

GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL

26 NOVEMBER 2003

Chair: * Councillor Harrison

Councillors: * Arnold * Ismail
* Marilyn Ashton * Lavingia (3)
* Billson (1) * Mrs Joyce Nickolay
* Bluston * N Shah

* Denotes Member present
(1), (3) Denote category of Reserve Member

RECOMMENDATION 3: Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget 2004/2005 and Grant Funding 2004/2005

Your Panel considered two reports of the Executive Director, Business Connections which summarised the funding requested from voluntary organisations and the amount of funding, reserved funding and funding for salary inflation being recommended by officers. It also proposed that £5,500 from the unallocated fund for 2003/2004 be carried forward to the 2004/5 financial year and used to fund one-off grant requests.

A typographical error in respect of the recommendation for grant funding for the ADHD Support Group was pointed out – it was noted that the recommended grant was £8,096 rather than £8,906.

Your Panel further received some documents tabled by the Labour Group which outlined a number of amendments to the officer recommendations in relation to the grants for specific organisations, and the knock on impact on the overall grants budget. In tabling these amendments the Chair referred to their concern that the Authority should not pay for organisations to rent private premises as the cost was likely to escalate year on year.

During the discussion which followed, several Members emphasised the current pressure on funding and expressed regret that it would not be possible to accommodate all growth requested. It was agreed that, should further funding become available from the Association of London Government, a number of applications would be re-visited.

Those organisations in respect of which verbal or written amendments were moved are indicated on the attached schedule of decisions.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (To Cabinet)

That Cabinet (1) note that the existing grants to voluntary organisations budget for 2003/2004 was £1,004,430 and that the budget for 2004/2005, subject to the Council approving its overall Revenue Budget for 2004/5 was £1,034,630;

(2) agree that £5,500 from the unallocated fund for 2003/04 be carried forward and added to the 2004/2005 grants budget;

(3) note that the amount of grant funding requested by applicants for 2004/2005 is £1,283, 119;

(4) note that requests for growth from currently funded groups amount to £169, 026, growth request for Service Level Agreement funding amounts to £20,251, and growth through grant applications from new applicants seeking funding amounts to £92,123;

(5) note that the reserved grant funding recommended by the Panel is £7,500;

(6) agree that the amount of £14,845 inflation additions for salaries;

(7) note that the total recommended funding for 2004/05 is £1,013,230;

(8) agree to the 'in principle' decisions on grant funding and reserved funding in relation to the individual grant applications, as set out in the appendix to these minutes, subject to the Council's approval of the overall Revenue Budget for 2004/2005;

[Note: The Panel agreed that the grants in respect of Harrow Marquetry Group and

Pinner Centre Pre-School should be funded from the unallocated fund. This would be dependent on Cabinet agreeing to carry forward the funds from 2003/2004 to 2004/2005 as set out under (2) above]

(9) agree to grant a £15,000 heritage grant to Harrow Heritage Trust from the Capital Fund.

REASONS: As set out above and in the officer reports.

APPENDIX**PROPOSED GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2004/2005**

Further to Recommendation 3 the following "in principle" decisions were made in relation to the applications for grants in 2004/05.

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Reason/Comments</u>
Organisations funded under service level agreement		
Arts Culture Harrow	330,442	Plus salary inflation. It was also agreed that the organisation should be encouraged to seek alternative sources of funding.
Bentley Priory Nature Reserve	1,250	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £1,250. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Harrow African-Caribbean Association (HACAS)	5,000	Plus salary inflation.
Harrow Association of Disabled People	42,062	Plus salary inflation.
Harrow Association of Voluntary Service	72,612	Plus salary inflation.
Harrow Crime Prevention Panel	15,755	
Harrow in Business	60,479	Plus salary inflation.
Harrow in Europe Association	2,500	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £2,500. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Harrow Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	Nil	
Harrow Pre-School Learning Alliance	4,230	
Harrow Shop Mobility Scheme	11,963	Plus salary inflation
Harrow Sports Council	Deferred	It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until the January meeting of the Panel in order to allow further information to be requested from the organisation. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Harrow Weald Common Conservators	25,837	Plus salary inflation.
Harrow Women's Centre	55,046	Plus salary inflation
K.S.I.M. Senior Citizens Association	Deferred	It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until the January meeting of the Panel in order to allow further information to be requested from the organisation. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Mind in Harrow	7,722	
National Autistic Society – Harrow Branch	1,650	
RELATE	21,683	Plus salary inflation
Welldon Activity Group	21,504	
Women's Aid Harrow	31,591	Plus salary inflation

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Reason/Comments</u>
Grants - Currently Funded Organisations		
Abundance Arts	Nil	Did not apply.
ADHD Support Group	8,096	Plus £1,500 reserved funding. The officer recommendation had proposed that £3,000 be held in reserve in relation to this organisation. It was moved that no funds be held in reserve. Upon being put to a vote this was not carried. It was subsequently agreed by the general assent of the Panel that £1,500 be held in reserve.
Afghan Association	3,584	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £3,584. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Angolan Civic Communities Alliance	1,500	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £1,500. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.

Asian Elderly Group	6,670	
CanDoCo Dance Company	5,000	
CARRAMEA	2,400	
Community Accountancy Self-Help (C.A.S.H.)	1,000	
deafPLUS	500	
East African Welfare and Development Concern	1,000	The officer recommendation had proposed that £500 be held in reserve in relation to this organisation. It was moved that no funds be held in reserve. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Harrow Agenda 21 Environmental Forum	1,500	Plus £6,000 reserved funding. It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £1,500. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Harrow Anti Racist Alliance (HARA)	1,500	The officer recommendation had proposed that £6000 be held in reserve in relation to this application. It was moved that no funds be held in reserve. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Harrow Churches Bereavement Visiting Scheme	7,000	Plus salary inflation.
Harrow Citizens Advice Bureau	93,885	Plus salary inflation. It was also agreed that the organisation would be encouraged to progress the search for alternative sources of funding.
Harrow Community Transport	5,000	
Harrow Council for Racial Equality	45,361	Plus salary inflation
Harrow Family Learning Network	Nil	Did not apply
Harrow Gingerbread	Nil	Did not apply
Harrow Heritage Trust	9,000	Plus £15,000 heritage grant – see Recommendation 3(9).
Harrow Iranian Community Association	5,000	The officer recommendation had proposed that £6000 be held in reserve in relation to this application. It was moved that no funds be held in reserve. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Harrow Kuwaiti Association	Nil	Did not apply
Harrow Pensioners' Action Group	500	
Harrow Public Transport Users Association	275	
Harrow Refugee Forum	5,000	The officer recommendation had proposed that £6000 be held in reserve in relation to this application. It was moved that no funds be held in reserve in respect of this organisation. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Harrow School of Gymnastics	2,000	
Harrow Show Committee	1,000	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £1,000. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Harrow Victim Support Scheme	15,220	Plus salary inflation
Harrow Youth and & Community Project	1,000	
Headway NW London (Formerly Headway Harrow)	450	
Ifa-Yoruba Contemporary Arts Trust	Nil	Did not apply.
Ignite Trust	Deferred	Officers agreed to find out how much support was received from awards.
Iwanaaji Somali Disabled Association	Nil	Did not apply.
Jaago Punjabi Women's Group	2,750	
Kala Anjali Arts Circle	1,500	
Kodak Football Club	Nil	Did not apply.
Kurdish Association	Nil	
Middlesex Association for the Blind (Harrow)	2,500	
Newspeak	1,500	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £1,500. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Newton Park Horticultural Society	Nil	
North Kenton Scout Group	Nil	Did not apply
Pakistan Society of Harrow	1,000	

Parkinson's Disease Society	2,200	
Racial Harassment Sub Group	Deferred	This was a late and incomplete application. It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until January due to special circumstances, and that the applicant be requested to provide the information necessary for the Panel to consider the application. This was carried.
Russian Immigrants Association	2,300	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £2,300. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Special Connection	2,000	
Tipto	Nil	Did not apply.
Tongues on Fire	5,000	
U Can Do IT	3,600	
UK Asian Women's Conference	2,750	
Winged Fellowship Trust	2,022	
Woodcottes Youth Club (Woodlands Community Association)	7,500	Plus salary inflation. Officers were requested to write a letter to the organisation offering additional support during this difficult time (see also Minute..).

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Reason/Comments</u>
Grants - New Applicants – Not Funded Currently		
Association of Senior Muslim Citizens	500	
Brent Irish Advisory Service (BIAS) Harrow Irish Elders Project	Nil	
Carers Support, Harrow	2,000	
Community Link Up	2,000	
Connaught Opera	2,000	
Girlguiding Middlesex North West	Nil	
Harrow Bengalee Association	1,500	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £1,500. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Harrow In Leaf	Deferred	It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until the Panel's meeting in January. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Harrow Marquetry Group	1,000	Agreed to fund from the unallocated fund
Harrow Opera	Nil	
Harrow Somali Women's Action Group	Deferred	It was moved that consideration of the applications relating to Harrow Somali Women's Action Group and the Somali Cultural Organisation be deferred to the January meeting of the Panel to obtain further information regarding an umbrella organisation which was to be established. Upon a vote, this was carried. Councillors Arnold, Marilyn Ashton, Billson and Mrs Joyce Nickolay wished to be recorded as having voted against the deferral on the basis that they did not support the deferral of the application relating to Harrow Somali Women's Action Group.
Harrow Tamil School Association	2,400	
Herga Road & Masons Avenue Community Association	500	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £500. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Hindu Council (Harrow)	Deferred.	It was moved that consideration of this item be deferred until the Panel's meeting in January for a further report. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Home-Start Harrow (Family Group)	2,496	
Islamic and Cultural Society of Harrow	500	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £500. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.

Jubilate	Nil	
Kids Can Achieve (Formerly Tipto)	2,000	
London Sath Sangam	Deferred.	Deferred for further report.
Multiple Sclerosis Society, Harrow District Branch	1000	
National Council of Vanik Associations (UK)	500	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £500. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Pinner Centre Pre-School	600	Agreed to fund from the unallocated fund.
Sikh Identity and Kulture in Harrow Association	500	It was moved that the proposed level of grant be amended to £500. This was carried by the general assent of the Panel.
Somali Cultural Association	Deferred	See note under Harrow Somali Women's Action group above.
Swahili Cultural Association	Nil	
Triveni Dance Company	Nil	
Universal Welfare Trust	Nil	