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Grants Programme – Proposal for Change Consultation 2010 - 2011

We are currently seeking the views of the voluntary and community sector (VCS), particularly those of you who have received grant aid, on the proposed changes to the grants programme. Please see attached.

It is important to stress that this is a proposal and that this consultation will inform the final decision. Your responses will be collated and presented to the Grants Advisory Panel meeting in 2nd July 2009, where the final decision will be made.

As we would like to ensure that the views of the VCS are reflected in this review, we would appreciate it if you could take the time to read the attached proposal and answer the following questions.

Proposed Change 1: Who will be eligible for Grant Aid?

Please see page 2 of the enclosed proposals for details.

1. Have you ever received grant aid through the Council's grant programme?

Yes

No

2. Do you agree that the current 'grant qualifying condition' should be replaced with the following:

*"Grant aid will be available to support voluntary and community organisations to deliver services and activities **solely** for the benefit of people living in Harrow"*

Yes

No

If no, please state why:

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3. In addition, can you indicate which of the following statements you think should be included in the criteria:

*“The service provider can be **based outside of Harrow** but **must** deliver services in the borough”*

*“The organisation **must** be **based in Harrow**”*

4. Will this make it easier for you to understand who is eligible to apply?

Yes

No

If 'no' please state why:

Proposed Change 2: Type of grants available

Please see page 2 of the enclosed proposals for details.

5. Do you think it is useful to know the minimum and maximum levels of grants available?

Yes

No

If 'no' please state why:

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6. Do you think the grants budget should be divided and a percentage allocated to the different sizes of grants?

Yes

No

If 'no' please state why:

7. Please tick, which one of the following percentage allocations that you think would be accepted?

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|-----------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Option 1: | 20% - Small Grants; | 30% - Medium Grants; | 50% - Large Grants |
| Option 2: | 30% - Small Grants; | 50% - Medium Grants; | 20% - Large Grants |
| Option 3: | 50% - Small Grants; | 20% - Medium Grants; | 30% - Large Grants |
| Option 4: | Remain as it is | | |

If you do not agree with the above, please suggest an alternative.

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Proposed Change 3: Funding Priorities

Please see page 3 of the enclosed proposals for details.

8. As there is funding available through other sources to support some of the themes, do you agree that the funding priorities should be restricted to a few themes from Harrow’s Sustainable Community Strategy?

Yes

No

If 'no' please state why:

Proposed Change 4: Conditions of Grant Approval

Please see page 4 of the enclosed proposals for details.

9. Currently, applicants are required to submit supporting documents with their applications; do you agree that this should only be requested once a grant has been agreed?

Yes

No

If 'no' please state why:

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10. Do you think that the amount of information required should reflect the amount of funding granted?

Yes

No

If 'no' please state why:

Optional

This questionnaire has been completed by:

Name:

Name of Organisation:

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Equality of Access to services: monitoring information

Harrow Council is committed to achieving equality of opportunity and freedom from discrimination in the services it provides. We ask you for your cooperation in providing the following information, which will only be used to monitor responses to this consultation.

I consider my ethnic origin to be:

<p>Asian or Asian British</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Afghani Bangladeshi Indian Pakistani Sinhalese Sri Lankan Tamil Any other Asian background – please specify 	<p>Black or Black British</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caribbean Ghanaian Nigerian Somali Any other Black background – please specify
<p>Mixed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White and African White and Asian White and Caribbean Any other Mixed background – please specify 	<p>White</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Albanian British Gypsy/Roma Traveller Irish Irish Traveller Polish Romanian Serbian Any other White background – please specify
<p>Other Ethnic Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arab Chinese Iranian Iraqi Kurdish Lebanese Any other ethnic group – please specify 	

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Thank you for taking the time to complete the consultation questionnaire.

Please return completed questionnaire to the Grant Team at one of the addresses below by Friday 5th June 2009

Forms can be obtained from:

Grants Team, Harrow Council
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Post to:

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Room 227, Civic Centre
Station Road, Harrow, HA1 2XF

By hand:

Civic Centre Reception,
Station Road
HA1 2XY

HAVS
64 Pinner Road
Harrow
HA1 4HZ

Community Premises
27 Northolt Road
South Harrow
HA2 0LH

Any local library in Harrow

By email:

Community.development@harrow.gov.uk

If you have any queries please contact the **Grants Team on 020 8424 1335 or 020 8424 7625**