>

### **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 group covers the whole of the borough of Harrow.

The aims of the project are:

- To break down the barriers that exist between those with Special Educational Needs and their peers in main stream education
- Through drama workshops to influence for the good the employers, colleagues and decision makers of the future
- To promote social inclusion and acceptance across the whole spectrum of the Borough.

### **Grant request**

The organisation is requesting £3,000 to cover the running costs of at least 2 two-day drama workshops that will involve, in each one, 30 young people from a main stream school plus approximately 30 young people from 2 or 3 special schools. These will be aged related to 9-12 year olds and 13-19 year olds. Over the two days, the participants will work together on equal terms in small-integrated groups to produce, dress and rehearse a play, performing to each other on the second afternoon.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

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

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 teamwork, develops confidence and offers a pathway to future training and employment within the arts sector.

Officers from the Arts Unit are not aware of the activities provided by Special Connection. The Unit runs an annual disability arts festival and is currently in the process of setting up a new drama forum, which will be accessing funds from the Arts Council to improve drama provision across Harrow. Special Connection are invited to contact the Arts Unit to discuss:

- a) How their work may be better integrated into the arts calendar;
- b) How the recommended amount of £900 could put them in a better position in securing possible funding from other sources.

c) How they can get involved in the new drama forum.

Due to the limited grants budget, officers recommend funding of £900 to Special Connection for 2007/08.

**Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

Various amounts from other Boroughs for Local Area Drama Workshops

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## **TONGUES ON FIRE**

**Grant requested:               £10,000**  
**Current grant :                £5,000**  
**Grant recommended:        £1,000**

### **Background**

Tongues on Fire is a film festival dedicated to expressing the drive and spirit of Asian women working in the cinema cultures across South Asia. The festival is unique in its focus on varied and controversial works produced by Asian female artistes in Britain and abroad. At the heart of this annual event are various educational and cultural activities.

Although Tongues on Fire is primarily a film festival, it is very much multi-layered in its execution; it is not solely about entertainment. It also acts as a referral unit for members of the Asian community. The themes of previous festivals have included domestic violence, child abuse and breast cancer awareness.

The objectives of the organisation are:

- To promote Asian Cinema and Arts by working with statutory and voluntary organisations;
- To facilitate and provide invaluable opportunities for young people and media students to meet established professionals;
- To showcase Asian Art films and increase their accessibility to the wider community i.e. local day centres, different social groups, women's organisations and students;
- To focus on wide-ranging and critically acclaimed work by or about Asian women in Britain and internationally;
- To hold an annual festival of films, cultural and educational activities across London and nationally;
- To provide a forum for discussion on a broad spectrum of issues that affect society at large;
- To create and foster a spirit of understanding amongst a diverse community.

### **Grant Request**

The funding of £10,000 is requested as a contribution towards the 2007 film festival. A detailed breakdown for the cost of the festival has been provided as follows:

Films for screening (3 @ £350)	£1,050
3 guests for Q&A session @ £100 each	£300
Venues in London for Harrow students showcase	£1,000
Anchor person – expert in media	£400
Hospitality at 2 events	£1,500
Administration cost for culmination of events in Harrow (including research and resourcing) – Technicians Fees	£2,000
Film Print, Venue Hire, Faciliator's Fees & admin for screening	£2,500



Publicity/Printing of leaflets, brochure	£1,000
Curators expenses to procurement	£1,000
Volunteers travel expenses	£500
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,250</b>

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

The proposals outlined in this application fits in with the West London Wedge Cultural Offer for West London Proposals, of which Harrow Council is signed up to. Tongues on Fire have a long history of activity in Harrow, launching a prestigious Film Festival (Harrow's only connection to the Film Creation) for the past 6 years. However, due to the limited grants budget, officers can only recommend funding of £1,000 to this Organisation for 2007/08. They are advised to contact the Arts Unit to explore funding from other sources in a possible joint application with them.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

No other funding has been received.

**Report produced by the Grants Unit in consultation with the Arts Unit.**

## **U.K. ASIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£2,750</b>
<b>Current Grant:</b>	<b>£2,750</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£2,400</b>

### **Background**

The "SEWA" drop-in service provides much needed services and support to Asian women of all ages. The Centre has been running successfully since 1991 and provides information, advice and support to Asian Women. They also organise activities like health programmes, seminars, educational and entertainment programmes and outings. This provides an opportunity for women who are lonely and isolated at home to mix with the community, exchange ideas, share experiences and gain confidence. The main purpose of the Project is to strengthen the community and help improve health and general well being.

### **Grant request**

The funding requested is to pay rent for the room at the Vaughan Centre from where the Drop-in-Centre "SEWA" Project is run. This rent is currently paid directly to the Council.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

During 2005/06, the project also organised regular sessions in alternative therapies such as reflexology, Reiki healing and Indian head massage. Their other activities and achievements are as follows:

- Regular classes in yoga relaxation;
- Organised talk on healthy eating and cooking demonstration;
- Ran Tai Chi classes for 6 months with the help of a qualified instructor;
- Sessions on colour therapy and meditation;
- Day trip to Stratford-upon-Avon for 50 Asian women, some of whom were elderly and disabled;
- Organised a sports day for people with disabilities and special needs during the UK Volunteers Week;
- Cultural function (during Navratri festival) for elderly women, people with disabilities and those with special needs.

The UKAWC also run a much-valued translation and interpreting service, in respect of which they have a Service Level Agreement with People First.

It is likely that the Group will need to find another base for their activities during 2007 whilst the Vaughan Centre closes for refurbishment. Officers recommend funding of £2,400 for 2007/08 to be paid directly to the organisation for them to pay rent at the Vaughan Centre and/or their new premises.

**Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

None

**Report produced by the Grants Unit in consultation with the Service Commissioning Team, People First.**

## **WEALDSTONE ACTIVE COMMUNITY**

**Grant requested:                   £1,000**  
**Current grant:                     £1,000**  
**Grant recommended:           £900**

### **Background**

Wealdstone Active Community (WAC) was set up in 2000 and supports local people and businesses by building a sense of community, aids communication and enhances community safety through police contact and liaison with other services from the public and voluntary sector. Members are active on Safer Neighbourhood Committees and Panel for Older People and monitor planning applications and anything that could be detrimental to the community and environment of Wealdstone. Members of the organisation are active in public consultations with the Council.

The organisation has 10 open meetings per year plus events including Blooming Wealdstone, Community Safety Days, St. George's Day celebrations and Children in Need events. The open meetings aim to address various issues affecting the community and the environment of Wealdstone, e.g. crime, graffiti etc. These meetings are well attended by representatives of church organisations, residents associations, police and individuals.

### **Grant request**

The organisation is seeking funding of £1,000 as a contribution towards the running and associated costs of organising 10 open meetings and 3 events.

### **Officer comments and recommendation**

Funding of £1,000 to this Organisation in 2005/06 was used as a contribution to their overall activities, i.e. 2 editions of Wealdstone Live newsletter, Wealdstone Community Day, Blooming Wealdstone, and Fundraising Day for Charity. WAC has submitted copies of photographs as evidence of these events. Due to the limited grants budget, officers recommend funding of £900 to Wealdstone Active Community in 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

None

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## **WISH CENTRE (THE)**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£6,920</b>
<b>Current grant :</b>	<b>£2,000</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£1,800</b>

### **Background**

WISH is an umbrella organisation and was set up in 2003 by women in Harrow to build the capacity of the local women's sector through sharing resources and information and to strengthen local services to women by identifying priorities and gaps and support the development of new activities. It also aims to move the women's sector towards greater financial self-reliance through social enterprise and partnership work.

WISH convenes the multi-agency Women's Forum, which has approximate 450 members representing over 130 local services for women. The Women's Forum links with other bodies including the Harrow Strategic Partnership to ensure that women are empowered through shared information and they can voice their needs, issues and concerns.

WISH is a leader for new local initiatives, including the successful Borough-wide multi-agency self-harm work with young people, which has won several local and national awards and is an integral part of the government inquiry into self-harm. In addition to the Girls Xpress self harm group, a new group for boys who self-harm has been established. Both groups meet weekly and have an average of 15 users per session each. Referrals are taken from local high schools and many local agencies.

WISH produces and maintains a Directory of Services for women in the Borough, which is available online. Along with the Women's Forum, it provides information and partnership networking for over 450 women working in Harrow.

### **Grant request**

WISH is requesting funding of £6,920 to develop and expand the Women's Forum and Directory of Services. This includes funding to cover the rent of the new premises at Zoom Leisure, Kodak Sports Ground, costs associated with running and servicing the Forum meetings and updating and maintaining the Directory of Services.

### **Officer comments and recommendation**

Some of the organisation's achievements in 2005/06 were as follows:

- They successfully launched their on-line directory of services for women in September 2005, with wide local publicity;
- Presented their self-harm project 'Girls Xpress' at the World Economic Forum to world leaders in Switzerland;
- Held as an international model of best practice by the National Inquiry into Self-Harm;

- Provided interim management and capacity building for Women's Aid Harrow;
- Established UK's first Self-Harm Practitioners Forum.

Officers acknowledge that WISH provides much valued services to women in Harrow, however due to the limited grants budget, they are only able to recommend funding of £1,800 to this organisation for 2007/08.

### **Funding from other sources 2006/07**

£20,000 from Comic Relief as a contribution towards self-harm work  
£5,000 from Connexions for the Girls Xpress! Self-harm group  
£1,000 from the Edward Harvist Trust Fund for self-harm work with schools  
£40,000 from the Children's Fund for work with child victims of domestic violence  
£1,500 from Help a London Child for the boys self-harm group  
£32,000 + from the Camelot Foundation for the Centre Developer post

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**

## **WOMEN'S AID HARROW**

**Grant requested: £33,000 (in addition to SLA)**  
**Current grant : £33,515 (SLA)**  
**Grant recommended: Nil**

### **Background**

Women's Aid Harrow is a registered charity, which aims to relieve the distress and suffering of women and children who have or who are exposed to domestic violence by the provision of temporary accommodation, services, advocacy and counselling. Its objective is to build stronger networks and partnership within the community, to enable growth of the organisation, develop children and parenting services whilst using approaches that promote fairness and openness. Women's Aid Harrow comprises of three services – the refuge, the second stage housing scheme and the outreach service.

Women's Aid Harrow currently has a 3-year service level agreement, funded through the main grants programme, which commenced in April 2006. This agreement is for one Outreach Worker post. The WAH Outreach Service is a community-based service, primarily based at Harrow Women's Centre, and is a crisis-led service but also provides ongoing support for women and children who are experiencing or have experienced domestic violence. Training is also provided by the Outreach Service to local agencies such as Homestart to educate their staff on how, where and when to make appropriate referrals. Group work is also provided with women, young people and children to encourage them to gain self-esteem and confidence.

### **Grant request**

Women's Aid Harrow is requesting funding of £33,000 for the salary and on-costs of a full-time advocacy post to further compliment the two posts that already work within the borough. One of these posts is funded under the service level agreement and the other is based at Harrow Police Station and is funded by the Safer Harrow Partnership until March 2007 only. If funding was to be awarded, the new post would deal with high-risk victims of domestic violence and the support would take place at Northwick Park Hospital, GP surgeries and local schools via outreach work on a weekly basis. The application form states that the Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy model (IDVA), developed by the Mayor's London Domestic Violence Strategy 2005, states that 3 advocacy workers are required to deal with local domestic violence issues at all times, which will rise in due course to 5 advocacy workers for each borough.

A letter of support for this application has been received from the Borough's Crime Reduction Manager.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

The funding from Harrow Council pays for one full-time Outreach post. Between May 2005 and April 2006, the Outreach Service worked directly with 199 women and 197 children. These figures do not include the women who were given brief telephone assistance or who called the WAH refuge for assistance. They also do not include the

number of women who were not new referrals but whom WAH continued to work with. It is estimated that there are at least another 150 in total.

The figures given do not reflect the total amount of support and assistance given for this period. As part of the service level agreement with Harrow Council for 2005/06, WAH were given a target of 5 outreach sessions per week, 50 weeks p.a. and 500 clients p.a. As not all of the support and advice given to existing clients was recorded, it is unclear whether or not this target was met. WAH are currently developing ways of monitoring all assistance given, however small, and proper recording systems should be in place ready for the monitoring of the 2006/07 funding.

One of the targets of the Service Level Agreement with Harrow Council was to obtain a Quality Mark. Due to a number of considerable changes at WAH over the past couple of years, this has not yet been addressed. However, now that things have become more settled and funding has been obtained for a second Outreach post, they will now look into the possibility of obtaining the relevant Quality Mark.

Due to the limited grants budget, officers are not able to recommend additional funding to Women's Aid Harrow for 2007/08.

#### **Funding from other sources 2006/07**

£74,485 from Supporting People for refuge costs

£25,652 from Supporting People for floating support associated with the second-stage housing scheme

£45,073 from Housing Benefit (95% occupancy) for refuge rent and core costs

£1,927 Refuge service charge for refuge core costs and volunteers expenses

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## **WOODLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (WOODCOTTES YOUTH CLUB)**

**Grant requested: £4,000**  
**Current Grant: £4,000**  
**Grant recommended: £3,600**

### **Background**

The association was set up in 1997 to provide support, advice and guidance to local residents from both the Woodlands and Cottesmore estates, to encourage a sense of community through activities and events and to empower the local community to manage the environment.

The Association has established the Woodcottes Youth Club for young people aged between 8-16 years old, which is being run with support from the Youth and Connexions Service. Approximately 15 young people attend the Club every Monday between 6.30-8.30 pm.

The activities provided by the Club take place at the Bede Anandappa Community Hall during term time. The programme of activities includes a range of sports, arts and life skills sessions that aim to give young people the opportunity to learn new skills, build knowledge and broaden horizons. They also provide outreach to engage with young people who are not members of the youth club. In addition to the term time activities, the organisation also provides key information, advice and guidance to young people in a wide area of subjects that concern their personal/social development. These include:

- General and sexual health issues;
- Drugs awareness and education;
- Careers advice;
- Personal safety.

The organisation aims to address issues regarding anti-social behaviour and "nuisance" crime through encouraging community responsibility.

### **Grant request**

The Association is requesting a grant of £4,000 to pay the bulk of the salaries of the current 2 youth workers for 3 hours per week each, who are provided by the Harrow Youth and Connexions service.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

The activities provided by Woodcottes Youth Club warrants Council's support. Officers therefore recommend funding of £3,600 to this organisation for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

None

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## **Appendix 4**

### **New Grant Applications**

Ageless International Foundation  
Blossom  
Bridge Trust Organisation Ltd  
Chinese Cultural Centre  
Cottesmore Tenants & Residents Association  
General & Legal – Advice & Help  
Harrow & Wealdstone Swimming Club  
Harrow Business Against Crime Partnership  
Harrow Community Transport  
Harrow Healthy Living Centre  
Harrow Islamic Society  
Harrow Leisure Centre Snooker Club  
Harrow St. Mary's Cricket Club  
Harrow St. Mary's Youth Football Club  
Harrow Tamil Association  
Harrow Weald Badger Sett (St. John Ambulance)  
HAVS Trans-Age Project  
Indian Association of Harrow  
Lifestyle Development Off Da Streets & on the Ball  
Light & Colour Workshops UK  
London Kalibari  
NW London Lesbian & Gay Group  
Pleiades Art Cluster  
Project 5000  
Somali Human Hope  
Survive and Save Club  
Tamil Elders Welfare Trust  
Whittlesea Life Skills Association

**APPENDIX 4a**

**INDIVIDUAL REPORTS RELATING TO  
NEW GRANT APPLICANTS**

## **AGELESS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION**

**Grant requested:** £44,110  
**Grant recommended:** Nil

### **Background**

Ageless International Foundation is an international organisation with its headquarters in Ghana and the UK branch based in Harrow. The application form states that the main aims and objectives of the organisation are to relieve poverty and sickness, to advance education and to further such other charitable purposes as the trustees see fit among victims of war, natural disasters, trouble or catastrophe in the form of money or other means deemed suitable for persons, bodies, organisations or countries affected worldwide.

The organisation would like to run a Harrow Youth Awareness Project for 13-21 year olds to provide recreation, education and freedom for discussion for disillusioned youth in the Harrow area. The focus of the project would be to illustrate that there are choices in life for today's youth and that guns, drugs and violence are choices that have detrimental impacts on society in general and on families and communities. The project would run for 6 months and would include the following:

- Carrying out preliminary research, holding community meetings on various estates and establishing what the current problems, concerns and visions are
- Bringing together interested parties including musicians, athletes, victims of violence and anti-social behaviour, etc
- Arranging for activities that will attract young people, i.e. contemporary music, sports competitions, workshops
- Inviting victims of violence and bullying to talk about their experiences
- Organising theatrical performances
- Holding debates and discussions
- Holding an essay writing competition with the focus on drug abuse/violence/anti-social behaviour, etc. The winners will receive laptops and a safari trip to Ghana with the opportunity to experience life in a Ghanaian school. This would be an ongoing competition to be held each year in order to increase integration and raise awareness.

### **Grant request**

The organisation is requesting funding of £44,110 to pay for premises to act as a centre for operations for the project and for the resources to support the participants including I.T. equipment, and to pay for publicity, administration and networking to involve different organisations and community groups.

### **Officer comments and recommendation**

The organisation has not provided any detailed cost breakdown of this project and it is not clear what research has been done to find out if this type of project is needed.

There are already a number of projects currently funded by Harrow Council that provides services to young people in Harrow and it seems that the main focus of this project is the work in Ghana, which cannot be funded through the grants programme.

**Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

None

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**

## **BLOSSOM**

**Grant requested: £10,000**  
**Grant recommended: Nil**

### **Background**

Blossom was set up in January 2006 as a local Asian women's organisation that aims to improve the quality of life amongst women in the Borough by engaging with Harrow's public services. Blossom's main objective is to benefit women and their children/siblings (boys aged 7 and under) who live in the Borough, by providing or assisting in the provision of facilities for the development of support and recreation, health and fitness. 8 different activity sessions are currently held on a weekly basis and include aerobics, aqua aerobics, yoga, swimming, kick boxing, badminton, gym and mother and toddler swimming sessions. An average of 96 participants take part in the weekly activities. Sessions to obtain teaching qualifications, e.g. lifeguards and aerobics instructors are also held on a regular basis. The activities are held at Harrow Leisure Centre and Hatch End Pool. All activities are provided in a safe women-only environment, only female instructors/lifeguards are used and the women are shielded from public view for cultural/religious reasons.

### **Grant request**

The costs for the above activities amount to £23,000 per annum, which includes hire of venues, hire of professional trainers/lifeguards, purchase/hire of specific fitness equipment and advertising costs. Blossom currently receives a subsidy of £9,000 from Leisure Connection for use of the premises and receives £4,000 from participants in the form of charges for the activities (between £2-£3 per person per session), which leaves a balance of £10,000, which forms their grant request.

### **Officer comments and recommendation**

This organisation is providing services that are already available at various leisure sites across the borough, but specifically for women and their children at a discounted rate. There is no evidence that the women who attend the sessions are on low incomes but at present they pay between £2 and £3 per session, which is on average half of the normal rate charged by local services. Therefore, in view of the limited grants budget, officers are unable to recommend funding to Blossom for 2007/08. Officers have provided contact details of other appropriate funding sources, i.e. Harrow Sports Council and Sport Relief.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

None

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**

## **BRIDGE TRUST ORGANISATION LTD.**

**Grant requested:                   £10,000**  
**Grant recommended:                Nil**

### **Background**

The Bridge Trust Organisation was set up in 2004 with the intention of providing services to the Somali unemployed youths living in the Borough. The aim is to provide employment and career development of young Somali residents through training, advice, recruitment and mentoring. The main targets are excluded pupils, those with minor criminal records and drug users. At present, they provide translation and interpretation services and home visits for isolated individuals.

### **Grant request**

The organisation is requesting £10,000 as follows:

Development and running costs	£1,500
Skills Training costs	£1,500
IT training costs	£1,500
Home work support	£1,500
Parents mentor/youth meeting evenings	£500
Sport & recreational activities	£1,500
Outreach, consultation and mediation	£500
Seminar for service providers	£1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>

### **Officer comments and recommendation**

No evidence has been given that this project is needed in Harrow and the Council already funds other organisations that provide services to the Somali community, through HASVO, and youth organisations. In view of the limited grants budget, officers are unable to recommend any funding to this organisation for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

None

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**

## **CHINESE CULTURAL CENTRE**

**Grant requested:                   £1,355**  
**Grant recommended:            Nil**

### **Background**

The Chinese Cultural Centre is an art organisation established since 1986 with the aim to provide awareness and understanding of the Chinese and their culture to the wider community. They facilitate cultural exchange and develop educational and training programmes relevant to the appreciation of Chinese culture for all ages especially the younger generation. Its activities include producing and providing an on-going programme of arts events, including concerts, dancing, exhibitions, annual Chinese Film and New Year Festivals, as well as collaborative cultural diversity works with mainstream venues and local authorities. The Chinese Cultural Centre is an umbrella organisation for the Chinese Film Society, the London Chinese Dance and Mime Theatre Company and the Local Chinese Orchestra.

### **Grant request**

The Centre is requesting funding towards the cost of a season of Chinese film to be held at Harrow Arts Centre in January and February 2007.

### **Officer comments and recommendation**

Officers have met with the Director of the Chinese Cultural Centre and have explained that, if approved, funding would not be available until April 2007. As this proposal is for a project that will take place in January/February 2007, the organisation has been informed that the Council is unable to consider their application. The organisation has been referred to the Council's Arts Unit for assistance in identifying other sources of funding.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

£76,765 from ACE London for education and fundraising development  
£5,000 from JP Morgan Trust for education project  
£5,000 from Film London for the London Chinese Film Festival

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**



## **COTTESMORE TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**Grant requested: £4,400**

**Grant recommended: £3,000**

### **Background:**

The Cottesmore Tenants & Residents Association, in Stanmore Park, was set up in 2002 with the following objectives:

- To provide social and recreation activities for all tenants and residents living on the Estate and to provide a nicer environmental area in which to live;
- To provide the basis of a friendly and communal atmosphere amongst its members;
- To negotiate with appropriate personnel from Harrow Council on matters relating to its members and the estate generally.

### **Grant Request:**

The Association is requesting funding of £4,400 for the 'Cottesmore in Bloom' project. The aim is to renovate seven raised flower-beds on the estate by planting grasses, herbs, perennial and seasonal plants, shrubs and bulbs and maintaining them at a decent level. Residents of the estate, both adults and children, will be involved with the project and will assist with the planting and maintaining of the flower-beds. The Association has provided full costing of the Project, which totals £3,104. They hope to use the remainder of the grant to renew the 2 notice boards on the estate, remove graffiti, and to re-do the ground in the play area, which has been seriously neglected over the years, to make it safe for the children.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

An officer met with some members of the management committee and some residents. They were very enthusiastic about this project and wanted to improve the overall look of the estate. They also commented that the work involved is something that is really the responsibility of the Council, but have been told that they are not able to provide this due to the recent cuts.

Officers feel that this is a very worthy project that warrants support from the Council, and therefore recommend funding of £3,000 to Cottesmore Tenants & Residents Association for 2007/08. The organisation is advised to apply for a proportion of the funding from the Edward Harvist Trust Fund.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

£250 from Harrow Federation of Tenants & Residents Associations for running costs

**Report produced by the Grants Unit in consultation with Urban Living Directorate**

## **GENERAL & LEGAL – ADVICE & HELP**

**Grant requested:                   £10,000**  
**Grant recommended:            Nil**

### **Background**

The organisation was set up in 2006, originally by Sri Lankan professionals (mostly solicitors) to help their community. The organisation's aims is to provide general and legal advice and help to the community, to educate and advise young people in the community in relation to their medical and educational needs and to train volunteers to give advice in order to achieve a qualification for themselves while volunteering. They provide telephone and drop-in advice and train volunteer advisers.

### **Grant request**

The organisation is requesting funding of £10,000 to hire premises, purchase equipment and furniture and for running costs.

### **Officer comments and recommendation**

Provision of the services outlined in the organisation's application already exists in the Borough. There are several organisations that are currently funded providing various types of advice to all client groups in the community, i.e. elderly, people with disabilities, refugees, etc. In view of the limited grants budget, officers are therefore unable to recommend funding to General & Legal – Advice and Help for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

The organisation has applied to National Lottery.

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**

## **HARROW & WEALDSTONE SWIMMING CLUB**

**Grant requested:                   £10,000**  
**Grant recommended:                Nil**

### **Background**

The Club was established in 1974 to promote and encourage young people regardless of race and social background to learn to swim, to promote swimming as a healthy lifestyle choice of people of all ages across the borough and to ensure that all swimmers achieve their potential at the competitive end of the swimming spectrum. Swimming classes are offered from the age of 6 to adults.

### **Grant request**

The Club are requesting £10,000 to provide additional swimming classes and promote healthy eating/lifestyle within the borough with the long-term aim of finding talent for the 2012 Olympics.

### **Officer comments and recommendation**

Whilst this is a very worthwhile project, it is not something that features highly on the Council's list of priorities and therefore officers are unable to recommend any funding to this Club for 2007/08. The Club receives an annual grant from Harrow Sports Council and this has been increased from £8,000 to £10,000 for 2006/07.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

£10,000 from Harrow Sports Council for swimming classes

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**

## **HARROW BUSINESS AGAINST CRIME PARTNERSHIP**

**Grant requested:                   £18,800**  
**Grant recommended:           £5,000**

### **Background:**

The Harrow Business Against Crime Partnership (HBACP) was set up in 2006 with the aim of reducing business crime in the Borough and making the trading environment safer for customers, visitors, staff and residents. Harrow Business Against Crime is a dedicated, formal and pro-active partnership between businesses, the Police, Harrow Council, Harrow Town Centre Business Forum, CCTV, and other crime reduction schemes. The HBACP contributes to and has access to a National Intelligence Database. The partnership has recently been accredited with the Safer Business Award in accordance with National Action Against Business Crime criteria. The scheme provides a unified approach to business crime in the Harrow area and will:

- Collate information to identify the most prolific offenders against businesses, their staff and their customers;
- Enter this information on the NID so it can be analysed effectively;
- Distribute this information to all members of the scheme so they know who to look out for and who is going to damage their business (including photographs of offenders);
- Share information with police and other partners to increase the pressure on these prolific offenders;
- Run an Exclusion Notice Scheme which will see offenders banned from all of the member's premises;
- Provide a single point of contact for businesses that wish to raise concerns about crime affecting their business premises.

### **Grant Request:**

HBACP are requesting funding of £18,000 as a contribution towards the salary of the Business Crime Reduction Manager plus proposed Admin Assistant, and running costs.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

To date, HBACP has approached over 50 businesses in Harrow to promote the scheme and boost membership. The reaction is very positive and many businesses are seeking Head Office approval to join the scheme. In addition, pilot sites are being run at Debenhams and Marks and Spencer for intelligence collection. Officers are of the opinion that this scheme is a very worthwhile initiative. Statistics show that business crime in Harrow town centre is on the increase. Similar partnerships across the country have proved that this type of united approach against crime has had a significant impact on crime within a business community. Their total expenditure for the year is approximately £52,000. Due to the limited grants budget, officers therefore recommend funding of £5,000 to Harrow Business Against Crime Partnership in 2007/08.

**Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

£18,000 from SSCF;

£8,200 per annum for 3 years from LBH (radiolink fund) - to end March 2009;

£25,000 per annum for 3 years from LBH (Town Centre Management Fund) – to end March 2009.

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**

## **HARROW COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

**Grant requested: £10,000 per annum over 3 years**  
**Grant recommended: £3,500**

### **Background:**

Harrow Community Transport is a registered charity, which provides fully adapted wheelchair accessible vehicles at low cost to statutory and voluntary organisations, community groups and families, who have difficulties with mainstream travel in Harrow by offering the following 3 modes of transport:

- **GROUP TRANSPORT SERVICES:** 4 vehicles all with passenger lifts: 1 x 16-seater, 2 x 13-seater plus 2 wheelchair users, and 1 x 8-seater plus 4 wheelchair users;
- **INDIVIDUAL CHAIRMAN SERVICE:** 3 vehicles that carry 1 wheelchair user plus carer;
- **COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME:** volunteer car drivers using own vehicles.

The provision of the service is a combination of 1 x contract driver and volunteer drivers.

### **Grant Request:**

The organisation proposes to use the funding requested over the next 3 years to develop a Community Car Program, using a team of Volunteer Drivers. The funding will enable them to recruit a Co-ordinator to oversee this Program, and contribute to office space required (they currently have a small office at HAVS which is suitable for only one person).

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

Harrow Community Transport was funded £5,000 in 2005/06. They provide a very valuable service to the most vulnerable individuals in the Borough: young and older people and those with a disability, enabling them to access a range of services and life opportunities thereby enhancing their quality of life. Their transport services enable their members to attend social gatherings such as lunch clubs, which they would otherwise be excluded from. They also provide a shopping run every Thursday from 6 of the sheltered homes in Harrow using a wheelchair access bus. There are currently 50 user groups that regularly access the service of Harrow Community Transport. Individual trips amount to approximately 780 per annum. They currently have a complement of 10 volunteer drivers, but are hoping to increase this to at least 20 during 2007. Due to the limited grants budget, officers therefore recommend funding of £3,500 to Harrow Community Transport for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

£30,000 per annum for 2 years (to end March 2008) from Bridge House Trust – Director's salary;

£38,000 per annum for 3 years (to end March 2009) from Harrow PCT – general running costs.

**Report produced by the Grants Unit.**

## **HARROW HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE**

**Grant requested:                   £9,360**  
**Grant recommended:           £2,000**

### **Background**

The Harrow Healthy Living Centre, based at the Wealdstone Centre, opened in 2004. The aim is to provide people with support needs (including learning difficulties and mental health needs) with training and work placements within the Red Brick Café, which is situated in the Centre. Café staff, who are funded by the Big Lottery, work with the people on the placements to supervise and support them and make them feel part of the team. The Centre has a healthy living ethos and offers fitness and awareness sessions as well as encouraging healthy eating.

### **Grant request**

At present, Choices 4 All fund 4 placements for people with support needs. All of these people will be moved on in the next few months as funding has already ceased. The Centre also has 5 other unfunded placements and they would like to extend this to 10 placements in the near future. Part of the funding requested (£1,560) would cover support costs from the Centre but the majority (£7,800) would be to pay the people on placements an average of £10 per day, depending on whether they are full or part time. The Centre will be applying to other funding bodies for the costs of placements as the more funding they receive, the more placements they can accept.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

Officers feel that this project is worthy of support from the Council, and therefore recommend funding of £2,000 for 2007/08 as a contribution towards the cost of placements based within the Red Brick Café of the Harrow Healthy Living Centre in Wealdstone.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

£138,040 from Big Lottery for running costs

**Report produced by the Grants Unit in consultation with the Service Commissioning Team, People First.**

## **HARROW ISLAMIC SOCIETY**

**Grant requested: £4,000**  
**Grant recommended: Nil**

### **Background:**

The Harrow Islamic Society was set up in 1991 for the following objectives:

- To teach mother tongue classes to children under 16 years of age;
- To teach English to those whose first language is not English, to help them to read and write;
- To provide recreational facilities for young people, i.e. swimming and tennis.

The above activities take place at Nower Hill High School in Pinner.

### **Grant request:**

The organisation is requesting funding of £4,000 for the following:

- Hire of tennis courts, and use of swimming pools - £800 per annum;
- Purchase of office and sport equipment - £1,200 per annum;
- Fees for sports coaches and other related staff - £2,000 per annum.

They are hoping to introduce swimming classes specifically for Muslim girls in the near future.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

In view of the limited grants budget, officers are unable to recommend funding to Harrow Islamic Society for 2007/08. Officers have referred this organisation to Harrow Sports Council and Sport Relief for some of their activities.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

None

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**



## **HARROW LEISURE CENTRE SNOOKER CLUB**

**Grant requested:** £700  
**Grant recommended:** Nil

### **Background**

The Club started in 1982 with the aim of actively promoting snooker within the borough and to develop snooker for people of all ages and abilities. It meets at Harrow Leisure Centre once a week.

### **Grant request**

The Club is requesting £700 to subsidise snooker fees for 3-4 younger members to develop their full potential and to re-cover the snooker tablecloth.

### **Officer comments and recommendations**

Very limited information has been provided on the application form and, despite a request, officers have not received accounts for the last financial year, bank account details, names and addresses of management committee members or an equal opportunities policy. It is not clear how many people attend the club on a weekly basis or if a charge is made.

The nature of this application does not feature highly on the Council's list of priorities and therefore officers are unable to recommend any funding. The Club will be encouraged to contact Harrow Sports Council to see if they can provide assistance with developing individual players.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

None reported

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**

## **HARROW ST. MARY'S CRICKET CLUB**

**Grant requested:                   £3,000**  
**Grant recommended:            Nil**

### **Background**

The Club has been running for 125 years and the aim is to provide the best possible opportunities for people in Harrow to play the highest standard of cricket possible at both adult and colts levels including quality coaching and facilities. They are committed to child welfare, safety and care and promote and encourage players from all walks of life.

### **Grant request**

The Club currently leases the pavilion and main pitch at Harrow Recreation Ground. They also lease a second pitch on an ad-hoc basis but there is now a need to rent this pitch on a permanent basis due to demand. The Council would like to continue to carry out the maintenance of the second pitch for a year, which means the Club would have to pay rent and maintenance costs to the Council, approximately £3,000. From the second year, the Club would be responsible for the maintenance and pay a reduced rent accordingly. They are currently responsible for the maintenance of the main pitch and are keen to maintain the second pitch to a standard that meets their needs. At present, the Club's rental and running costs are met by membership fees and fundraising.

### **Officer comments and recommendation**

The nature of this application does not feature highly on the Council's list of priorities and therefore officers are unable to recommend any funding. The Club will be encouraged to contact Harrow Sports Council to see if they can provide assistance and also to apply to other funding bodies.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

None

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**

## **HARROW ST. MARY'S YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB**

**Grant requested: £2,110**  
**Grant recommended: Nil**

### **Background**

Harrow St. Mary's Youth Football Club has been running since 1990 and provides football opportunities for children aged 6-21 years. The Club is open to all young people living in Harrow regardless of their gender and abilities and meets at Harrow Recreation Ground every week during the football season.

### **Grant request**

The Club is requesting funding of £2,110. From this, £1,760 is to provide additional football coaching with FA qualified coaches for one year. It is hoped that during this time parents will learn coaching skills from the professionals and will then be able to continue with the coaching themselves in future years. They are also requesting funding of £350 towards the cost of equipment.

### **Officer comments and recommendation**

The nature of this application does not feature highly on the Council's list of priorities and therefore officers are unable to recommend any funding to this organisation for 2007/08. The Club will be encouraged to contact Harrow Sports Council to see if they can provide assistance and also to apply to other funding bodies.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

£1,432 from Harrow Connexions for project with 14-15 year olds

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**

## **HARROW TAMIL ASSOCIATION**

**Grant requested:** £9,860  
**Grant recommended:** Nil

### **Background:**

The Harrow Tamil Association has been operating since 1996 and has since established itself as one of the main point of contact for the Tamil community in Harrow. Their main objective is to relieve need, hardship and distress of the Tamil people, particularly newly arrived refugees, through provision of a translation service and advice regarding matters such as immigration, social and welfare rights, housing, community integration, education, training and employment. They are currently running a day centre, luncheon and a Senior Citizens Club for the elderly for 3 hours a day twice weekly at the Roxeth Recreational Ground Pavillion in South Harrow. The current regular usage of the day centre is 25-30 members.

### **Grant request:**

The grant requested is to pay for the rental costs of the Pavillion, running costs and volunteer expenses. Harrow Tamil Association are hoping to expand the service by increasing the number of sessions to 4 hours a day, three days a week, and increase the number of users to 50-60. The current cost of hiring the Pavillion Tea Room is £32.40 per day.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

Members are asked to note that another organisation serving the same community, has also submitted a funding application to Harrow Council for 2007/08 with similar aims and objectives, and providing similar activities for the elderly Tamil community at the Pavillion Tea Room in South Harrow. Officers have been in discussion with both organisations to encourage them to work together for the good and welfare of their elderly members. In view of the limited grants budget, officers are unable to recommend funding to Harrow Tamil Association for 2007/08. They will be encouraged to contact Age Concern England to enquire about their funding programmes.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

None

**Report produced by the Grants Unit in consultation with the Service Commissioning Team, People First.**

## **HARROW WEALD BADGER SETT (ST. JOHN AMBULANCE)**

**Grant requested:                   £1,000**  
**Grant recommended:            Nil**

### **Background**

The Harrow Weald Badger Sett is a local group of St. John Ambulance in its first year of operation. The aims and objectives are to instruct members of the public in the principles and practices of First Aid, Nursing, Hygiene and other allied or ancillary subjects and to instruct boys and girls in First Aid, nursing and other subjects conducive to the education of good citizens. The Badger Sett is for children aged 6 to 10 and has approximately 24 young people attending the weekly session. The Sett uses the main St. John Ambulance constitution and equal opportunities policy but has a local management committee.

### **Grant request**

The group is requesting £1,000 for the cost of training materials, uniforms, games equipment, badges, certificates and transport for outings.

### **Officer comments and recommendation**

This application is for capital expenditure, which would not normally be funded by the main grants programme. It is suggested that the group explore alternative sources of funding, including Awards for All. Funding to this group is therefore not recommended for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

£750 from St. John Ambulance for training costs

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**

## **HAVS - TRANS-AGE PROJECT**

**Grant Requested: £15,000**

**Grant Recommended: £2,000**

### **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. For young people this experience can be used for accreditation with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Relevant training is provided by the organisation.

### **Grant request**

The organisation is requesting a contribution of £15,000 to cover some of their core costs, which have previously been funded by other sources.

### **Officer comments and recommendations:**

At the start of the Autumn term 2006, over 100 older people were volunteering in First, Middle and High schools in Harrow and Day Care Centres for older people and 88 young people have been volunteering since January 2006 at Millmans Day Care Centre, Anmer Lodge, the Princess Alexandra Residential Home, Harrow Shopmobility, Kids Can Achieve and Welldon Park Holiday Scheme.

Due to the limited grants budget, officers are only able to recommend funding of £2,000 to HAVS – Trans-Age Project for 2007/08 as a contribution to its operational costs.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

£10,000 from the City Parochial Foundation for core funding (expires March 2007)

£4,000 from POP Prevention & Modernisation Grant for core funding

£10,000 from the Rank Foundation for core funding

£5,000 from Awards for All for reminiscing toolkit (expires March 2007)

**Report produced by the Grants Unit in consultation with the Service Commissioning Team, People First.**

## **INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF HARROW**

**Grant requested:** £6,500  
**Grant recommended:** Nil

### **Background**

In its constitution, the Association sets out its aims and objectives, summarised as follows:

- To create a forum, where the Indian community can pool resources and skills and form strategies to enrich the social and cultural aspects of the community they live in
- To promote the social and economic welfare for Indians to enable them to contribute fully to the economic regeneration of the United Kingdom
- To establish strategic alliances with other minority and mainstream organisations to create better understanding between communities
- To provide support and leisure facilities for young people plus facilities for young people to learn Indian dance, music and languages
- To provide information and advisory services to people in need, e.g. the elderly

The Association has had a designated desk at the Community Premises since the premises were opened.

### **Grant request**

The Association is seeking funding of £6,500 to enable it to provide the following services:

- First Aid workshops and health seminars
- Provide meals at times of festivals
- Arrange outings for senior citizens
- Run sport games, dance classes, etc for young people
- Run a resource centre for information, help and advice

### **Officer comments and recommendation**

The Association is long established and has been based at the Community Premises since it opened in 1995/96. The IAH has been playing an active role at the Community Premises, CARRAMEA and in joint social and cultural events and activities with other Asian groups at the Premises. The funding requested is to cover the costs of first aid workshops and health seminars, provision of meals at times of festivals and to arrange outings for senior citizens, to run sport games, dance classes etc for their youngsters and to run a resource centre for information, advice and help.

No details have been provided on the proposed work programme. Some of the proposed expenditure, such as meals at times of festivals and outings do not meet the grants criteria and the cost of first aid workshops and health seminars have not been

detailed. In view of the limited grants budget, officers are unable to recommend any funding to this Organisation for 2007/08.

**Funding received from other sources 2006/07**

£2,000 from John Lyons Charity for Indian Dance Classes in Harrow schools

**Report prepared by the Grants Unit**



## **LIFESTYLE DEVELOPMENT (OFF DA STREETS & ON THE BALL)**

**Grant requested: £8,095**

**Grant recommended: £3,000**

### **Background:**

Lifestyle Development is a recently established voluntary organisation working in partnership with Warden Housing in the Rayners Lane area. Their aim is to advance education, provide leisure and recreation facilities and other programmes in the interest of social welfare and improving the conditions of life for young people aged 8-21 years.

The youth project "Off Da Streets & On The Ball" will be based in the new Beacon Community Centre on the Rayners Lane estate, which is Harrow's largest housing estate with over 600 homes. Warden Housing is the management landlord, who has started an innovative regeneration programme, which will include rebuilding and renewal of 260 new homes and 190 new flats. The youth project will run alongside the building regeneration.

### **Grant request:**

Lifestyle Development is requesting funding of £8,095 to use as part of the set up and running costs of the youth project. The grant will enable them to pay for the facilities hire, equipment purchase, publicity material, telephone and general admin costs, volunteers expenses, recruit a part-time senior youth worker and special activities tutors. They have use of a mini-bus owned by Warden Housing, and they hope to use part of the grant to pay for fuel. They have estimated that the total start-up cost of the project will be £31,595.

### **Officer comments and recommendation:**

The Rayners Lane estate is Harrow's biggest social housing estate, with a higher proportion of people from the BME community than the rest of Harrow. Unemployment is higher than Harrow in general as well as the percentage of low-income families. The police and Warden Housing have endorsed the youth project. An officer has visited the new Beacon Community Centre and found it to be very impressive. It will offer a variety of diversionary activities each week, which will support young people at risk to use their spare time more constructively. Overall, the project is likely to benefit over 125 young people living on or near the Rayners Lane estate.

Officers feel that this innovative project is worthy of Council support, and therefore recommend funding of £3,000 to Lifestyle Development for 2007/08 as a contribution towards their overall activities.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

£20,000 per annum for 2 years from Warden Housing to support the establishment and running of the project;

£1,500 per annum for 2 years from Fulham Football Club for sports coaching and equipment;  
£2,000 per annum for 2 years from Blindtrack – residential trips/rewards.

**Report produced by the Grants Unit in consultation with the Youth & Connexions Service.**

## **LIGHT & COLOUR WORKSHOP UK**

**Grant requested:                   £4,940**  
**Grant Recommended:           £800**

### **Background**

Light and Colour Workshop UK have been a registered charity organisation since 2003, with the aim of providing art-based workshops with a particular focus on the use of light and colour to push boundaries and engage people with a wide range of creative pursuits. They work with children, disaffected youth and vulnerable members of the community and work towards raising their attainment and achievement through the arts while building their confidence that will assist them back to education and employment. Workshops are held in schools and in partnership with voluntary organisations.

### **Grant Request**

The Group is proposing a project to bring young and elderly people together to share life experiences through the creation of ceramic art/mosaics. The project would take place in residential care homes or elderly people's homes where artists will support the youth and elderly teams to create a specific art piece, either in the garden or home. The work will entail the creation of a piece of art symbolic with the participants' memories of the past and hopes for the future and reflection on how both groups are linked together. The group would recruit participants through the youth services within Harrow, i.e. Connexions, Tuition Service, young offenders, schools, local residential homes, HAVS Trans-Age Project, Harrow Stroke Club and Help the Aged.

### **Officer comments and recommendation**

Officers feel that this is an excellent proposal, and the Group have shown the way forward with the development of visual arts in Harrow and West London. The organisation should be encouraged to apply to Awards for All as this type of project is one of the examples given for types of projects they fund. The organisation received a grant from Awards for All in 2005 but could apply to them again in 2007. Due to the limited grants budget, officers recommend funding of £800 to Light & Colour Workshop UK for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

£7,000 from the Local Network Fund for creative workshops for young people that self-harm  
£1,500 from Help a London Child for a paid sessional worker  
£15,000 from the Camelot Foundation for creative youth voices

**Report produced by the Grants Unit in consultation with the Arts Unit.**

## **LONDON KALIBARI**

**Grant requested: £7,000**

**Grant recommended: £1,500**

### **Background:**

The objective of London Kalibari is to establish a permanent community centre for the benefit of Hindu Bengalees in Harrow and surrounding areas to meet the social, cultural and spiritual needs of the community. Members meet regularly to raise funds for the community centre by holding music, dance, play and historical talks, senior citizens club, Bengalee language tuition, yoga, and bereavement services. These activities currently take place at various locations, i.e. Harrow Civic Centre, Ealing Town Hall, Welldon Centre, and Sri Aurobindo Centre in Eastcote Lane. The activities outlined benefit approximately 300 people of Hindu Bengalee origin in Harrow.

### **Grant request:**

London Kalabari are requesting funding of £7,000 for the following:

- Rental of premises (as outlined above) - £2,000;
- Sound system plus accessories - £2,000;
- Indian musical instruments - £1,000;
- Revenue costs (i.e. transport, postage, and artists' fees) - £2,000.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

Officers advised the organisation to submit an application for funding from the Edward Harvist Trust for the sound system and the Indian musical instruments, as the Council do not normally fund these from the main grants budget.

Due to the limited grants budget, officers recommend funding of £1,500 restricted to the rental and running costs of the senior citizens club.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

£250 per annum for 2 years from Harrow Council – for the Black History Month celebrations.

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**

## **NW LONDON LESBIAN & GAY GROUP**

**Grant requested:** £6,000  
**Grant recommended:** Nil

### **Background:**

NW London Lesbian and Gay Group was set up in 1971 and is the longest running LGBT (Lesbians, Gay Men, Bisexual and Transgender) social group in London. Its aim is to provide a friendly and supportive environment for gays, lesbians, bi-sexual and transgender people. It seeks to educate and inform its members, on issues relevant to them, through talks and discussions, readily available literature, and advice about specialist help. It seeks to combat isolation and discrimination within the LGBT community. Their current membership is 68. Members meet as a social group every Wednesday evening at Brent Staff Sports and Social Club in Preston Road, Wembley.

### **Grant request:**

Funding requested is a contribution towards their overall operating and running costs, i.e. generating new members, targeting specific audiences through a publicity campaign (posters, press advertising, mailshots), rental of premises, communication costs, office costs, etc.

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

The organisation meets at a venue, which is based in Brent, and it is unclear whether the majority of their members are from Harrow, and only one out of seven management committee members are resident in this Borough. Whilst they have worked closely with Brent Council in the publication of a glossy brochure titled "Diverse Sexualities – Celebrating our Differences", the organisation have not received any financial assistance from the Council. Officers acknowledge that the LGBT community is under-represented in Harrow, and would normally support this application. However, due to the current limited grants budget, Officers are unable to recommend any funding to this organisation for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

£5,000 from Awards for All (from Sept 2006 to Aug 2007).

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**

## **PLEIADES ART CLUSTER**

**Grant requested: £2,000**  
**Grant recommended: Nil**

### **Background**

Pleiades Art Cluster is a group of professional artists, formed in February 2006, aiming to raise their profile and develop the awareness of art in the Borough. They would like to provide workshops, projects and exhibitions for women, children, elderly and young people in the community. They held an exhibition at International Women's Day 2006 and were approached by 45 women who expressed an interest in participating in artist-led workshops in Wealdstone.

### **Grant request**

The group is requesting £2,000 to hold a total of 5 workshops for each of the groups, i.e. women, children, elderly and young people. It is proposed to hold the workshops at the Wealdstone Centre, which will be provided free of charge for the time being. The grant requested will cover artist's materials and expenses.

### **Officer comments and recommendation**

The group is in the very early stages of development and have only recently devised a mission statement. A formal constitution has not yet been agreed and at present there are only 2 members of the management committee, both of whom are the artists who will be leading the workshops. The organisation has met with the Small Groups Development Officer at HAVS and has received advice on how to develop their group. In light of the above and the fact that this project does not feature highly on the Council's list of priorities, officers are unable to recommend any funding to this Organisation for 2007/08. The group will be encouraged to apply to other funding bodies, particularly Awards for All, once they have adopted a formal constitution.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

None

**Report produced by the Grants Unit in consultation with the Arts Unit**

## **PROJECT 5000**

**Grant requested:                   £10,000**  
**Grant recommended:            Nil**

### **Background**

The aims and objectives of this organisation are to provide, principally for the benefit of young people in Harrow, safe spaces where they can meet in an environment where Christian values are espoused, to socialise and engage in a variety of activities and receive counselling and advice on social, health, moral and religious issues including teaching about the Christian faith with the objective of improving their condition of life.

The Club's long-term aim is to run a purpose built drug-free, alcohol-free nightclub in Harrow for mid-teens. This year they have successfully planned and organised 2 outdoor events for this age group and are now looking for funding to trial some indoor events during 2007/08.

### **Grant request**

The Group is requesting £10,000 to run three indoor events over weekends in 2007/08. They would like to hire premises such as private function rooms in hotels or pubs and provide entertainment (i.e. disco), youth workers and door staff to make it feel like a proper nightclub but also providing a safe drug and alcohol-free environment. The events would be open to all young people in Harrow and would be advertised through existing youth groups and organisations.

### **Officer comments and recommendation**

This project is a good idea in principal, and it could meet the Council's priority of 'Dedicated facilities for local Youth'. Although the organisation practices Christian values, the nightclub would be open to all young people in Harrow and the Chairperson has made assurances that the only belief they will impose on the young people is that they can have a good time without having to use drugs or alcohol. However, in view of the limited grants budget, officers are unable to recommend funding to this Organisation for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

None

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## **SOMALI HUMAN HOPE**

**Grant requested: £10,000**  
**Grant recommended: Nil**

### **Background:**

Somali Human Hope is a registered charity offering information, advice and guidance on benefits, utilities, housing, education, training and employment. Their main aims are to:

- Raise the educational attainment of Somali children and young people;
- Provide recreation and leisure activities;
- Create employment opportunities;
- Counter social exclusion.

The services provided are free of charge, strictly confidential and available to asylum seekers.

### **Grant request:**

The funding requested is for the following:

- Partial payment of office hire (£3,000);
- 2 awareness events – information around substance misuse, crime and anti-social behaviour (£2,000);
- 2 community events – the community will celebrate and invite other communities to participate in promoting community cohesion and integration (£2,000);
- Publicity and promotional costs plus admin costs (£1,500).

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

Provision for the activities outlined above already exists for the Somali community in the Borough. Officers have been in discussion with the NW London Community Foundation, who has funded them in 2006/07 for their sport activities and homework club. The feedback regarding their activities is very positive. Whilst officers would normally support this application for some of their activities, however due to current limited grants budget, funding to this organisation is not recommended for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

£2,000 from Sport Relief;  
£6,984 from Local Network Fund, NW London Community Foundation.

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**



## **SURVIVE/ & SAVE CLUB**

**Grant requested:** £4,285  
**Grant recommended:** Nil

### **Background**

The Survive and Save Club was set up in 1970 to teach swimming and safety in water and life saving skills to children and adults in Harrow and surrounding areas. It currently runs 1 adult swimming class per week for 8 people, 12 learn to swim classes for children and 6 lifeguard/lifesaving classes, all at Harrow Leisure Centre.

### **Grant request**

The Club is requesting funding of £4,285 to run a further 2 swimming classes for adults per week. This includes the cost of teachers and lifeguards, pool hire, administrative costs and swimming aids. There is currently a waiting list for adult swimming classes.

### **Officer comments and recommendation**

Whilst this is a very worthwhile project, it is not something that features highly on the Council's list of priorities and therefore officers are unable to recommend any funding to this Club for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

£1,216 from Awards for All for training grants  
£1,243 from EBC charities/trust for training of new life guards/life saving teachers and assessors

**Report produced by the Grants Unit**

## **TAMIL ELDERS WELFARE TRUST**

**Grant requested: £10,000**

**Grant recommended: Nil**

### **Background:**

The Tamil Elders Welfare Trust is a newly established organisation set up to provide day centre activities for the elderly members of the Tamil community who are resident in Harrow. Activities include indoor games, library services, counselling, health seminars, and occasional day trips. Their current membership is approximately 200 elderly Tamil residents.

### **Grant request:**

Funding requested is for a contribution towards the overall cost of providing the above services (mainly hire costs of the premises).

### **Officer Comments and Recommendations:**

The activities outlined above are currently provided 2 days a week in the houses of management committee members. They are hoping to hire the Pavillion Tea Room at the Roxeth Recreation Ground for 5 days starting in April 2007.

Members are asked to note that another organisation serving the same community, has also submitted a funding application to Harrow Council for 2007/08 with similar aims and objectives, and providing similar activities for the elderly Tamil community at the Pavillion Tea Room in South Harrow. Officers have been in discussion with both organisations to encourage them to work together for the good and welfare of their elderly members. In view of the limited grants budget, officers are unable to recommend funding to Tamil Elders Welfare Trust for 2007/08. They will be encouraged to contact Age Concern England to enquire about their funding programmes.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07:**

None

**Report produced by the Grants Unit in consultation with the Service Commissioning Team, People First.**

## **WHITTLESEA LIFE SKILLS ASSOCIATION**

**Grant requested: £4,985**

**Grant recommended: £2,950**

### **Background**

Whittlesea Life Skills Association (WLSA) was set up in 1983 with the purpose of providing the students at Whittlesea School, all of whom had either severe or profound multiple learning difficulties, with an environment where they could learn or participate in everyday life skills, e.g. cooking, washing, etc, outside of a formal school environment. A number of key requirements were identified including the need for the environment to have the look and feel of a conventional home and contain all the facilities, i.e. kitchen, living room, bedrooms, bathroom and toilet and for the environment to be physically separate from the school. It was felt that sufficient funds should be raised to cover the initial cost of the building, all subsequent running and maintenance costs and an endowment fund that would create sufficient capital to provide funding for a replacement building when the first one came to the end of its natural life.

In 1984, a temporary, chalet-style single-storey structure was erected in the grounds of Whittlesea School and was named The Lodge. By mutual agreement, The Lodge was recently moved to a new site in the grounds of Shaftesbury High School so that the Whittlesea Road site could be redeveloped for the new Kingsley High School. In its new site The Lodge is available to students from Kingsley, Shaftesbury and Woodlands schools.

The Lodge is used daily by students of Shaftesbury High School, a special school for young people with complex needs and learning difficulties. The students are effectively prepared for independent life in the community by learning skills for living including preparing meals together and carrying out domestic tasks such as bed making, cleaning and laundry in a domestic, realistic environment. A letter of support has been received by the Headteacher of the school. The Lodge was also used this year by the Supported Learning Department at Harrow College on a weekly basis. Students aged 16-24, all with moderate to severe learning disabilities, used the Lodge to practice their independent living skills. A letter of support has also been received from the College. Kingsley and Woodlands schools use the Lodge at scheduled times during the week and it is also open to other groups and organisations outside of the school day and during school holidays. The Lodge is also used for overnight stays for students, a base for school journeys, parent coffee mornings, 'off site' staff meetings, WLSA committee meetings and has been used as offices for OFSTED staff during inspections. No charge is made to users but voluntary donations are sometimes made.

### **Grant request**

Whittlesea Life Skills Association is requesting funding of £4,985 as a contribution towards the running costs of the Lodge. As part of the original agreement between Harrow Council and Whittlesea Life Skills Association, in exchange for WLSA providing and furnishing The Lodge, a small annual grant was paid by the Council (via People First) towards the running costs of the Lodge. This was approximately £3,500 plus

£1,000 for ground rent, which was paid internally to offset the rent. People First paid this grant for the final time in 2006/07 and the Director of Strategy confirmed that there is no longer any provision to continue with this funding from People First and that the Association must apply to the main grants programme in future years.

### **Officer comments and recommendation**

The WLSA has a building fund, which is solely to be used to build up funds for the eventual replacement of the Lodge with another similar building. As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006, the balance of the building fund was £46,894. The original building has a life expectancy of 30 years and was erected in 1984. However, it has since been uplifted and re-erected at the new location, which may have reduced its life. It is therefore not acceptable for WLSA to use this fund for running costs.

Officers feel that this organisation should continue to be supported by the Council; therefore recommend funding of £2,950 for 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2006/07**

£3,440 (plus £1,000 for ground rent) from People First for running costs (no longer available)

**Report produced by the Grants Unit in consultation with the Service Commissioning Team, People First.**