

West Central multi-ward forum

Tuesday 4 March 2025

7.00 pm

Walworth Methodist Church, 54 Camberwell Road, London SE5 0EW

Membership

Councillor Jason Ochere (Chair)
Councillor Sam Foster (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Suzanne Abachor
Councillor Naima Ali
Councillor John Batteson
Councillor Ellie Cumbo
Councillor Mohamed Deen
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE

Councillor Natasha Ennin
Councillor Ketzia Harper
Councillor Youcef Hassaine
Councillor Darren Merrill
Councillor Martin Seaton
Councillor Kieron Williams
Councillor Ian Wingfield

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

Althea Loderick

Chief Executive

Date: 20 February 2025



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Date: 20 February 2025

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following motion should be moved, seconded and approved if the sub-committee wishes to exclude the press and public to deal with reports revealing exempt information:

“That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1-7, Access to Information Procedure rules of the Constitution.”



West Central multi-ward forum

MINUTES of the West Central multi-ward forum held on Tuesday 5 March 2024 at 6.30 pm at Walworth Methodist Church, 54 Camberwell Rd, London SE5 0EW

PRESENT: Councillor Jason Ochere (Chair)
 Councillor John Batterson
 Councillor Ellie Cumbo
 Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE
 Councillor Natasha Ennin
 Councillor Sam Foster
 Councillor Ketzia Harper
 Councillor Youcef Hassaine
 Councillor Kimberly McIntosh
 Councillor Martin Seaton
 Councillor Ian Wingfield

OFFICER SUPPORT: Pauline Bonner (Empowerment Communities Programme Officer)
 Dagmar Tolonen (Senior Project Manager, Environment and Leisure)
 Robert Donaldson Reid (Highways Technician)
 Gerald Gohler (Constitutional Officer)

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair welcomed members of the public, councillors and officers to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Suzanne Abachor, Naima Ali, Darren Merrill and Kieron Williams.

3. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. MINUTES

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2023.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2023 be agreed and signed by the chair.

6. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

7. CLEANER GREENER SAFER 2024-25: CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATION (WEST-CENTRAL)

Note: This is an executive function for decision by the multi-ward forum.

The meeting heard that many great applications had been received and that not all could be funded. Members encouraged unsuccessful applicants to reapply next year.

RESOLVED:

1. That the reallocation of underspent funds of £83,003 carried forward from previous years underspend, current programme underspend and current programme project cancellations be agreed.
2. That the following allocation of funds for the 2024-2025 Cleaner Greener Safer capital programme in the West Central multi-ward area be agreed:

Camberwell Green ward

Ref	Name / Project	Award
2074998	Sacred heart church Camberwell – Sacred heart gardening group	£500
2087780	Camberwell Triangle Gardeners – Goschen Community Allotment Gardens	£6,000

2094158	Elmington Community Gardens – Elmington Community Gardens	£6,000
2094163	TRA Hall – Podium railings	Up to £10,000
2094447	Make Mid-Elmington entrances, stairwells and lifts cleaner and safer	£7,200
2097019	Camberwell Identity Group – Mural for all on Masterman House, Poets Corner estate outer wall	£10,000
2102974	Friends of Benhill Road Nature Garden – Children's natural play area improvements	£10,000

Faraday ward

Ref	Name / Project	Award
2103017	Art in the Park – Restoring the Garden at Art in the Park	£5,000
2102981	Elizabeth Estate TRA – Elizabeth Estate Green Bin House	£12,000
2103040	Elizabeth Estate TRA Stone paving	£10,000
2097492	Brettell Street allotment association – Brettell Street Allotment Improvements	£10,000
2088087	St. Peter's CE Primary School – Safeguarding our Young People	£3,000
2101822	Michael Faraday School – Michael Faraday Primary School Grey to Green	£21,700
2102756	Friends of Burgess Park – Burgess Park Lake Floating Island Repair	£1,100
2090612	Edible Rotherhithe C.I.O. – Planting improvements @ Surrey Square School	£2,000
2092432	Alvey TRA – Resident access for communal garden Alvey estate	£2,500

2087052	Salisbury, BATRA, Mardyke, Congreve & Alvey TRAs – Seating from Salisbury Row to Surrey Square	£8,000
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Newington ward

Ref	Name/Project	Award
2101527	St Paul's Church, Lorrimore Square – Making the Lorrimore Square games area a safer place	£5,000
500166	Let The Youth Live CIC – Life Saving Community Bleed Control	£2,500
2102890	Pullens Estate Tenants and Residents Association – Clean, Green and Safe waste and recycling storage for the Pullens Estate	£15,000
2094134	Brandon 2 TRA – Super Sub	£7,500
2086760	Kennington Open – Space Pathway	£5,000
2095946	Surrey Gardens TRA –Lorrimore Cut Through	£6,000
2101356	Newington Estate TRA – Clean Netra 2023	£21,000
500133	PELIER TRA – Flower beds	£3,000
500134	PELIER TRA – 2 noticeboards, boards to be placed in the new Pelier park	£3,500

North Walworth ward

Ref	Name/Project	Award
500167	Let The Youth Live CIC – Life Saving Community Bleed Control	£2,500
2096841	Dawes House TRA – Secured Bike Hangar Dawes estate	£5,403
2096866	Dawes house TRA –Motor bike Anchors & Cycle stands	£7,000
2096882	Dawes house TRA –	£15,000

	Estate Recycling, Rubbish & Compost Bins	
2103089	East Street Communities – East Street Communities	£15,000
2091175	St John's pre-school children's garden area	£1,000
2101986	The Redeemed Christian Church of God Victory House – Outdoor Sensory Space for our Kids with Special Needs	£40,000
2102269	Eden Park	£5,000
2103204	Barlow and Congreve TRA – A Welcome Space	£15,000
500154	Redesign of Congreve – Community Garden and new raised beds	£10,000
2103057	Count Down – The North Walworth Community Exercise group	£15,000

St Giles ward

Ref	Name/Project	Award
2087534	Lyndhurst Primary School – Forest Classroom	£2,650
2095231	Mural House Garden Project	£250
2095401	Lettsom Move Forward – Flooring and Stage uplift	£2,000
2095895	Gilesmead T&RA – Gilesmead Wildlife Garden	£5,500
2096382	Camberwell Community Choir – Light up the St Giles Centre	£1,000
2101183	Dowlas Allotments – Dowlas Allotments – The Shed	£3,000
2101436	D'EYNSFORD TMO CIC – Bike Shelter D'Eynsford Estate	£3,000
2101448	D'EYNSFORD TMO CIC – Green Roofed Bin Housings	£2,000

500147	South London Gallery – Temperature control measures at SLG's Art Block on Sceaux Gardens Estate.	£4,000
2103166	Southwark Council Cycle Humps (HANGARS)	£5,000
2101912	Friends of Brunswick Park – Safety Surfacing for Brunswick Park's Multi – Use Games Area	£10,000
2102544	Southwark Council – Cycle Hoops Glebe Estate	£5,000
2103127	Lettsom TRA – Greening the Lettsom Estate	£10,000
2103144	Southwark Council – Children play area pressure washing	£1,500
2103162	Southwark council – Vegetable planters	£3,000
2103171	Southwark Council – Pram Shed Renovation	£6,000

8. ALLOCATION OF NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND FOR 2024-25

Note: This is an executive function for decision by the multi-ward forum.

Members reiterated that many great applications had been received this year and that not all could be funded. Unsuccessful applicants were encouraged to reapply next year.

The meeting also heard that due to an IT issue, some Neighbourhoods Fund applications had not been listed in the appendix to the report. A decision on these applications would be made after the meeting as per Part 3H, paragraph 3 of the council's constitution.

RESOLVED:

That the following amounts of Neighbourhoods Fund 2024-25 funding be allocated:

Camberwell Green ward

Ref	Name of Group	Name of Project	Allocation
3397	Blue Elephant Theatre (BET)	Rehearsals / Workshops	£4,000
3543	Camberwell Arts	Annual Camberwell Arts Festival	£2,000
3061	Jam Speed Rollers	Winter/Spring Indoor Roller Skating Events	£2,500
3432	SE5 Forum for Camberwell	Feel Good Festival For Health & Wellbeing	£1,272.50
3123	Sisterhood Supper Club Collective Workshops	Mentor sessions	£1,000
3109	Spring Community Hub	The Holiday Club	£2,798
3576	The Neuro-diversity Family Hub	Special Educational Needs (SEN) Expert Advice Surgery	£4,000
3309	The Welcome Singers	Choral Singing (weekly sessions and outreach)	£4,000
3275	Walworth Golden Oldies	Community Care Project	£4,000

Faraday ward

Ref	Name of Group	Name of Project	Allocation
3237	Art in the Park	Art in the Park Studios	£4,400
3131	Burgess Sports	Healthy Meals Holiday Camp	£4,500
3543	Camberwell Arts	Annual Camberwell Arts Festival	£1,000
3124	Edible Rotherhithe C.I.O	Young Gardeners After-School Clubs	£2,100

3512	Ignite Hubs	Ignite Hubs	£2,500
3061	Jam Speed Rollers	Winter/ Spring Indoor Roller Skating Events	£1,000
3559	Melanin Health and Wellness	Girls into Football Walworth Southwark Project	£2,386
3382	Mental Fight Club	The Dragon Cafe By Mental Fight Club	£500
3569	Platform Cricket	"Pop Up" Youth Cricket Club	£1,375
3561	St Peters Church Walworth	Party in the Park	£4,500
3309	The Welcome Singers	Choral Singing (weekly sessions and outreach)	£1,000
3458	Uffo Athletic and Leisure Group Ltd	Better Health & Wellbeing Project	£2,500
3456	Walworth Society	Unexplored Music – Walworth History Through Song	£2,235

Newington ward

Ref	Name of Group	Name of Project	Allocation
3013	Break The Barrier CIC	Break The Barrier Summer Programme	£3,500
3490	Doddington Grove Residents Association	Creative Activities For Young People – Summer Performing Arts Club	£3,500
3311	Friends of Pasley Park	Newington Community Fete	£3,500
3227	Inspire Walworth (previously Inspire at St Peters)	Inspire to Grow	£2,500
3357	Land and Play London CIC	Learn and Play London CIC	£2,000
3340	Link Age Southwark	Seated Yoga Group	£2,500

3571	Platform Cricket- "Pop Up" Youth Cricket Club	"Pop Up" Youth Cricket Club	£685
3535	Pullens Tenants and Residents Association (PTRA)	Pullens Festival 2024	£3,500
3109	Spring Community Hub	The Holiday Club	£1,375
3385	Surrey Gardens TRA	Summer Party & Christmas Fayre	£3,000
3576	The Neurodiversity Family Hub	Special Educational Needs (SEN) Expert Advice Surgery	£965
3309	The Welcome Singers	Choral Singing (weekly sessions and outreach)	£975
3443	Walworth Society	Royal Surrey Zoological Gardens – Walworth History Through Song Newington	£2,000

North Walworth ward

Ref	Name of Group	Name of Project	Allocation
3315	Arts 4 Dementia	Art at the Treehouse Programme	£4,890
3466	Draper Together CIO	The 'Vibrant Ageing' project	£4,987
3401	Elephant and Castle Business Forum	Elephant Festival	£5,000
3503	Ignite Hubs	Ignite Hub – Walworth Library	£5,000
3559	Melanin Health and Wellness	Girls into Football Walworth Southwark Project	£4,772
3432	SE5 Forum for Camberwell	Feel Good Festival For Health & Wellbeing	£2,545

3616	Somali Islamic Centre	Relief & Cultural	Promoting Collaboration and Respect among Individuals from Diverse Backgrounds	£5,020
3080	The Society	Walworth	Walworth History Through Song North Walworth	£2,235

St Giles ward

Ref	Name of Group	Name of Project	Allocation
3543	Camberwell Arts	Camberwell Arts Festival	£1,000
3495	Camberwell Choir School	Camberwell Choir School	£3,000
3396	D'Eynsford TMO CIC – Basketball Sessions	Basketball Sessions	£2,500
3130	Flashy Wings Ministry	Hyacinth Peer Support Group	£1,500
3395	Gardening Sessions	Community Gardner	£1,000
3061	Jam Speed Rollers	Winter/Spring Indoor Roller Skating Events	£1,500
3349	Link Age Southwark	Seated Yoga Group	£3,000
3102	Lyndhurst Primary School	Community Kitchen Garden	£4,000
1111	Mistral Community Garden	Mushroom, Mycelium, Fungi, Biodiversity Project	£3,000
3389	South London Gallery	SLG Families: Family Space Sessions and Orozco Garden Trail	£1,500
3566	Southampton Way TRA	Bring The Community Together	£2,000

2193	Spring Community Hub	Holiday Club, Teens	£3,000
3422	Spring Community Hub	Domestic Abuse Awareness for Survivors	£2,000
3576	The Neurodiversity Family Hub	Special Educational Needs (SEN) Expert Advice Surgery	£1,000

9. DEVOLVED HIGHWAYS 2024-25: CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATION (WEST CENTRAL)

Note: This is an executive function for decision by the multi-ward forum.

RESOLVED:

1. That the reallocation of underspent funds of £162,875 carried forward from previous years underspend, be agreed.
2. That the following allocation of funds for the 2024-2025 Devolved Highways budget in the West central multi-ward area be agreed:

Camberwell Green ward

Ref	Project	Amount
	Safe School Walking Route – Comber Grove to Picton Street (Scoping)	£10,000

Note: The remaining funding for Camberwell Green ward will be allocated after the meeting as per Part 3H, paragraph 3 of the council's constitution.

Faraday ward

Ref	Project	Amount
	Junction improvement – Wooler Street junction with Portland Street	£30,000

Newington ward

Ref	Project	Amount
	Braganza Street	£30,000
2103150	Cooks Road Bike Parking Parking	£5,000
2098528	Visual improvements of Gaza Street	£1,500

St Giles ward

Ref	Project	Amount
	Junction improvement – St Giles Road/Elmington Road	£25,000
	Junction improvement – Wells Way/Cottage Green	£25,000
	Public Realm Improvement – Parkhouse Street (Scoping)	£15,000
	Bushey Hill Road Cycle Hangar	£5,000

Note: No funding was allocated in North Walworth ward. Funding allocations to projects in North Walworth ward will be made as per Part 3H, paragraph 3 of the council's constitution.

The meeting ended at 7.20 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED:

Meeting Name:	West Central Multi-Ward Forum
Date:	4 March 2025
Report Title:	Cleaner Greener Safer 2025-26: Capital Funding Allocation (West Central)
Ward(s) or groups affected:	Camberwell Green, Faraday, Newington, North Walworth, St Giles
Classification:	Open
Reason for lateness if applicable:	N/A
From:	Head of Highways

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the West Central Multi-Ward Forum:

1. Approves the reallocation of £24,649 being underspent funds carried forward from previous years underspend, current programme underspend and current programme project cancellations, to the funded projects;
2. Approves the allocation of funds of £319,500 for the 2025-26 Cleaner Greener Safer (“CGS”) programme from the programmed capital expenditure over the ten-year period 2019-20 to 2028-29 to projects from the list of applications set out in Appendix 1 within the West Central Multi-Ward area (“Funded Projects”);
3. Notes the total available funds for allocation by the West Central Multi-Ward Forum in the 2025-26 financial year is £344,149.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. The West Central Multi-Ward Forum has the authority to approve the allocation of funds for the CGS programme to projects within the West Central Multi-Ward area using the resources and criteria identified by Cabinet, pursuant to Part 3H of the council’s constitution.
5. The West Central Multi-Ward area is made up of the North Walworth ward, the Newington ward, the St Giles ward, Camberwell Green ward and the Faraday ward.

6. The council's CGS programme funds project ideas from local organisations and individuals who live or work in Southwark, which improve their local area and has been running since 2003.¹
7. Funding is allocated to multi-ward areas based on a per councillor calculation.²
8. In 2019, the total programmed capital expenditure over the ten-year period 2019-20 to 2028-29 was updated leading to a capital budget variation of £9.4m (£1.88m per annum) and this was approved at the Cabinet meeting 17 September 2019.³ The CGS programme allocates £1.88 million every year for capital projects within the borough so this amount is available for allocation in the 2025-26 financial year.
9. Funding for the CGS programme can only be spent on capital improvements, which means permanent, physical changes and projects. Examples of the types of projects that have been funded include:
 - Parks, community gardens, landscaping, tree planting and wildlife areas;
 - Children's playgrounds, youth facilities, ball courts and cycle tracks;
 - Lighting, security measures, pavements, streets, and tackling 'grot spots;' and
 - Grants to local groups to self-deliver projects.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

10. There is £319,500 available for the 2025-26 CGS programme for new projects in the West Central Multi-Ward Forum area.
11. There is £24,649 in additional funding from previous years underspend, current programme underspend and current programme project cancellations.
12. Eligible proposals must bring about a permanent improvement and make an area cleaner, greener or safer. Proposals with revenue costs, including salaries, costs for events, festivals, workshops or other one-off events are not eligible for CGS programme funding. CCTV proposals and internal improvements to housing, property and works on schools where there is no access to the public are also not eligible. Works on private property are not eligible unless there is a long-term guarantee of public access or a demonstrable public benefit.
13. The application form for CGS programme funding invited expressions of

¹ [The Cleaner, Greener, Safer Capital Programme report dated 20 May 2003.](#)

² [IDM report – 20 December 2018 Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport Management and Air Quality](#)

³ [Policy and Resources Strategy: capital monitoring report, including capital programme update 2019-20 \(month 4\) dated 17 September 2019](#)

interest for the applicants to deliver projects themselves. Officers have undertaken a due diligence exercise to ensure that this is both practical and realistic as part of the feasibility process. In cases where the applicant is to deliver the project, the council will give the funding allocation to the applicant in the form of a capital grant, with appropriate conditions attached.

Policy framework implications

14. The CGS programme is fully aligned with the council's policies around sustainability, regeneration and community engagement as detailed in "Fairer Greener Safer – Southwark Council Delivery Plan 2022-2026 and the Streets for People Strategy 2023-2030 which further outlines the council's ongoing commitment to, and ambition for, healthier neighbourhoods, cleaner air, thriving town centres and safer roads
15. Specific examples where the projects funded through the CGS programme support the commitments made by the Delivery Plan and Streets for People Strategy include the provision of new and improved playgrounds, increasing the number of secure cycle parking spaces, creating new and improving existing green spaces, improving estate lighting and providing access to food growing and gardening opportunities.
16. The programme also enables community engagement as part of the application process including pitching meetings where applicants are able to advise why their proposal should be considered.

Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts

Community impact statement

17. The roles and functions of the Multi-Ward Forums include the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process to take decisions about local matters. The application process supports this because the local community is able to propose project ideas to be funded by the CGS programme.
18. An explicit objective within Multi-Ward Forums is that they are used to actively engage as widely as possible with, and bring together, Southwark's diverse local communities on issues of shared or mutual interest. The CGS programme is an important tool in achieving community participation.
19. The programme is promoted widely across the borough to as many residents and community groups as possible using the council's main marketing team and via other teams across the council including Resident Services, Community Engagement and Parks and Leisure services.

20. We also try to use external resources such as Community Southwark to increase the outreach of the programme across the borough.

Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement

21. The Public Sector Equality Duty (“PSED”) is set out at section 149 of Equality Act 2010 and requires the council to have due regard, in the exercise of its functions (including decision making), to the need to:
- a. Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation or other prohibited conduct;
 - b. Advance of equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristics and those who do not share it;
 - c. Foster good relations between those who share a relevant characteristic and those that do not share it.
22. The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.
23. Ideas for CGS projects come from the local community, the majority via a simple project nomination form available in electronic and paper format. This simple process enables individuals and groups to nominate projects that have a direct impact on their community and meet the needs of those that make up that community.
24. Equalities data is collected at this time so that an analysis can show where applications have come from and where there are gaps which need to need addressed by specific targeted outreach.
25. Decisions on funding are agreed by ward councillors with specific consideration to the needs of individual wards, feedback from the community and with reference to the Multi-Ward Profiles created as part of Southwark’s Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. Funding for CGS projects is equal across all wards ensuring that the opportunity is the same for all parts of the borough.
26. At this stage, no specific projects have been funded so the allocation of funds for the CGS programme is not considered to have any adverse effects, including socio-economic or health impacts, on those with protected characteristics. Officers will consider the equalities impacts and the council’s PSED for each of the Funded Projects as they progress through the detailed design and decision-making stages.
27. Officers will also look at the range of areas where grants are allocated, gather information for analysis where possible and look at how we can improve allocation in relation to specific needs across the borough.
28. A process of continuous improvement is in place to ensure that we improve data collection and analysis in the future and use this to reach

groups identified as missing or hard to reach.

Health impact statement

29. There are no direct health implications as a result of the allocation of funds for the CGS programme. However, the following health benefits are expected from the Funded Projects based on the types of projects normally funded via the CGS programme.
30. An increase in community assets in the public realm – providing more places for people to spend time in their local community. This has the potential to have a positive impact on social and mental wellbeing, by creating connected and cohesive communities.
31. Increased ownership over community public realm – this helps people within the community join together around a project, supporting connected and cohesive communities.
32. Project examples such as parks, community gardens, landscaping, tree planting and wildlife areas may have the following impacts:
 - a. Improve mental wellbeing by increasing access to the outdoors and nature
 - b. Improved access to affordable healthy food, supporting people to be more food insecure
 - c. Tree planting and green spaces may help to reduce or disperse air pollution, supporting people’s physical health.
33. Projects such as children’s playgrounds, youth facilities, ball courts and cycle tracks, encourage physical activity that has a huge number of health benefits including supporting people to achieve a healthy weight.
34. Projects such as lighting, security measures, pavements, streets, and tackling ‘grot spots’ support community safety.

Climate change implications

35. The allocation of funds for the CGS programme does not have any direct climate change implications. However, the Funded Projects will support the council’s ambition to become carbon neutral by 2030 and aligns with the programme of work set out within the Climate Strategy and Action Plan, namely through priorities One, Two, Three and Five – Greener Buildings, Active and Sustainable Travel, Thriving Natural Environment and Renewable Energy.
36. By allocating the funds to the Funded Projects, the council is investing in community led projects that reduce carbon and promote biodiversity. For example, the development of community gardens, wildlife areas and additional tree planting all aid in the protection of local flora, fauna and wildlife.

37. Additionally, the projects involving lighting upgrades will look to improve energy efficiency and the development of cycle tracks through this scheme help residents' transition towards active travel, reducing the reliance on motor vehicles.
38. These types of projects are common across all Multi-Ward Forum areas.
39. With all CGS spending decisions, potential carbon impact is into account as part of the allocation process and where possible, officers will attempt to monitor and evaluate potential carbon emissions from individual schemes.

Resource implications

40. There are no additional staffing implications, as provision is made from the Highways Division to deliver the recommendations included in this report.

Financial implications

41. All professional fees related to the project are also treated as the capital costs of the project. Where projects are awarded as a grant to organisations, the award amount announced at Multi-Ward Forum includes professional fees. The Multi-Ward Forum award notification to grant recipients details the grant amount only, excluding these fees.
42. CGS projects must be completed within two years of award of funding. Projects that are unlikely to be completed within two years will be reported to the relevant Multi-Ward Forum and available budgets may be reallocated to other projects. Revenue costs not covered by maintenance or the contractual liability period will fall upon the asset owner. The department will be notified of the likely costs before the schemes proceeds, in order to secure permission to implement the scheme.
43. After the defects and liability period, or three-year maintenance period in the case of planting works, all future maintenance is assumed by the asset owner, for example Housing, Parks, Highways, or in some cases external asset owners. Therefore, there are no revenue implications to the Highways division as a result of approving the proposed allocation.
44. The total expenditure and sources of funding for the scheme will be monitored and reported on as part of the overall Capital Programme.
45. Value for money will be ensured when the contract is procured by following the council's contract standing orders.

Legal Implications

46. Not applicable.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance

47. The West Central Multi-Ward Forum is asked to approve the allocation of £340,819 for the 2025-26 CGS programme and previous years underspend to the Funded Projects within the West Central Multi-Ward Area as recommended by officers to the list of applications set out in Appendix 1. The West Central Multi-Ward Forum has the authority to make this decision in accordance with paragraph 2, Part 3H of the council's constitution.
48. Officers have considered the council's PSED under section 149 of the 2010 Act at paragraphs 21 to 28 of this report and have concluded that, at this stage, the allocation of funds for the 2025-26 CGS programme including previous years underspend is not considered to have any adverse impacts on persons with protected characteristics.
49. The Human Rights Act 1998 imposes a duty on the council as a public authority to apply the European Convention on Human Rights; as a result, the council must not act in a way which is incompatible with these rights. The relevant rights for highway and traffic purposes are Article 8 (respect for homes); and Article 1 of the First Protocol (peaceful enjoyment of property). The allocation of funds for the 2025-26 CGS programme including previous years underspend is not anticipated to engage or breach the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
50. Council Assembly on 14 July 2021 approved a change to the council's Constitution to confirm that all decisions made by the council will consider the climate and equality (including socio-economic disadvantage and health inequality) consequences of taking that decision. This has been considered at paragraphs 35 to 39 above.

Strategic Director of Resources

51. This report seeks the approval for the allocation of £344,149 of funds (£319,500+ £24,649 reallocated) for the 2025-26 Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) programme in the West Central Multi-Ward Area from the list of applications set out in Appendix 1.
52. The Strategic Director of Resources notes the resource implications in the report and that the proposed allocations will be contained within the CGS element of the council's capital programme. It is also noted that officers' time and any other costs connected with this recommendation will be contained within existing departmental revenue budgets.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
The Cleaner, Greener, Safer Capital Programme	Neighbourhoods and Growth / Highways 160 Tooley Street	Craig Dove 020 7525 0955
Link: https://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/Data/Executive/20030520/Agenda/Item%20267%20-%20The%20Cleaner,%20Greener,%20Safer%20Capital%20Programme.pdf		
IDM report – 20 December 2018 Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport Management and Air Quality	Neighbourhoods and Growth / Highways 160 Tooley Street	Craig Dove 020 7525 0955
Link: http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=50018979&Opt=0		
Cabinet Meeting Minutes 17 September 2019	Neighbourhoods and Growth / Highways 160 Tooley Street	Craig Dove 020 7525 0955
Link: http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/g6415/Agenda%20frontsheet%20Tuesday%2017-Sep-2019%2016.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=0		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	All West Central Multi-Ward CGS Applications 2025-26

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Steven Grayer, Head of Highways (Acting)	
Report Author	Craig Dove, Senior Project Manager	
Version	Final	
Dated	19 February 2025	
Key Decision?	Yes	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments Included
Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance	Yes	Yes
Strategic Director of Resources	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	Yes	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team		19 February 2025

APPENDIX 1

West Central		
Cleaner Greener Safer 2025 - 26 Applications		
Reference	Ward	Proposal Name
222	Camberwell Green	open space
302	Camberwell Green	Renew the Boundary House Playground
304	Camberwell Green	Renew the Boundary House Laundry Area
305	Camberwell Green	Maintain the Boundary House pram sheds
421	Camberwell Green	BUILD AND GROW URBAN GREEN SPACE
445	Camberwell Green	FOOTBALL AND BASKET BALL ASTRO TUFF PITCH/TABLE TE
447	Camberwell Green	ASTRO TUFF PITCH AND TABLE TENNIS
489	Camberwell Green	CSA Compost Project
499	Camberwell Green	CASP Light Improvement
518	Camberwell Green	Causton House Wild flower Garden
519	Camberwell Green	Disused pram sheds to be removed at Boundary Hs
520	Camberwell Green	Winnington Hs gated garden area improvement
522	Camberwell Green	Design out a rubbish area into a garden.
596	Camberwell Green	Bringing Nature and Life to outdoor space
657	Camberwell Green	Amazing Spaces at John Ruskin
709	Camberwell Green	New sign for Benhill Nature Garden wildlife pond
711	Camberwell Green	Restore part of path in Benhill Nature Garden
713	Camberwell Green	Benhill Nature Garden native understorey plants
824	Camberwell Green	cycle hoops for the wyndham and comber estate
829	Camberwell Green	Lighting and planting podium between laird /kevan
845	Camberwell Green	Waste area
846	Camberwell Green	Bins for the wyndham and comber estate
847	Camberwell Green	Estate notices
848	Camberwell Green	Gated garden area
1201	Camberwell Green	Safe place for kids to play
1260	Camberwell Green	BUILD AND GROW SOUTHWARK ESTATES
1276	Camberwell Green	SE16 YOUTH STEAM INITIATIVE Camberwell Green ward
164	Faraday	Install security gates in St Peter's Churchyard
307	Faraday	Burgess Park Lake Renovations
409	Faraday	Safer growing at Surrey Square School
494	Faraday	Restoring the Garden at Art in the Park Stage 2
501	Faraday	Unity Garden
564	Faraday	Great Estates Aylesbury Missenden Playground Area
581	Faraday	Clubhouse Cafe Mural
592	Faraday	Great Estates Aylesbury Outdoor Gym Missenden
669	Faraday	Chumleigh gardens community plant nursery
675	Faraday	Great Estates Aylesbury Garden Project
704	Faraday	Alvey Estate/Faraday ward Outdoor gym restoration
723	Faraday	Access to St Peter's Garden & Community Facilities
733	Faraday	Minnow Walk/Faraday ward-carpark site improvement
751	Faraday	New entrance to date st nature area
766	Faraday	Fencing for Surrey Square Park Wildlife Area
826	Faraday	Lytham Street Gardens
851	Faraday	Healthful Living

Reference	Ward	Proposal Name
990	Faraday	Burgess Park healthy woodlands
1259	Faraday	Great Estates Programme of works Aylesbury Estate
158	Newington	Playground Rehabilitation at Crampton Primary
171	Newington	Dighton Court Community Garden
284	Newington	renovation to dog area
322	Newington	Renovate Doddington Grove's Railings
379	Newington	Rutley Close - Identity Revamp
427	Newington	Rutley Close - Identity Revamp (greening)
488	Newington	Bike parking, bikes stand
630	Newington	NETRA Playground Resurfacing
653	Newington	We're Rooting For You!
663	Newington	Pullens Gardens: Health, Wellbeing & Skill Share
685	Newington	Manor Place Community Garden
705	Newington	Repairing Lorrimore Road Garden
817	Newington	1.Netra Secure
1002	Newington	37 Forsyth anti-flytipping
1262	Newington	Manor Place food growing workshop
480	North Walworth	Repair and replacement of the childrens equipments
502	North Walworth	Bike away upright storage
515	North Walworth	Creating a Community Well Being Garden
551	North Walworth	North Walworth Green Link Seating
658	North Walworth	Greener and tidier Naylor house and create s
727	North Walworth	Locksfield Community Gardening Revamp Project
730	North Walworth	Completion of Nursery Sensory Area
749	North Walworth	Upgrading Our Space
753	North Walworth	Elba Place bio-diversity and community engagement
770	North Walworth	Brandon Raised Bed Planter Refurbishment V3
781	North Walworth	Estate park
831	North Walworth	Improving planting and storage in Balfour Street
1217	North Walworth	Congreve Community Garden phase 3 (final)
1264	North Walworth	Infinity Games, youth project North Walworth ward
1273	North Walworth	SE16 YOUTH STEAM INITIATIVE North Walworth ward
141	St. Giles	The Ortus green remedy
260	St. Giles	Community Garden Upgrade
314	St. Giles	Irrigated Planters and taps
366	St. Giles	Hedge Gaps (Fontenelle)
415	St. Giles	Crofton Road Garden Planters
424	St. Giles	Crofton Road - Metal security gate for safe living
589	St. Giles	Outside Gym bin
615	St. Giles	Tarmac renewal
617	St. Giles	Flytipping on the Lettsom Estate
623	St. Giles	Greening the car park on the Lettsom Estate
633	St. Giles	Road Safety on DEYNSFORD
635	St. Giles	CYCLE BARRIER TO REDUCE SPEED ON DEYNSFORD ESTATE
661	St. Giles	CLEAN UP KIIMPTON ROAD ENTRANCE

Agenda Item 8

Meeting Name:	West Central Multi-Ward Forum Meeting
Date:	4 March 2025
Report title:	Allocation of Neighbourhoods Fund for 2025-26
Ward(s) or groups affected:	Camberwell Green, Faraday, North Walworth, Newington and St Giles
Classification:	Open
Reason for lateness (if applicable):	N/A
From:	Director of Stronger Neighbourhoods

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the West Central Multi-Ward Forum allocates a total of £150,000 of the Neighbourhoods Fund 2025-26 to the list of applications outlined in Appendix 1.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The Neighbourhoods Fund (NsF) was introduced in 2015 by merging two former revenue programmes known as Cleaner, Greener, Safer revenue (CGS) and Community Council Fund (CCF). The cabinet member for communities, employment and business authorised the amalgamation of the CGS revenue fund and community council fund, into a single funding programme to create a new Neighbourhoods Fund for the 2015-16 round and onwards. This decision was taken on 12 December 2014.
3. The NsF has a borough-wide funding budget of £630,000 with an allocation of £10,000 per councillor, for each ward. This is subject to the annual budget setting process.
4. The purpose of introducing the NsF was to give local areas decision making powers over significant amounts of revenue funding, that they could allocate to meet locally determined priorities.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. Each ward will have £10,000 per councillor of revenue grants to allocate and it is proposed that any unallocated funds from the previous rounds (years) are to be carried forward and added to the financial year commencing 1 April 2025.
6. The Multi-Ward forums will use the criteria set out below for the allocation of this funding:

- a. Creating opportunities for people from different backgrounds to get on well together; (e.g. community cohesion)
 - b. Establishing projects which treat each other with respect and consideration (e.g. being a good neighbour, inter-generational contacts)
 - c. Encouraging residents to be responsible for their own neighbourhood (e.g. community clean-ups; volunteering initiatives)
 - d. Specific measures to enhance a neighbourhood's environment (e.g. increased cleaning).
7. A Multi-Ward forum may choose to allocate some of their NsF resources to their CGS capital allocations.
 8. Subject to the availability of resources, the NsF may be used to 'buy' services from the council.
 9. As with any executive decision taken by Multi-Ward forums, this is subject to the council's existing scrutiny arrangements.

Policy framework implications

10. The NsF has a borough-wide funding budget of £630,000 with an allocation of £10,000 per councillor, for each ward. This is subject to the annual budget setting process. The fund can allow individuals and community groups to organise their own events /projects to enable communities to come together.

Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts

Community impact statement

11. The roles and functions of Multi-Ward forums include the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process. Multi-Ward forums take decisions on local matters including environmental improvement and community safety as well as consultation on a wide range of policies and strategies that affect the area.
12. An explicit objective within the Empowering Communities Programme (ward and multi-ward meetings) is that they be used to actively engage as widely as possible with, and bring together, Southwark's diverse local communities on issues of shared mutual interest.
13. The allocation of the 2025-26 West Central Multi-Ward forum NsF budget will in the main, affect the people living in the West Central Area. However, in making the area a better place to live and improving life chances for local people, the West Central Multi-Ward area NsF activities will have an impact on the whole of Southwark.

14. The NsF is an important tool in achieving community participation and cohesion. Having a strong, vibrant and engaged community is a key part of creating a fairer and just society through enabling volunteering, participation, inclusion and well-being at a borough wide and neighbourhood level.

Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement

15. In fulfilling the above objectives that Multi-Ward forums have of bringing together and involving Southwark's diverse local communities, consideration has also been given to the council's duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 which requires the council to have due regard when taking decisions to the need to:
- a. Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation or other prohibited conduct
 - b. Advance of equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it
 - c. Foster good relations between those who share a relevant characteristic and those that do not share it.

The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

16. Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between those who share a relevant characteristic and those who do not share it is further defined in s.149 as having due regard to the need to:
- Remove or minimise disadvantages connected with a relevant protected characteristic.
 - Take steps to meet the different needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic. Applications for NsF projects come from the local community via a simple online form. This simple process enables individuals and groups to apply for projects that have a direct impact on their community and meet the needs of those that make up that community.
 - Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or any other activity in which they are under-represented. The programme is promoted widely across the borough to as many residents and community groups as possible using the council's main marketing team and via other teams across the council including Resident Services, Community Engagement and via Community Southwark and other community networks. The programme is also advertised in Southwark News to reach a wider audience.
 - Equalities data is collected at this time so that an analysis can show where

applications have come from and where there are gaps that need to be addressed by specific targeted outreach.

17. When undertaking the duties under section 149 the council must ensure:
- The duty must be fulfilled before the decision in question is enacted;
 - The duty must be exercised in substance with ‘rigour and an open mind’; it is not a matter of ‘ticking boxes’; and
 - The duty is continuing; it does not end with the completion of any equality impact assessment and due regard must be had as policy evolves and is implemented.
18. Equalities data is collected at this time so that an analysis can show where applications have come from and where there are gaps that need to be addressed by specific targeted outreach. The open application process enables residents with protected characteristics to facilitate events that are relevant to them, and equality monitoring is required which will assist the council in continuous compliance with the public sector equality duty.

Health impact statement

19. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has disadvantaged many communities in the borough and highlighted health inequalities.
20. Improving access to council funding will enable organisations to better support the health and wellbeing of their communities. It will also increase their ability to support their communities and address key issues within their localities.

Climate change implications

21. There are projects listed in the appendix that may have positive climate change implications in the West Central Area (e.g. community gardening projects) if they are successful.

Resource implications

22. There are no resource implications.

Legal implications

23. All approved applicants will need to comply with all relevant council grant approval requirements.

Financial implications

24. The West Central multi-ward NsF has been allocated a total of £150,000, for 2025-26.

25. It is recommended that Multi-ward forums set aside some unallocated funds from previous years in order to prevent an over allocation of funds, as well as to act as a contingency from which urgent or incidental requests can be funded throughout the year.

Consultation

26. The NsF projects may require consultation with stakeholders, including the project applicant, local residents and tenants and residents associations where applicable.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance

27. This report is recommending that the multi-ward forum approve the allocation of monies from the NsF 2025-26 as specified at Appendix 1.
28. The Local Government Act 2000 (“the 2000 Act”) gives the Leader the power to delegate any executive function to area committees. The allocation of the neighbourhood's fund is an executive function.
29. Multi-Ward Forums are ‘area committees’ within the meaning of the 2000 Act.
30. The delegation can be found in Part 3H of the Constitution, which enables Multi Ward Forums to approve “the allocation of neighbourhood funds, using the resources and criteria identified by the cabinet”. This is therefore a decision that the multi-Ward Forum is empowered to take.
31. The Localism Act 2011 gives councils a general power of competence whereby they have power to do anything that individuals generally may do. This power can be used even if legislation already exists that allows a local authority to do the same thing. However, the general power of competence does not enable a local authority to do anything which it was restricted or prevented from doing under the previous legislation.
32. The general power of competence includes the power to:
- (a) incur expenditure
 - (b) give financial assistance to any person
 - (c) enter into arrangements or agreements with any person
 - (d) co-operate with or facilitate or co-ordinate the activities of any person
 - (e) exercise on behalf of any person any functions of that person; and
 - (f) provide staff, goods, services or accommodation to any person.
33. The provision of funding under the NsF falls within the scope of the kind of activities the council can undertake under the general power of competence as this includes the power to give financial assistance to any person.

34. In allocating funding under the NsF multi-ward forums must have regard to the council's equality duties set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. The report author has demonstrated how those duties have been considered in the body of the report.

Strategic Director of Resources

35. The 2025-26 budget allocation for the Neighbourhood's Fund will be agreed by council assembly as part of the budget setting process. The report notes the allocation is £10,000 per councillor by ward and thus £150,000 should be awarded to the West Central Multi-Ward.
36. Paragraph 25 notes the need to maintain a contingency element from the funding available for urgent or incidental requests. This is a prudent measure to assist in the effective running of the Neighbourhoods Fund.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Neighbourhoods Fund 2025-26 - Information sheet	Environment, Sustainability & Leisure, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Fitzroy Lewis, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator 020 7525 3084
Link (please copy and paste into your browser): https://www.southwark.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-10/nf_fund_info_sheet_2025-26_2.pdf		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	West Central Multi Ward NsF Applications 2025-26

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Forid Ahmed, Neighbourhoods Manager	
Report Author	Marcina Brown, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator	
Version	Final	
Dated	11 February 2025	
Key Decision	Yes	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance	Yes	Yes
Strategic Director of Resources	Yes	Yes
Acting Strategic Director of Environment, Sustainability & Leisure	No	No
Cabinet member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team		17 February 2025

West Central Multi-Ward Area - 2025-26 Neighbourhoods Fund Ward Application Summary Tables

Camberwell Green Ward

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
*144	Panjshir Aid	Saturday supplementary Farsi Classes	<p>The project aims to provide Saturday Farsi classes for children from the Afghan community. These classes are essential because they help bridge the communication gap between children and their parents, enabling the children to communicate effectively in their native language. This is especially important for maintaining strong family bonds and ensuring that the children can understand and engage with their cultural heritage.</p> <p>Learning Farsi is crucial for these children as it supports their ability to connect with their family members, many of whom may primarily speak Farsi. Additionally, by learning their language, these children can preserve their cultural identity and gain a deeper understanding of their roots.</p> <p>This initiative will benefit residents of the selected ward by fostering greater cultural cohesion, enhancing family relationships, and promoting linguistic diversity. It will create an inclusive environment where young Afghan residents can develop their language skills while connecting with their heritage, ultimately enriching the cultural fabric of the community.</p>	<p>£5,000.00</p> <p>Also applied in North West Multi-Ward Area- London bridge & West Bermondsey</p>
*160	Jamspeedrollers	Winter/Spring Roller skating workshop	<p>The project we are aiming to re-run is to provide a safe, affordable and inclusive indoor community roller skating events for all and especially Southwark residents that part-take in roller skating and new and existing roller skaters who need a safe, dry, affordable, inclusive environment to continue to practice, socialise and engage in roller skating. Families and previous attendees have already started enquiring if we will be continuing the service. Many of our volunteers and attendees have mental health issues, which is often worsen during the winter months. Our projects targets families and children from reception to college and university age to employed and unemployed heavily disadvantaged groups and communities in around Southwark,</p>	<p>£8,125.00</p> <p>Also applied in St. Giles, - North Walworth, East Central - Old Kent Road,</p>

West Central Multi-Ward Area - 2025-26 Neighbourhoods Fund Ward Application Summary Tables

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
*354	Southwark Refugees Community Forum	Educating our kids and all members of our community to respect to each other and the neighbours; to arrange clean-up day at Burgess Park; prepare leaflets and signs demonstrating respect for neighbour	<p>We have been established at the centre for nearly 30 years. Our members and users of the community centre and church has grown significantly in numbers. This is positive outcome. However, as the members come from different backgrounds and some of them are newcomers, we feel that there is a need to build community cohesion showing respect to each other, build good relationship with neighbours, love their neighbourhood in Southwark and where they live. We have nearly more than 300 kids born in this country attending the Centre with their parents at different times and we believe teaching them, raising awareness about community safety, community cohesion, respect will contribute to the overall Council's agenda of building safer communities. As you might know the area has been a bit rough few years ago but is much better now, thanks to the Council's regeneration schemes and the presence of our community centre. We also do volunteering held the elderly, giving advice to the homeless and vulnerable people and we also work with the nearby Refugee Forum in welcoming and providing advice.</p> <p>We plan to run workshops and do day clean ups to achieve the objectives of this project.</p>	£5,000.00

West Central Multi-Ward Area - 2025-26 Neighbourhoods Fund Ward Application Summary Tables

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
*419	SPRING COMMUNITY HUB	Spring Community Hub Holiday Activity Camps	<p>Spring Community Hub offers fun, free holiday activity camps for children in Southwark. Our Camps are designed to offer a blend of learning, fun and cultural experiences; the children who attend are encouraged to cook and taste diverse varieties of food, learn new skills, explore new places in London and make new friends! We provide a culturally appropriate, healthy lunch for everyone, rice and peas, jollof rice, jerk chicken and more are all on offer. We also pride ourselves on offering unique activities to keep the children engaged and entertained, for example, we have offered fashion design and pattern cutting with a leading designer, basic engineering and town planning with a London construction company who wants to get more children interested in STEM and mural making with a leading graphic artist.</p> <p>Over 40% of the children in Southwark are living in poverty and the cost of living crisis continues to bite. In households where it is difficult to cover the cost of essentials, we are confident that holiday activities and day trips would be out of the question for the families we serve. One of the children who joined us in 2024 said "my experience has been great, its excellent. It was frightening at first as I saw many people and I didn't know what to do. But then I learnt multiple things such as spray paint and paint and cut. This time has been an experience I will be forever grateful for."</p> <p>Successful funding would enable us to provide our service during half terms when the HAF Programmes are not available.</p>	<p>£5,757.50</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Newington, West Central - St. Giles</p>

West Central Multi-Ward Area - 2025-26 Neighbourhoods Fund Ward Application Summary Tables

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
*475	The Welcome Singers	The Welcome Singers seek funding for our regular schedule of weekly choral afternoons, and for community events	The Welcome Singers was established in 2006 for retired people. No musical experience is required. We have an inspirational conductor and sing an amazing repertoire of music. We are a diverse group. We have 'PT' work outs. Singing improves mental health and slows the onset of dementia. With our performances we have brought pleasure to people in residential home and hospitals. Southwark Council has invited the Choir to civic events. We ask for funding to cover our core weekly schedule at the Pensioners Centre. We intend to expand activities when the new Pensioners Centre is ready in 2025/6. This will have full disability access and means we can look to run an extended programme especially wheelchair users	£4,480.00
*498	CAMBERWELL AFTER SCHOOL PROJECT	CASP Community Together to Celebrate 40 years	<p>The Camberwell After School Project (CASP) aims to celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2025 by holding an award ceremony and presentation that highlights its long-standing service to the Southwark community. Over the years, CASP has been a pillar in providing reliable childcare services, positively impacting both children and their families. This event will provide a unique opportunity to reflect on CASP's contributions, share memorable stories, and acknowledge the successes and growth of the organisation.</p> <p>This project is essential as it not only marks an important milestone for CASP but also strengthens ties with the community, past and present users, and supporters. It will raise the organisation's profile and show the lasting positive impact it has had on residents' lives. Former users of the service will be invited to share their experiences and how CASP has helped shape their lives, reinforcing the organisation's role in fostering personal development and community cohesion. By bringing together past and present members of the community, this event will inspire the local residents and highlight the importance of grassroots organisations like CASP in identifying community needs and responding effectively. It will foster a stronger sense of community spirit and pride, showing how collective efforts can lead to long-lasting impact. This celebration will not only honour the history of CASP but also create an</p>	£7,500.00

West Central Multi-Ward Area - 2025-26 Neighbourhoods Fund Ward Application Summary Tables

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
			<p>opportunity for networking, sharing, and learning, benefiting all those who have been part of the journey.</p>	

West Central Multi-Ward Area - 2025-26 Neighbourhoods Fund Ward Application Summary Tables

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
*513	Mind and Soul Community Choir	Glimmering Camberwell	<p>A series of events to celebrate mental health awareness in line with the choir's ethos and to celebrate our new charity status. Mental health issues can strike anyone but in Southwark where the choir is based it is estimated that almost one in five adults in Southwark are experiencing a common mental disorder, equating to approximately 47,000 individuals so there is a great need. As one of our members would say, "when I sing it feels like topping up my oyster card for the week.....without the benefits of singing, I don't know how to mentally face the week.....by coming I am recharged and ready for the week has to throw at me". The benefits of singing for mental health issues are widely researched and include reducing cortisol associated with stress, aiding good breath techniques as well as forming social connections, We would like to spread these benefits throughout Camberwell as well as destigmatising mental health celebrating Mental Health Awareness week in May 2025 and World Mental Health Day in Oct 2025. We plan to take our work on the acute wards of the Maudsley to reach those in most need, run 10 open sing along workshops published on local forums and via local mental health organisations, and also run two pop up events. One would be to mark Mental Health Awareness week, an open day workshop with refreshments at St Giles for all those involved in the project and local choirs including the Camberwell Choir. The other World Mental Health Day 10 Oct at the Maudsley.</p>	<p>£3,440.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - St. Giles, South - Champion Hill</p>

West Central Multi-Ward Area - 2025-26 Neighbourhoods Fund Ward Application Summary Tables

Ref	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
*540	GOSHEN COMMUNITY PROJECTS	Gables Threads of Togetherness	<p>Crochet and Knit with happy moments project aims to create a supportive community space for elderly women aged 50 and above to learn and engage in crochet and knitting activities. This initiative addresses the growing issue of social isolation among older women in the ward, providing them with an opportunity to build new friendships, learn creative skills, and enhance their sense of purpose.</p> <p>The project is needed because many elderly women experience loneliness and a lack of opportunities to engage with others in meaningful ways, which can negatively impact their mental and emotional well-being. By offering crochet and knitting workshops, the project encourages creativity while promoting social interaction, which can improve participants' confidence and reduce feelings of isolation.</p> <p>The benefits to the ward's residents are significant. Participants will develop new skills, which may open avenues for hobby-based entrepreneurship or volunteer work. Additionally, the project fosters intergenerational learning by encouraging local volunteers to assist, strengthening community ties. The sense of achievement gained from completing projects will boost the participants' self-esteem and provide a valuable social outlet, enhancing overall well-being.</p> <p>By building a network of support and inclusion, Crochet and Knit with happy moments helps ensure that elderly women in the ward are connected, active, and valued members of the community.</p>	£4,999.00

West Central Multi-Ward Area - 2025-26 Neighbourhoods Fund Ward Application Summary Tables

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*558	Share The Cost Global	Brewing Communities: Strengthening Connections Through Shared Support	The "Brewing Communities: Strengthening Connections Through Shared Support" project aims to address isolation, loneliness, and food poverty within the selected ward. By creating safe, welcoming spaces at Gayle's Coffee Bar, residents will have access to free or low-cost meals through our "Pay It Forward" initiative. This initiative provides a platform for community members to both give and receive support, fostering unity and mutual aid. The project will offer workshops, events, and opportunities for social interaction, improving the mental health and well-being of local residents while enhancing community spirit.	£7,000.00
*559	Share The Cost Global	Dignity In Giving - Brewing Communities	The "Dignity In Giving - Brewing Communities" project aims to combat food poverty, loneliness and social isolation by creating a supportive and inclusive space within Gayle's Coffee Bar. The project will provide honest, clean culturally inclusive warm meals, drinks through the "Pay It Forward" model, ensuring everyone has access to nutritious food, even if they cannot afford it. The initiative has been running from this location since the 5th September 24 and already foster connections, reduce isolation, and support residents facing financial hardship (Pay It Forward 70 people have been fed, generating over £200 paying for this and had over 600 customers). By addressing these needs, the project has enhanced community bonds and provide dignity to vulnerable residents.	£20,000.00

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*662	Walworth Golden Oldies	Walworth Golden Oldies Community Care Project	<p>Our community project for BAME elders in Southwark provides a nurturing and engaging environment for our members that enhances their wellbeing, independence and quality of life. We provide Socialising opportunities, cognitive stimulation, physical activities, Therapeutic Services and Nutritious Meals. Our project has been proven to improve well-being amongst our members, empower them with an increased sense of independence and dignity, heighten their social integration and promote healthy aging. The WGO Community care project specifically addresses the unique challenges and problems faced by our members and by providing a supportive and engaging environment we aim to have a positive impact on them.</p>	<p>£5,000.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - North Walworth</p>

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*673	THE NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE OF GREAT BRITAIN	Inclusive Futures: a performance and career progression opportunity for students of Highshore School, Southwark	<p>Project need identified with students & teachers at Highshore nonmainstream school.</p> <p>NYT will bring 12 Highshore students to Inclusive Futures, an event celebrating 'Assemble', NYT's inclusive drama programme, and a careers fair to progress students from school into volunteering, training and employment opportunities.</p> <p>Assemble, launched autumn 2023, enables stronger collaboration and friendships between Highshore School students and their peers in and out of the disabled community, reducing isolation and building local inclusivity networks. Assemble transforms students' relationships with their local area through cultural and social participation, enabling them to access, shape and engage with local cultural opportunities whilst providing them with progression routes into the arts.</p> <p>Students participate in regular in-school Creative Workshops led by NYT Associates and Course Assistants and six volunteers ('Peer Buddies') that support building their confidence through nurturing creative expression and communication, as well as building an understanding of future employment pathways and opportunities. Participants, supported by staff and Peer Buddies, have termly visits to local cultural organisations such as theatres and galleries.</p> <p>Inclusive Futures will take place in April 2025 at NYT, featuring performances from our four Assemble partner schools and a Careers Fair.</p> <p>Highshore's performance will be co-created by students on the theme of 'The Future', inspired by their career aspirations and discussions about which of their skills make them best suited for those roles. Peer Buddies will support and perform alongside students and will accompany them in safe and accessible transport to and from the venues, given inaccessible travel is so often a major barrier to participation. We will invite Disability Confident employers, stakeholders, community groups and local government to the Careers Fair to share job opportunities and career advice.</p>	£3,015.00

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*677	MS Romina Sarwar	Learn and Play London CIC: Borough of Southwark	<p>Learn and Play proposal is to empower and support SEND children as well as parents and carers in the Southwark community during school breaks in order to address the lack of provisions available for young children with SEND in Southwark. Our organisation's purpose is committed to supporting parents facing financial, health and social challenges. The activities and service we aim to deliver to the Southwark community takes into consideration Southwark's State of the Sector Report and the Southwark JSNA report. Identifying over 10,000 children in the borough have SEND and 36% of these children are on free school meals in comparison to only 20% without any additional needs.</p> <p>Our projects are aimed at improving outcomes for residents and strengthening the service provided. Our services include:</p> <p>Providing children with tailored SEND activities e.g. sensory and cognitive activities including play dough, clay, sand, puzzles etc.</p> <p>Providing warm healthy meals and snacks for young children addressing issues of childhood obesity in the borough of 41%.</p> <p>Taking children on trips e.g. zoo, bowling, cinema. etc.</p> <p>Our services directly address Southwark SEND Strategy 2022-25 which aims to provide more support for local children in helping 'develop greater confidence skills and competencies.'</p> <p>Increasing well-being of parents and children by connecting them to local services which meet their needs, including leisure and recreational activities.</p> <p>Offering respite to parents who lack financial resources, feel isolated and unable to reach out for help and lack the correct access to affordable and support networks.</p> <p>Our project will provide parents and children a safe space to interact, share experiences and receive help reducing feeling of isolation.</p>	<p>£3,500.00</p> <p>Also applied in North Walworth, West Central - St. Giles, West Central - Faraday, West Central - Newington</p>

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*748	Read Easy Southwark	Read Easy Southwark is a small charity that provides one-to-one coaching for adults in Southwark of all ages who want to learn to read.	<p>Why Walworth Central Ward?</p> <p>Read Easy Southwark wants to identify adults across Southwark who are unable to read or who have limited reading ability and offer them one-to-one reading coaching. Being unable to read significantly reduces a person's ability to reach their full potential. West Central Ward contains our largest user group with currently 21 coach/reader pairs.</p> <p>Adults unable to read are embarrassed to admit it, and often won't. The benefits of learning to read can extend beyond the individual and enable families to break the inter-generational cycle of literacy difficulties. We currently support 40 reader/coach pairs and our organisational goal.</p> <p>Why reading is needed:</p> <p>Reading is a basic requirement of everyday life. Yet there are 2.4 million adults in England alone who can barely read or cannot read at all (Skills for Life Survey, 2011, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills - most recent government figures). Being unable to read impacts on daily life - up to 10% of adults would struggle to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Write a short note to their family - Fill in a form – for a job, a service or support - Understand important communications such as letters, emails and household bills - Access essential information on topics like food allergens, healthcare and safety - Read a story to their children - Complete simple tasks like using a cash point, doing the food shopping or reading travel information <p>There are lots of reasons why people might need to improve their reading skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A learning difference such as dyslexia, autism or ADHD - Their need for extra support not being recognised or fulfilled at school - Relearning after a brain injury. Learning to read will enable West Central Ward participants to overcome the above challenges and fulfil their potential. 	<p>£2,861.60</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - North Walworth, North West - London Bridge & West Bermondsey, West Central - Faraday, North East - North Bermondsey</p>

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*762	Ms Jill Newman	Qigong for wellbeing in Elba Place Nature Garden	I want to offer free sessions of Qigong to the local community. (Two sessions per week for 6 weeks.) Qigong is an ancient Chinese form of moving meditation exercises traditionally practiced outside in natural surroundings. "Qi" means "lifecycle" and "Gong" means "Cultivation". It has proven beneficial effects for mind, body and spirit. The gentle movements and breathing techniques are accessible to all ages and abilities and can be practised from sitting or a wheelchair. I want to share its benefits: calming, nourishing and bringing body and mind into balance. Regular practice of Qigong promotes feelings of well-being and improved health. Being able to practice in a safe outdoor space like Elba Place Nature Garden also allows a deep connection and harmonious relationship with nature. I believe people will enjoy practicing Qigong in the nature garden as it allows a deep, immersive re-balancing within our urban environment.	£1,047.00 Also applied in Faraday, West Central - Newington, West Central - North Walworth, West Central - St. Giles
*821	Miss Paula Moreno	Crafting Together at Jack Hobbs Club	The community arts and crafts project I plan to run in sessions at the Jack Hobbs Club Community Centre will provide residents with an opportunity to experience the joy and relaxation of creativity. These weekly sessions are designed for adults looking to explore new artistic skills and create personalized projects, as well as for those who wish to share these activities with their grandchildren/children during school holidays. Each project offers a rewarding way to unwind and develop new skills while making beautiful, unique pieces for the home or as heartfelt gifts. By combining mindfulness and hands-on work, these arts and crafts sessions encourage self-expression, a sense of accomplishment, and the chance to connect with a vibrant community of fellow creators of all ages. The aim is to foster a welcoming environment where residents and families can enjoy creativity together, build connections, and create lasting memories through shared artistic experiences.	£4,500.00

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*823	ELMINGTON COMMUNITY GARDENS	Prevent ASB at Shirley House	There is a large island planted with bramble and a tree in front of Shirley House. The bramble is well established and provides an area for people to complete drug deals and loiter smoking and drinking at night. This antisocial behaviour is disturbing the residents of Shirley House. We have tried to tackle the bramble as a group but it is too established and requires a contractor to remove it. We will then replace with low level planting that we will maintain. This will remove the blind spot for people to congregate and disturb the residents of Shirley House.	£5,300.00

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*890	Blue Elephant Theatre	BET Dance Group	<p>We hope to launch a fun and inclusive Dance Group which, like our youth theatre, nurtures young people holistically and builds a love of the art form within them.</p> <p>The dance group will be aimed at 10 – 14-year-olds and will cover several dance styles including street, hip-hop etc. While there will be end of term performances, the focus will be on the process over two terms and what the young people gain from that, rather than on creating a “slick” dance performance. This emphasis is strongly tied into what we hope the project will achieve, in that it aims to be a dance group for all which encourages love and enjoyment of physical activity and the accompanying benefits.</p> <p>44% of Yr6 children in Southwark are overweight or obese – with children from Black ethnic backgrounds and living in disadvantaged areas being the worst affected. These are the backgrounds of most of the young people BET engages with, given the make-up of Camberwell Green ward. A primary reason for launching this dance group is to offer free, fun physical activity to young people at high risk of being obese/overweight, as an alternative to sport if they don't enjoy it/feel suited to it. The dance sessions will be open to all young people in West Central but we will use our close contacts with local schools to share this focus so they can refer children who will benefit most.</p> <p>As well as young people with/at risk of excess weight, we would particularly seek to engage those who would benefit from support with coordination skills (e.g. with dyspraxia) or building body confidence.</p>	<p>£5,000.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Faraday, West Central - Newington, West Central - North Walworth, West Central - St. Giles</p>

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*909	Citizens UK, Parent Action Project	Citizens UK, Parent Action Project	<p>Parent University is our in-person course which combines three ante-natal classes and seven post-natal classes for expectant and new mums (and their partners) delivered in Camberwell Salvation Army Church. The course was co-designed with parents and healthcare professionals and is delivered by our experienced early childhood expert supported by midwives, health visitors as well as breastfeeding consultants. When parents graduate from Parent University, they are welcomed into our weekly Mum Space and Espacio Mama groups where they can continue to be part of the community of mums they have met during the course as well as the wider community at Parent Action.</p> <p>Parent University is designed to target parents who are traditionally labelled 'hard to reach'. We work closely with local NHS partners, faith and community organisations who make referrals and support delivery of the course.</p> <p>We are increasingly receiving referrals including self-referrals from our expanding Latin American community of parents. This funding will secure a Spanish speaking translator which will ensure that no one is left behind in receiving this vital support before and after birth. As a project we host the Black Maternal Voices group and we have been part of and contributed to the Southwark Maternity Commission. We are acutely aware of the poorer maternity outcomes for non-white and non-English speaking communities. With this funding we can go some way to not only providing a nurturing community at this most vulnerable time in a woman's life but also in supporting our Latin American community to understand their choices and rights during pregnancy and labour and to look after themselves. We hope this will help lead to better outcomes for Spanish speaking mothers and babies in these wards and Southwark as a whole.</p>	<p>£1,836.00</p> <p>Also applied in East Central - Old Kent Road</p>

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*933	SPRING COMMUNITY HUB	Spring Community Hub Holiday Activity Camps for Teens	<p>Spring Community Hub offers fun, free holiday activity camps for teenagers in Southwark. Our Camps are designed to offer a blend of learning, fun and cultural experiences; the teenagers who attend are encouraged to cook and taste diverse varieties of food, learn new skills, explore new places in London and make new friends! We provide a culturally appropriate, healthy lunch for everyone, rice and peas, jollof rice, jerk chicken and more are all on offer. We also pride ourselves on offering unique activities to keep the teenagers engaged based on what they told us they wanted. For example, we have offered a DJ workshop, a visit to the British Film Institute archive to discuss and watch films, jewellery making and sport like tennis and cricket.</p> <p>Over 40% of the children and teenagers in Southwark are living in poverty and the cost-of-living crisis continues to bite. In households where it is difficult to cover the cost of essentials, we are confident that holiday activities and day trips would be out of the question for the families we serve.</p> <p>Successful funding would enable us to provide our service during half terms when the HAF Programmes are not available</p>	<p>£5,757.50</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - St. Giles</p>

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*936	CAMBRIDGE HOUSE AND TALBOT	Incredible Camberwell - Art Exhibition Event	<p>What makes someone disabled is not their medical/neurological condition, but the attitudes and structures of society.</p> <p>Adults and young people from across Cambridge House's 'Camberwell Incredibles' service (for adults with learning disabilities and complex needs) and 'RISE' Youth Empowerment service (for 16-24-year-olds experiencing social isolation) will come together to deliver 'Incredible Camberwell' – an Artistic Exhibition Event that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote wider understanding and awareness of those living with a disability and the many differing ways both disabled and non-disabled people see and experience the world. • Showcase the incredible artistic talents of adults and young people in the local community – recognise and respect their value as artists, thereby encouraging the participation of others, increasing accessibility to the arts locally, and contributing to Southwark's cultural capital. • Promote, and make more accessible, Cambridge House and other local support services for young people, disabled people, and their parents and carers. • Provide an inclusive and joyful experience for the local community – encourage community cohesion, disrupt stigma, and celebrate diversity and difference. <p>'Incredible Camberwell' will attract approximately 200-300 members of the public and involve 30 service users in its creation. It will showcase a range of works, including visual artwork, poetry, film, animation, music, dance, and interactive creative activities - coming together to create a unique spectacle. The Camberwell Incredibles and RISE members will not only provide the content, but they will also design and host the event.</p> <p>For our service users specifically, we anticipate the following outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased artistic inclusion, expression, and opportunity to be represented without stigma in society's cultural life 2. Reduced social isolation 3. Increased confidence and independence 4. Increased aspiration, self-esteem, and self-worth 	£4,427.68

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*945	PE and School Sports Network	SEND Saturday Sports Club	<p>The club is 17 years old, working with profound special needs children and young people from across Southwark. We have significant applications from families in, Rotherhithe, Bermondsey, Peckham, Walworth, Camberwell, St Giles and Newington wards. Sport and activity are used to develop mental and physical health as well as helping to socialise the students. Parents and carers are provided their own room with refreshments to network with like-minded people. We also encourage parents to get involved or watch the sessions so they can learn activities to do with their children away from the club. We host four sessions on Saturdays at Bacons College, working with 80–90 students looking to develop fundamental skills e.g. waiting, listening, focus, independence, working in pairs and small groups. Our aim is to maximise students' activity, engaging them with variety. Each student has an individual programme highlighting preferred activities and targets for the year. We work with all disabilities and behaviours types. Working as a wider group helps development and progress. This club is unique to this area, and provide specialist 1:1 support. Most of these have severe disabilities and are regularly turned away from other council funded activities. If we cannot secure the £60,000.00 then the club will have to close. We are applying for 5k from each ward where we have had families apply</p>	<p>£60,000.00</p> <p>Also Applied in West Central - Faraday, West Central - Newington, West Central - North Walworth, West Central - St. Giles</p>

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*984	EFA LONDON	Learning Language, Making Change	<p>"I'm a little bit angry because I read in the newspaper that a higher percentage of migrants died in the pandemic. Migrants have less money to eat healthy foods and there is the language barrier so they cannot understand all the information in English" resident, Southwark</p> <p>Not speaking English is a huge barrier for migrant and sanctuary seeking families in Camberwell Green. The dozens of families whom we've spoken to at the Salvation Army baby bank and at activities we host in the area have told us that barriers including prohibitive costs, immigration-status related restrictions, and no childcare mean they can't access essential English language lessons. Not being able to learn English prevents them from accessing healthcare, finding work, and building supportive relationships in the community. This leads to isolation and negatively impacts their health and wellbeing, which in turn has a detrimental effect on their children. Living in London yet not being able to express themselves in English also makes these families very vulnerable to exploitation and prevents them from challenging injustice.</p> <p>The Learning Language, Making Change project will be delivered by EFA at the Salvation Army. We will create a free, safe space where local migrant families can meet every week, learn English, make friends, go on trips and take part in workshops, access essential services, and develop community organising skills to challenge injustice. Sessions will be supported by a free creche, so that no one is excluded from accessing our support due to childcare responsibilities.</p> <p>At the end of the 18-week programme, we expect participants to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have improved their language skills Report feeling less isolated. Have made new connections and relationships with people in the group Have more knowledge of local services and activities in their area and feel better able to access them. Participants will be supported to progress onto further English language courses and other opportunities. 	£4,905.00

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*991	St Michael and All Angels	Saints and Angels Community Hub	<p>According to census data our parish is one of the most deprived in the country. There is huge need for more activities for young people, as well as tackling the effects of poverty and isolation for the elderly. We hope to create community hub within our church building with a weekly youth club, and weekly elderly lunch club, as well as opening a community café where all members of the community will be welcome to attend.</p> <p>Youth - in recent conversation with a local police officer and young people from Ark All saints Academy, it has become clear that young people are 'hanging out' in stairwells and parks. There is a need for an alternative and safe space for them to stay safe, learn, and engage in activities. Because of our close relationship with Ark All Saints Academy and adjoining buildings we feel well positioned to start this project within our building offering a space for young people once a week initially.</p> <p>Elderly people - according to Church Trust Website, nearly 50% of the elderly people living in our parish are deprived. We want to offer a space for these elderly people to connect with other people in their community, a meal, and an opportunity to engage with other services who will be invited to visit.</p> <p>Community Cafe - London is a lonely city, but this is even worse when people are deprived. We want to offer a pleasant space for people to spend time with others and find out about other services on offer in our community. We would like to open this space on daily basis in the future and have the ideal premises for this.</p> <p>We are black majority church with a good location and a purpose built and fully accessible building that is already used by other organizations. We have recently been selected to receive funding for a designated youth minister as part of a Church of England project, and feel well positioned to start this project.</p>	£4,650.00

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*1018	SE5 Forum for Camberwell	Eat Around the World on Camberwell Green	<p>This festival on Saturday 17 May 2025 will celebrate Camberwell's diverse cultures through food. This event had the largest and most diverse attendance in the 30-year history of SE5 Forum events, with over 6000 people of all ages and backgrounds (up to 500 at any one time) attending. A survey of participants showed 9 out of 10 wanted to return in 2025.</p> <p>We will bring together five Camberwell organisations to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold workshops promoting low-cost healthy eating for children and local residents. According to the National Child measurement programme, West Central and in particular Camberwell Green ward has one of the highest child obesity rates in the country with 34% of year 6 children obese. 2. Provide a community meal to ensure the event is inclusive and signpost locals to food banks. 3. Support local small and micro businesses to hold stalls and sell a wide range of cuisine. 62 food businesses participated last year, most of them BAME owned, with food from every continent 4. Children's games to encourage active exercise - bouncy castle, archery, Zorb balls. 5. Craft and creative activities provided by volunteer occupational therapists. 6. Promote Camberwell as a food hub locally, with food maps and social and print media promotion. 7. Celebrate and show pride in the diversity of our local cuisine with two workshops by well-known chefs, including one recognised for their West Indian Caribbean dishes. 8. With Partnership Southwark hold NHS health tests in the health van on the Green 9. With the Met Police Safer Neighbourhoods team, hold bike marking session, which was an excellent outreach activity last time. 	£5,811.69

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*1034	London Bubble Theatre Company	Playing Safe	<p>Playing Safe is a pioneering drama-based crime prevention intervention for year 6 students. It creates opportunities for children to talk about serious youth violence, safety in their community and barriers to feeling safe. Using 'forum theatre' techniques they explore fictional characters, the situations they find themselves in and the choices they make. It allows children to discuss difficult topics in a creative, safe, supportive environment.</p> <p>Phase 1: An interactive play and drama workshop for all year 6.</p> <p>The play tells the story of 11-year-old Ali who is under pressure to follow his older brother by getting involved with a gang. In a community where serious youth violence poses a great threat, who is keeping Ali safe? Having watched the play, Bubble artists ask what the main character might do differently to reach a better outcome. Children are invited to take Ali's place and try out alternative scenes. These 'rehearsal for life' techniques encourage positive action within the safety of drama.</p> <p>In the after-school session for parents/carers, they see the play and hear from family support services. Allowing them to recognise their children's needs, identify where support may be needed and reduce conflict at home.</p> <p>Phase 2: 5 sessions for the 10 most 'at-risk' students - identified by their school using our referral criteria. Through small group drama sessions, they devise their own play which they perform to the rest of year 6. This supports key competencies for social and emotional wellbeing: resilience, motivation, self-control, self-esteem, communication and relationship building.</p> <p>Our creative and relational approach provides a positive, creative experience leading to transformative change at a time of crucial transition in children's lives. This learning transfers to real-life situations where they can use these techniques to make similar positive actions and life choices if they find themselves in potentially unsafe situations.</p>	£3,650.00

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*1090	Step Out Mentoring	Step Out Mentoring- Connected Communities	<p>Step Out Mentoring is an early intervention organisation supporting young people aged 8-18 in Southwark, along with their families, who are facing complex life challenges.</p> <p>Referred to us by social services and GPs, many of these young people are struggling with isolation, and mental health issues. We provide them with a safe, outdoor-based programme, offering 12 months of weekly 1:1 mentoring, weekly drop-in group sessions, and family and community celebration events.</p> <p>We are proud of the impact we've achieved to date, with 95% of young people reporting increased physical activity and 49% showing improved psychological wellbeing. Our work directly addresses the inequitable outcomes for predominantly racialised and marginalised families living in poverty, providing a safe and nurturing space where young people can flourish, free from fear and judgement.</p> <p>By connecting young people with volunteer community mentors and offering trauma-informed, culturally responsive support, we see meaningful improvements in relationships with families, peers, and schools. We help create relationships and concern for one another to support increased safety in our neighbourhood.</p> <p>Our weekly group activities, which include physical exercise, creativity, and life skills, bring together young people from diverse backgrounds, promoting community cohesion and mutual respect.</p> <p>- Risk Factors: 45% of young people exhibit one or more risk factors including recent or serious losses, mental health problems, past suicide attempts, struggles with sexual identity, or experiences of bullying and lack of social support. 32% have a developmental disorder or learning disability diagnosis, 28% have an EHCP, 23% have experienced self-harm, 21% are on waiting lists for CAMHS, and 17% have had suicidal intentions or attempts in the past year.</p> <p>This support will enable us to reach more young people in Southwark, helping them thrive and become positive change-makers in our community.</p>	<p>£4,999.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Faraday, West Central - Newington, West Central - North Walworth, West Central - St. Giles</p>

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*1096	Bermondsey Community Kitchen	Bermondsey Community Kitchen	<p>Bermondsey Community Kitchen provides a free healthy nutritious homemade ready to eat meal program to residents over the autumn and winter periods. The meals are made in our large commercial kitchen. This program has been hugely successful and last year we expanded our work across Southwark. The program aims to support those who are isolated, elderly, vulnerable, disabled and families struggling financially. Our program connects to groups who target those most in need. The program started during Covid and has continued to grow and grow. The hardships experienced by local people continue to get worse, with last year increasing food and energy costs and this year the winter fuel payment will greatly affect some older residents. The program also supports local people through tough periods where they are unwell and suffering from winter related illness and provides them with healthy meals to contribute to their recovery.</p> <p>Those who received our meals reported only positive feedback and reports included reduced anxiety around food poverty and increasing food and energy costs. Those who received the meals reported less isolation amongst residents as they came together to support each other. The feedback from the meals themselves was always really positive with residents saying the meals are tasty, substantial and filling. They didn't just fulfil a basic need but also helped emotionally as meals are enjoyed. Our program also provides special events especially over the December period where we provide meals for Christmas Parties for elderly residents providing them with a Christmas dinner.</p>	<p>£4,500.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Faraday, West Central - Newington, West Central - North Walworth, West Central - St. Giles</p>

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*1109	Wyndham and Comber TRA	Cultural celebration day, music nights	<p>We have had several very successful projects to bring the residents together, the kings coronation was our first experience of hosting an event that really brought all the residents together. This started the process of the residents actually engaging with the TRA. Since then, we have hosted 2 music nights, funded by the TRA and the residents said they have never seen anything like it hosted on the estate before and many of the older generation were bought to the hall by their neighbours. We have been asked to keep these event going on a regular basis which we would love to do funding permitting.</p> <p>We were also looking to do a multi-cultural day where the tar can provide food from many diverse places, hopefully replicating the diversity in the local population. We have played with the idea for a year now and have identified a few professional caterers on and around the estate that specialises in specific cuisines that would be willing to partake.</p> <p>So in essence we would like funding to help us carry on the president we have started and improve event on event.</p> <p>With funding to put on a multi-cultural food day, and part funding for 2 music nights that have been a roaring success.</p> <p>Thank you for your time Wyndham and comber TRA</p>	£1,450.00

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*1114	The Future Stars Academy Ltd	Making Tracks	<p>Making Tracks aims to bridge the gap between young, aspiring creatives and established professionals within the community. The project focuses on providing development workshops and talent search opportunities for local musicians, artists, and performers. Participants from wards like Bermondsey, Walworth Road, Old Kent Road, Camberwell, Peckham, and Dulwich will be given a chance to showcase their skills through auditions, receive guidance through bootcamps, and ultimately perform in a final showcase judged by industry experts and attended by the community.</p> <p>The project is needed because many young residents in these areas face limited access to quality creative opportunities, mentorship, and networking, which are crucial for entering the creative industries. This initiative will help build confidence, develop skills, and provide a platform for young talent to be recognized and celebrated. It also serves to bring the community together by fostering appreciation for local talent and promoting positive engagement in the arts.</p> <p>The benefit to residents includes not only the opportunity for young creatives to develop professionally but also for the community to take pride in supporting its future stars. It encourages collaboration across different creative fields, builds connections between aspiring artists and local professionals, and fosters a culture of respect and inclusion. The workshops and final showcase will generate local interest, potentially attracting audiences from outside the ward, further highlighting the area's creative potential.</p>	<p>£22,800.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Newington, East Central - Peckham, East Central - Old Kent Road, South - Dulwich Hill</p>

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*1115	Nanas Kitchen	Nana's Kitchen	<p>Nana's Kitchen is a community initiative named in honour of my late mother, a beloved figure who dedicated her life to caring for others and sharing her love of cooking. The project aims to address food insecurity and promote healthy, sustainable living in the local community through affordable meals, cooking workshops and food-growing activities.</p> <p>The need for Nana's Kitchen stems from increasing challenges many families face in accessing nutritious food, rising food costs, and a lack of community spaces where people can come together to learn vital cooking skills. By offering low-cost meals, cooking workshops, and a community garden where vegetables and herbs are grown, Nana's Kitchen will provide practical solutions to these issues.</p> <p>Our cooking workshops will teach residents how to create affordable, healthy meals, while our garden will involve the community in growing fresh produce, reinforcing self-sufficiency. We will also support local breakfast clubs and food banks, ensuring those most in need have access to healthy food. Furthermore, Nana's Kitchen will offer a welcoming space for the community to gather, creating a sanctuary where people can connect, share meals, and support one another.</p> <p>This project will foster a sense of community ownership and pride, improve health outcomes by encouraging nutritious eating, and help alleviate food poverty. Beneficiaries will include low-income families (especially single parents), elderly residents, and young people, creating a more connected, empowered and resilient community</p>	<p>£10,000.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Newington</p>

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*1144	Ignite Hubs	Camberwell Coding & STEM Club	<p>Ignite Hubs is an established education charity that teaches coding and STEM skills to children and young people. Founded by Lin Yong in January 2019, a local Southwark resident for over 35 years. Ignite Hubs won 'Best Charity in Southwark' at the 2023 Southwark Awards and was nominated for the King's Award for Voluntary Service in 2024.</p> <p>Coding and STEM skills are considered crucial in today's evolving digital world. There's a huge shortage of these skills in Southwark, a gap felt nationally and globally. Yet, key demographics, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, ethnic minorities, and females, remain significantly underrepresented in the tech and STEM sectors. By providing these underrepresented groups with access to coding and STEM education, Ignite Hubs is actively working to bridge the income inequality and representation gap.</p> <p>There is a lack of free coding and STEM classes outside of school in the Ward. The private market is unaffordable for many families and there's a notable deficit of teachers with the necessary technical skills to teach these subjects effectively at school.</p> <p>Our classes are taught by experienced IT professionals and cover key programming languages such as Python, HTML/CSS, and Scratch, and hardware like Micro: bit. These are in-demand skills sought by major companies like Google and YouTube. Our impact in Camberwell Ward extends beyond our students to benefit the entire community. These include increased library users, parents reading to younger siblings while waiting, an interest in improving their digital skills and volunteers making new friends and gaining new skills.</p> <p>The funding will be used to hire STEM instructors, develop online learning resources to support and reinforce the learning outside of class. By equipping young people with in-demand skills, they can access employment opportunities and higher-paying roles in the future, enabling them to improve their circumstances and contribute positively to the community.</p>	£1,680.00

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1177	Living Bankside	AI, VR, AR & Tech 4 All (Camberwell Green)	<p>A legacy project of the alumni from Living Bankside Academy Our Futures Programme 2024. some of the Alumni live in Camberwell Green and the residents of Camberwell Green are the target beneficiaries. This project idea was created alongside a number of local businesses and community groups.</p> <p>The alumni students plan to hold interactive workshops across Southwark, using Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality and Artificial Intelligence to engage people of all ages including those less 'tech savvy' to learn about and feel comfortable using modern technology</p>	£5,000.00

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*1184	Living Bankside	Living Bankside Academy - Our Futures Programme - All 4 Wards - West Central	<p>An award-winning 7-8 week (Paid) Summer programme aimed at 16–19-year-olds in Southwark with an introduction to the business world and life skills.</p> <p>The Our Futures Programme is Living Bankside Academy’s flagship programme, going into its third year in 2024. It provides diverse opportunities for young people aged 16 to 19 from Southwark, and the surrounding areas (from various backgrounds including those severely disadvantaged such as looked after children) to develop a growth mindset for learning and success. Businesses and organisations donate their time in kind to carry out the theme of the project brief, and the young people gain a practical understanding of the working world. Local, National and International businesses/organisations participate in the programme to provide training sessions/workshops which</p> <p>Showcase their fields of expertise in relation to the theme; and to help develop a number of key skills and fundamentals, including: Public Speaking, Teamwork, Negotiation, Resilience, Project Management, Event Management, Presenting, Confidence, Copywriting, Scriptwriting, Producing, Filming, Directing, Research and much more.</p> <p>A number of companies and organisations have and continue to participate in the programme, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough Market, Shakespeare's Globe, TATE Modern, Hilton London Bankside, WPP, US Embassy, Google, Meta, LUSH, Kings College, PWC, London, Giff Gaff, MACE, News UK, CISCO, JP Morgan, EY, and NatWest, Financial Times, TFL and many more. <p>The Programme is impact measured with a focus on tangible outcomes. Following the programme, each student becomes an alumni and is guaranteed 10 years of ad-hoc advice and support.</p>	<p>£20,000.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Faraday, West Central - Newington, West Central - North Walworth, West Central - St. Giles</p>

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*126	Draper Together	Draper Kids Club	<p>The Draper Kids Club aims to provide a safe, engaging space for children aged 7-11 in Southwark. Our primary goals are:</p> <p>Personal Development: We foster social skills, creativity, and self-confidence through various activities, including arts, crafts, sports, and team-building games.</p> <p>Community Engagement: We encourage interaction among peers, promoting community cohesion and a sense of belonging.</p> <p>Nutrition and Well-being: We provide a hot meal during each session, addressing food insecurity for low-income families, which is crucial for children's physical and mental health.</p> <p>The benefits of the Draper Kids Club extend to the entire community:</p> <p>Addressing Lack of Play Areas: Southwark has seen a reduction in play areas for children due to gentrification. Over 40% of children report dissatisfaction with available play spaces. Our Kids Club helps fill this gap by offering a safe environment for play and learning.</p> <p>Support for Low-Income Families: With 30% of children living in low-income households (Joseph Rowntree Foundation), our program provides free childcare and a hot meal, alleviating financial pressure on families.</p> <p>Enhanced Family Well-being: By offering a nurturing environment for children, we allow parents to focus on work or education, knowing their children are safe and engaged.</p> <p>Promoting Lifelong Skills: Our activities help children develop essential skills such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving, benefiting them in school and beyond.</p>	<p>£4,916.93</p> <p>Also applied in Newington</p>

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*173	SKILLS DEVELOPMENT TRAINING	Neighbourhood Business Network	<p>Neighbourhood Business Network, incorporating the sale of accessories such as mobile phone cases: The Neighbourhood Business Network aims to revitalize Peckham's local economy and foster community cohesion through a market stall program. This initiative addresses the urgent need for economic opportunities in Peckham, where youth unemployment stands at 23%, nearly double the London average.</p> <p>Our project will:</p> <p>Provide comprehensive entrepreneurship training to 20 young people aged 18-30, equipping them with essential business skills, financial literacy, and market trading expertise. Workshops will cover end-to-end business fundamentals, from ideation to sales.</p> <p>Establish a community-run market stall in Peckham Rye, offering participants hands-on experience in running a business and connecting with local customers. We will sell affordable accessories such as mobile phone cases, scarves, and jewellery, which are easy to source wholesale and have strong profit potential. Research shows that experiential learning increases knowledge retention by up to 75%.</p> <p>Collaborate with local artisans to source products for the stall, ensuring a diverse range of goods that support the local economy. For every£1 spent at a local market, an additional£1.76 is generated for the local economy.</p> <p>Organize monthly networking events, connecting local business leaders and young entrepreneurs. A LinkedIn survey indicates that 85% of jobs are filled through networking</p>	£5,000.00

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*196	THE ERNEST FOUNDATION	Move On in Life	<p>The "Move On in Life" project aims to provide essential support for vulnerable residents in the East Central and Old Kent Road Wards, focusing on those facing challenges such as unemployment, social isolation, mental health issues, and housing instability. The project seeks to equip residents with the skills, confidence, and resources needed to improve their well-being and gain greater independence.</p> <p>The project is needed due to the high levels of deprivation in the area, where many residents struggle with unemployment, access to services, and limited social networks. The impact of these challenges is evident in mental health issues, loneliness, and limited opportunities for personal and professional growth.</p> <p>The project will offer tailored support through workshops, one-on-one mentoring, and access to resources such as job training and housing advice. It will also promote community engagement by encouraging residents to connect with one another, building a sense of belonging and reducing isolation.</p> <p>By addressing these key issues, the project will benefit residents by improving mental health, increasing employment prospects, fostering stronger community ties, and enabling individuals to achieve a higher quality of life. Through practical interventions, "Move On in Life" will create sustainable positive change for residents in these wards.</p>	£5,000.00
*244	Voices for Autism	Autism Awareness Community Day	<p>I would like to create an Autism Awareness day for the Autism community in Southwark. This one stop shop will be a day event where families can attend with their children to obtain useful information pre and post diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD and those which live under the umbrella. There will be guest speakers, panel talks and also fun activities for the children to participate. Voices for Autism have been in operation since 2015 all self-funded. Since Covid, we have struggled to really get back into the community with something that is for everyone. People need the service and to be sign-posted to services that can support them. It would be good to collaborate with other organisations to provide what is very lacking within the borough. Service users</p>	£3,200.00

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			want something physical as opposed to scouring the internet or leaflets to read. Human interaction.	
*435	crawford tenant and residents association	community engagement programme	we will look to develop relationships, partnership and collaborations with local organisation to build community engagement programs that help young people give back to their immediate community. this will include volunteering opportunities, fundraising events, service projects, community improvement and community meetings to dis-cuss, and design strategies moving forward. in this way the young people have a sense of ownership and responsibility which are important skills to develop.	£5,000.00
*442	abtima community project cic	free food bank	we will provide free food bank without a referral to interested members of the local community and general public. we will advertise and carry out this project once every week subject to availability of funding. we will advertise the dates, time (open & close times) and venue for the activity in the local newspaper, whatsapp by distribution of flyers and through social media platforms. please note that this is free and open to all, on FIRST COME-FIRST SERVE BASIS. NO reservation would be made.	£5,000.00

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*601	Miss Emilienne Houessou	Refinity Women Hub	<p>Women-centered events in Southwark present a vital opportunity to empower and uplift women in the community. These events can foster a supportive environment where women can share experiences, build networks, and access resources tailored to their unique needs. By focusing on issues such as health, education, entrepreneurship, and personal development, these gatherings will address the specific challenges faced by women in Southwark, including economic disparities, social isolation, and mental health concerns.</p> <p>The need for such events is underscored by the diverse demographics of Southwark, which include a significant number of single mothers, women from various cultural backgrounds, and those facing economic hardships. By creating platforms for discussion and collaboration, these events will promote inclusivity and representation, ensuring that women's voices are heard and valued.</p> <p>The benefits to Southwark residents will be multifaceted. Participants will gain access to workshops, mentorship programs, and information on local services, enabling them to improve their skills and quality of life. Additionally, fostering a sense of community can combat feelings of isolation, encouraging women to support one another and share resources.</p> <p>Overall, women-centered events will not only empower individual women but also strengthen the community as a whole, creating a more vibrant, resilient Southwark where all residents can thrive. By investing in women, we invest in the future of the entire community.</p>	£5,000.00
*707	Cheick Anzoumana Konate Foundation C.I.C	Together in sadness	<p>We look after lone people in the community who are in hospital and do not have any close relative to visit.</p> <p>We assist these persons during hospital appointment, Chat with them when hospitalised, and bring them the food they want</p> <p>Cemetery visit for chaplaincy assistance to those died alone or unknown family</p>	£3,500.00

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*875	London All Stars	Ball 4 All	The project will give young people and adults a safe place to play basketball, learn a new skill and develop existing ones. We will work in collaboration with London Legends Basketball Club to engage as many individuals of all ages into the game. Sessions will develop confidence, self esteem, health and mental health.	£10,000.00
*900	Holy Trinity with St Matthews	Thursday Teen Club	<p>Our project wants to provide young people from across the community with a safe space where they can meet new people, learn new skills, and become more confident amongst a group that isn't defined by their differences, but what it is that makes them similar.</p> <p>We are concerned about the wellbeing of our young people and the availability of opportunities for them as, given they're primarily from backgrounds that are low income, they are substantially more restricted. Within public health, greater concern is being raised over the correlation between income and life outcomes, but we have the opportunity to do something different in Southwark.</p> <p>Using sports and arts as a basis for connecting people, we want to provide our young people with a future free of worry and concern. With Southwark being a home to the largest Latino community in the UK, lots of young people will have struggled socially due to their language skills and the lack of confidence that it can cause. By encouraging them to make use of activities and exercise, we are giving them the opportunity to engage in expressive actions that remove the stress that might commonly be associated with making friends. Moreover, we hope to educate them on the importance of exercise and creative activities for physical and mental health. This is something that could, in time, have wider reaching effects for the community, and the borough at large.</p>	£1,655.00
*1104	South London Schools FA - (English Schools FA H219)	The South London Schools Football Projects Season 2024 /15	We run a full programme of football competitions that all primary and secondary schools can take part in. We have representative teams that take part in National, S E England .. Pupils are given the opportunities in education to develop their physical , mental and social skills in a fun way.	£11,650.00

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*1044	Advice through life	Advice through life	<p>we are a new project and that will be held once a week for a total of twelve weeks consecutively. Each session will have its own distinct theme centred on the application of specific techniques that will be applied in group sessions, face to face service, online one to one support and advice appointments.</p> <p>The participants will benefit from taking part in the project as they will come into contact with others that are just like them going through similar situations. As a collective they will learn skills and techniques that are designed to help them deal with stress, mental health, housing, finance and traumas that have become an obstacle to their progression in life thus far.</p> <p>Evidence collected by Southwark council shows that one in 5 people who are resident within the borough suffer from some form of mental health ailment, these are some reasons. financial issues, physical restrictions, housing issues, as well as emotional factors and more. these play a part in the residents mental health</p> <p>Advice through life aims to address the issue by hosting these sessions for residents with the aim to provide the necessary information and skills required to deal with the developing situations. This will benefit the participants as they will be made fully aware of the environmental factors that are affecting their wellbeing it's all about empowering people to navigate life's challenges with resilience and creativity.</p> <p>advice through life is dedicated to supporting all ages including the elderly we understand as people age, they often face unique challenges that require specialized support our programs are designed to ensure that all individuals get the help and support needed.</p> <p>advice through life's project manager is a current resident member of the housing ombudsman board team this helps us to gather more information that we believe could be beneficial to residents we are also able to use the platform to file complaints for residents regarding any housing repairs,</p>	£5,878.00

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*1147	Culture Tree Centre	Cultural Lens: Youth Stories in Focus	<p>Our project is aimed at bringing together young people from diverse backgrounds to explore their cultural heritage through film-making. It addresses the need for greater inclusion and cross-cultural understanding in the community, especially among youth, where there is often a lack of opportunities for creative expression and cultural exchange.</p> <p>The project will involve workshops where participants learn key film-making skills - such as scriptwriting, directing, and editing - while collaborating to create short films that reflect their personal stories and cultural traditions. By working together, they will gain a deeper appreciation of each other's backgrounds, fostering mutual respect and breaking down cultural barriers.</p> <p>This initiative is vital for multiple wards as it promotes social cohesion in an area where residents come from many different cultural backgrounds. It provides young people with a creative platform to express themselves, develop new skills, and build lasting friendships across cultural lines.</p> <p>The project benefits the wider community by showcasing these films at a public screening event, inviting residents to celebrate the cultural diversity that exists within the wards. This event will not only highlight the creativity and talents of local youth but also promote a shared sense of pride and connection among residents, making the community stronger and more inclusive for everyone.</p> <p>Through these films, the project aims to build understanding, reduce social isolation, and create a lasting cultural resource for the community.</p>	£5,000.00

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*135	BURGESS SPORTS	Food for participant Holiday Programme	<p>The project aims to provide a free, high-quality holiday multisport camp for children from vulnerable families, particularly those living in the Aylesbury Estate. By hosting around 200 children per day, the programme offers a safe and engaging environment where participants can stay active, learn new sports, and interact with peers. In addition to physical activities, the project ensures that all children are well-nourished by offering healthy snacks and meals, including fresh fruit, cereal bars, overnight oats, and a hot lunch, all prepared from scratch. This helps address food insecurity and promotes healthy eating habits among participants, many of whom come from disadvantaged backgrounds.</p> <p>The programme is essential because it provides a vital service to families referred by local schools and social services, ensuring that children are cared for in a structured and supportive setting during school holidays. The multisport camp not only helps children stay physically active but also gives parents peace of mind, knowing their children are safe and receiving nutritious food. Holding the Soil Association Food for Life Bronze Certificate further demonstrates the programme's commitment to high food standards.</p> <p>This initiative ultimately supports the local community's well-being, fostering physical, social, and emotional development for the children while alleviating pressures on families who may struggle during holiday periods.</p>	£5,000.00

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*136	BURGESS SPORTS	Ambassador Leadership Programme	<p>The Burgess Sports Young Ambassadors Programme aims to empower young residents by equipping them with valuable skills in sports coaching, leadership, and personal development. This free programme addresses the need for structured, skill-building opportunities for young people in the ward, particularly those lacking access to such resources.</p> <p>Starting from age 13, participants progress through a comprehensive pathway, gaining hands-on experience in supporting sports camps and fulfilling administrative roles. As they advance, they receive mentoring and access to further qualifications, such as Sports Activator courses and Level 2 certifications. This approach not only enhances their coaching and leadership skills but also fosters confidence, teamwork, and responsibility.</p> <p>The programme directly benefits residents by providing free, inclusive sports activities and creating a pool of skilled young leaders who contribute to the community. With approximately 30 teenagers regularly participating, it offers a safe and supportive environment for personal growth, ensuring young people gain transferable skills that extend beyond sports. This initiative ultimately helps to build a stronger, more connected community.</p>	£5,000.00

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*425	Edible Rotherhithe C.I.O.	The young food-growers at Surrey Square School	<p>Our after-school clubs will provide children at Surrey Square School with free weekly food growing, gardening and arts & crafts clubs & workshops for 3 school terms. Children will learn how to grow and harvest food, the importance of healthy eating and where food comes from; explore and develop their natural environment & biodiversity. The School has requested us to continue delivering our outdoor learning programme which increases the children's health, well-being and connection with the natural environment. The School is situated in a neighbourhood in Faraday ward - Lower Super Output Area 015A - which is among the top 10% most deprived neighbourhoods in England in terms of quality of local environment and top 20% most deprived neighbourhoods for children living in income deprived families (English Indices of Deprivation, 2019). The neighbourhood is also characterised by poor air quality, and high food insecurity. 500 individual children have the opportunity to attend the weekly clubs on rotation, and will directly benefit from the project. The vast majority of pupils are from non-white British heritages. Other beneficiaries include the wider school, teachers, children's parents & carers, and the immediate wider community. Children take food home, with recipe cards, to make salads and soups with their families, and surplus food is donated to the Old Kent Road Family Zone and distributed to the local community benefitting at least a further 100 families.</p>	£4,960.00

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*438	Arts for Dementia	Art at the Treehouse	<p>Around 1800 people are estimated to have Dementia in Southwark. Over 944,000 people in the UK are diagnosed with dementia; one in two of us will be affected by dementia in our lifetime, either caring for someone with the condition, developing it ourselves, or both. The symptoms of early-stage dementia include memory loss; difficulty with concentration, planning, and organising, emotional disruption; and particularly, communication issues. The experience of this condition is very confusing, stressful, and isolating for both individuals and their carers.</p> <p>Art at the Treehouse, Elephant Park, is a series of arts workshops that take place on Tuesday mornings for people with early-stage dementia and their carers. Led by artists, these practical workshops introduce and develop participants in a range of art forms which might vary from visual arts to ceramics, to drama or dance to name but a few. Each course is carefully planned to be interesting, developmental and fun. The workshops address the particular needs of people with early-stage dementia yet place an emphasis on participants feeling welcome, stimulated, and self-validated. Each series runs for 8 to 10 weeks and participants often remain with us for several programmes. Our programmes are unique. The benefits include social connectivity, self-expression, and well-being for the person with dementia but also their carers. We collaborate with Southwark agencies including the older people's network, social referrers etc.</p>	<p>£5,000.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - North Walworth</p>

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*457	UFFO ATHLETIC AND LEISURE GROUP LTD	South London Somali Women's Walking Group	<p>South London Somali Women's Walking Group was established and created with local Somali women from the West Central area in 2023. The group was previously supported with The Neighbourhood Fund 2023/24 under the name of UFFO ATHLETIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING WALKS and subsequently funded through the Climate Health and Community Fund by Impact on Urban Health, which ended in September 2024.</p> <p>The group meets twice a week for health and wellbeing walks in Burgess Park, but we need additional funds to sustain it and reach new people and also to expand our health activities to local women by offering group exercises/class to improve their cardiovascular strength, mobility and overall health. We have recently contacted a local Somali Female Fitness Instructor, who has agreed to facilitate 12 sessions for our members if we manage to secure this funding.</p> <p>Since September 2023, members of the Somali Women's Walking Group have engaged with other BME Women from Lambeth as result our Health and Wellbeing Walks reached 70 women in the last year, including 28 Southwark residents. The reason we set up the Somali women's walking group is these walks are accessible to local women. That no matter if you are new to the area, worried about a language barrier, or about people understanding your culture, this group will be a safe space where everyone is welcomed into the community.</p> <p>We have delivered Health and Wellbeing Walks for BME Women in Southwark, Lambeth and Wandsworth since 2021 and can report that these walks are valued by local communities and provide a unique opportunity to bring people and East African diaspora together, which we have been able to achieve through our community running events as well.</p>	£4,980.00

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*475	The Welcome Singers	The Welcome Singers seek funding for our regular schedule of weekly choral afternoons, and for community events	<p>The Welcome Singers was established in 2006 for retired people. No musical experience is required. We have an inspirational conductor and sing an amazing repertoire of music. We are a diverse group. We have 'PT' work outs.</p> <p>Singing improves mental health and slows the onset of dementia. With our performances we have brought pleasure to people in residential home and hospitals. Southwark Council has invited the Choir to civic events.</p> <p>We ask for funding to cover our core weekly schedule at the Pensioners Centre. We intend to expand activities when the new Pensioners Centre is ready in 2025/6.</p> <p>This will have full disability access and means we can look to run an extended programme especially wheelchair users.</p>	<p>£4,480.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Faraday, West Central - Newington, West Central - North Walworth, West Central - St. Giles</p>

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*483	INSPIRE WALWORTH	Inspire to Grow	<p>This group has been operating for many years providing weekly outdoor gardening sessions from May to October for vulnerable and disabled adults who can enjoy positive outdoor group gardening and vegetable growing activities in a friendly and supportive environment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Take part in regular gardening activities and support the group's members who have sensory, mental and/or physical health conditions, who feel isolated, are hard to reach and require a high level of support. 2) Offer regular companionship and social skills, in addition to specific horticulture skills and horticultural therapy as well as some physical exercise. 3) Provide regular specialist tutoring sessions to learn about the nutritional value of particular fruit or vegetables and how to prepare them. Participants are encouraged to grow and eat their own produce which adds to their own health and well-being. 4) Includes an end of programme trip to "Bee Urban" with a cooking workshop. 	<p>£4,000.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Newington</p>

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*715	ART IN THE PARK	Saturdays at Art in the Park	<p>This will be our third year running this very popular project. Our Saturday sessions create a relaxed and welcoming environment for people of all ages and abilities. Children attend with their parents but also some adults attend independently, including those with physical and mental disability.</p> <p>We have found through previous activities that intergenerational and collaborative art activities reduce isolation and improve self-esteem. It is a relaxed environment with the option of working collaboratively and intergenerationally, or independently if preferred. This project will run a series of Saturday art workshops and visits starting in April and running over 3 months.</p> <p>We are told by participants that there is no other local organisation like Art in the Park that offers nature-based art sessions with the amazing resources we have in Burgess Park. We are different because we make a point of using high quality art materials and our diverse artist team can offer a range of different experience and skills. We have had such demand and positive feedback that we are seeking funding to run all year round. One participant said in feedback:</p> <p>'I love that different people of all ages and from different backgrounds come together each week and express themselves creatively. The range of projects and resources is amazing. Trying out different techniques is fun and educational. I also love being able to do the activities alongside my daughter, we both get a lot from it.'</p>	<p>£5,000.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - North Walworth</p>

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*743	unity football club Kennington CIC	Unity Football	<p>To provide Free Friday football sessions for children and young people aged 6 to 17 from the Brandon Estate and surrounding estates in Kennington; Newington and Camberwell from January - June. With the aims of; improving Health and Fitness of the participants, and assisting them to connect with new people in the area. Participants will be engaged in positive activities in key times when antisocial behaviour is high.</p> <p>Our coaches are not just coaches; they also act as mentors to these participants. We aim to nurture friendships between children from an early age to protect them from gang culture; often characterised by rivalries between different areas known as 'postcode wars'.</p> <p>The Brandon Estate is notorious for gang related stabbings and knife crimes; however, over the past few years; we have been working with local families and the Tenants and Resident Association in the Brandon Estate to support the young people and families to gain football skills and make friends within their community.</p> <p>These sessions will not only benefit the children; but also, the parents as they are able to socialise with the other parents. Parents will also get involve with volunteering and running the club and we offer them training as coaches and referees, enabling them to gain new transferable skills.</p> <p>We believe that these sessions will also help to strengthen social cohesion amongst the diverse families in the community, who will participate in these sessions.</p>	<p>£10,000.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, West Central - Newington</p>

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*748	Read Easy Southwark	Read Easy Southwark is a small charity that provides one-to-one coaching for adults in Southwark of all ages who want to learn to read.	<p>Why Walworth Central Ward?</p> <p>Read Easy Southwark wants to identify adults across Southwark who are unable to read or who have limited reading ability and offer them one-to one reading coaching. Being unable to read significantly reduces a person's ability to reach their full potential. West Central Ward contains our largest user group with currently 21 coach/reader pairs.</p> <p>The benefits of learning to read can extend beyond the individual and enable families to break the inter-generational cycle of literacy difficulties. Why reading is needed: Reading is a basic requirement of everyday life. Yet there are 2.4 million adults in England alone who can barely read or cannot read at all (Skills for Life Survey, 2011, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills - most recent government figures). Being unable to read impacts on daily life - up to 10% of adults would struggle to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Write a short note to their family - Fill in a form – for a job, a service or support - Understand important communications such as letters, emails and household bills - Access essential information on topics like food allergens, healthcare and safety - Read a story to their children - Complete simple tasks like using a cash point, doing the food shopping or reading travel information <p>There are lots of reasons why people might need to improve their reading skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A learning difference such as dyslexia, autism or ADHD - Their need for extra support not being recognised or fulfilled at school - Relearning after a brain injury 	<p>£2,861.60</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, North Walworth, North West - London Bridge & West Bermondsey, North Bermondsey</p>

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*762	Ms Jill Newman	Qigong for wellbeing in Elba Place Nature Garden	<p>I want to offer free sessions of Qigong to the local community. (Two sessions per week for 6 weeks.) Qigong is an ancient Chinese form of moving meditation exercises traditionally practiced outside in natural surroundings. "Qi" means "liferforce" and "Gong" means "Cultivation". It has proven beneficial effects for mind, body and spirit. The gentle movements and breathing techniques are accessible to all ages and abilities and can be practised from sitting or a wheelchair. I want to share its benefits: calming, nourishing and bringing body and mind into balance. Regular practice of Qigong promotes feelings of well-being and improved health. Being able to practice in a safe outdoor space like Elba Place Nature Garden also allows a deep connection and harmonious relationship with nature. I believe people will enjoy practicing Qigong in the nature garden as it allows a deep, immersive re-balancing within our urban environment.</p>	<p>£1,047.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Newington, West Central - North Walworth, Camberwell Green, St. Giles</p>

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*890	Blue Elephant Theatre	BET Dance Group	<p>We hope to launch a fun and inclusive Dance Group which, like our youth theatre, nurtures young people holistically and builds a love of the art form within them. The dance group will be aimed at 10 – 14-year-olds and will cover several dance styles including street, hip-hop etc. While there will be end of term performances, the focus will be on the process over two terms and what the young people gain from that, rather than on creating a “slick” dance performance. This emphasis is strongly tied into what we hope the project will achieve, in that it aims to be a dance group for all which encourages love and enjoyment of physical activity and the accompanying benefits.</p> <p>44% of Yr6 children in Southwark are overweight or obese – with children from Black ethnic backgrounds and living in disadvantaged areas being the worst affected. These are the backgrounds of most of the young people BET engages with, given the make-up of Camberwell Green ward. A primary reason for launching this dance group is to offer free, fun physical activity to young people at high risk of being obese/overweight, as an alternative to sport if they don't enjoy it/feel suited to it. The dance sessions will be open to all young people in West Central but we will use our close contacts with local schools to share this focus so they can refer children who will benefit most.</p> <p>As well as young people with/at risk of excess weight, we would particularly seek to engage those who would benefit from support with coordination skills (e.g. with dyspraxia) or building body confidence.</p>	<p>£5,000.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, Newington, North Walworth, St. Giles</p>

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*923	Mental Fight Club	From Pen to Print - a Creative Writing Journey in the Neighbourhood	<p>The proposal is to reach out to various communities within Southwark – especially those who are marginalised, refugee networks, homeless and those with lived experience of mental ill health to come together to create, draw, tell and write their stories which builds bridges between these groups and empowers the story teller. We will run a series of five 90 minutes workshops exploring different elements of writing and poetry. All our workshops are based on participation, co -creation and co - production. Building and strengthening their verbal and writing skills. The workshops are open to all and free to attend. We will support those who find writing challenging but want to tell their story by recording these.</p> <p>Included in the project are the following workshops: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Creative writing walk around Faraday - lead by S. I. Martin a British author, historian, journalist and teacher, specialising in Black British history and literature to inspire and look at the local history. He founded 500 Years of Black London walks https://www.simartin.org.uk 2. Creative writing – spoken word poetry session (which will be transcribed) 3. Creative writing - poetry structure 4. Creative writing – prose writing stories 5. Creative writing - editing <p>As part of the project work, we will work with the two local libraries Walworth and Una Marson. Also to celebrate and promote the project we will attend the Makers Market at St Peter's Church.</p> <p>At the end of the workshops we will produce and publish “Stories of the Neighbourhood” (book title to be agreed by the participants). The book will be printed and also published online. The editing costs of £650 will be match funded by Wordsmiths.</p>	£5,000.00

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*1090	Step Out Mentoring	Step Out Mentoring- Connected Communities	<p>Step Out Mentoring is an early intervention organisation supporting young people aged 8-18 in Southwark, along with their families, who are facing complex life challenges. Referred to us by social services and GPs, many of these young people are struggling with isolation, and mental health issues. We provide them with a safe, outdoor-based programme, offering 12 months of weekly 1:1 mentoring, weekly drop-in group sessions, and family and community celebration events.</p> <p>We are proud of the impact we've achieved to date, with 95% of young people reporting increased physical activity and 49% showing improved psychological wellbeing. Our work directly addresses the inequitable outcomes for predominantly racialised and marginalised families living in poverty, providing a safe and nurturing space where young people can flourish, free from fear and judgement.</p> <p>By connecting young people with volunteer community mentors and offering trauma-informed, culturally responsive support, we see meaningful improvements in relationships with families, peers, and schools. We help create relationships and concern for one another to support increased safety in our neighbourhood.</p> <p>Our weekly group activities, which include physical exercise, creativity, and life skills, bring together young people from diverse backgrounds, promoting community cohesion and mutual respect.</p> <p>- Risk Factors: 45% of young people exhibit one or more risk factors including recent or serious losses, mental health problems, past suicide attempts, struggles with sexual identity, or experiences of bullying and lack of social support. 32% have a developmental disorder or learning disability diagnosis, 28% have an EHCP, 23% have experienced self-harm, 21% are on waiting lists for CAMHS, and 17% have had suicidal intentions or attempts in the past year.</p>	<p>£4,999.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, Newington, North Walworth, St. Giles</p>

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*1096	Bermondsey Community Kitchen	Bermondsey Community Kitchen	<p>Bermondsey Community Kitchen provides a free healthy nutritious homemade ready to eat meal program to local residents over the autumn and winter periods. The meals are made in our large commercial kitchen. This program has been hugely successful and last year we expanded our work across Southwark. The program aims to support those who are isolated, elderly, vulnerable, disabled and families struggling financially. Our program connects to groups who target those most in need.</p> <p>The program started during Covid and has continued to grow and grow. The hardships experienced by local people continue to get worse, with last year increasing food and energy costs and this year the winter fuel payment will greatly affect some older residents. The program also supports local people through tough periods where they are unwell and suffering from winter related illness and provides them with healthy meals to contribute to their recovery.</p> <p>Those who received our meals reported only positive feedback and reports included reduced anxiety around food poverty and increasing food and energy costs. Those who received the meals reported less isolation amongst residents as they came together to support each other. The feedback from the meals themselves was always really positive with residents saying the meals are tasty, substantial and filling. They didn't just fulfil a basic need but also helped emotionally as meals are actually enjoyed. Our program also provides special events especially over the December period where we provide meals for Christmas Parties for elderly residents providing them with a Christmas dinner.</p>	<p>£4,500.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, Newington, North Walworth, St. Giles</p>

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*1138	Ignite Hubs	Una Marson Coding & STEM Club	<p>Ignite Hubs is an established education charity that teaches coding and STEM skills to children and young people. Founded by Lin Vong in January 2019, a local Southwark resident for over 35 years. Ignite Hubs won 'Best Charity in Southwark' at the 2023 Southwark Awards and was nominated for the King's Award for Voluntary Service in 2024.</p> <p>Coding and STEM skills are considered crucial in today's evolving digital world. There's a huge shortage of these skills in Southwark, a gap felt nationally and globally. Yet, key demographics, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, ethnic minorities, and females, remain significantly underrepresented in the tech and STEM sectors. By providing these underrepresented groups with access to coding and STEM education, Ignite Hubs is actively working to bridge the income inequality and representation gap.</p> <p>There is a lack of free coding and STEM classes outside of school in the Ward. The private market is unaffordable for many families and there's a notable deficit of teachers with the necessary technical skills to teach these subjects effectively at school.</p> <p>Our classes are taught by experienced IT professionals and cover key programming languages such as Python, HTML/CSS, and Scratch, and hardware like Micro: bit. These are in-demand skills sought by major companies like Google and YouTube. Our impact in the Faraday Ward extends beyond our students to benefit the entire community. These include increased library users, parents reading to younger siblings while waiting, an interest in improving their digital skills and volunteers making new friends and gaining new skills.</p> <p>The funding will be used to hire STEM instructors, develop online learning resources to support and reinforce the learning outside of class and the community.</p>	£2,856.00

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*1165	Esports Youth Club C.I.C	Esports Youth Club – Faraday Neighbourhood	<p>Esports Youth Club (EYC) transforms solo gaming into a collaborative, social, and safe experience for young people in Lambeth, from underrepresented and marginalised communities.</p> <p>We reach people others can't. 80% of the young people we work with don't attend any other youth provision.</p> <p>We have worked in the Faraday ward of Southwark over the last few months, based alongside Mentality, and the sessions we have held have been hugely popular. The people we work with in the Faraday ward of Southwark, are from low-income families, often with household's experiencing ill health. Faraday is also in the top 10 Southwark wards for incidents of crime (2023).</p> <p>By providing an inclusive environment with a free hot meal, EYC combats isolation and addresses the negative aspects often associated with online gaming. We connect with young people other services don't reach by offering them a chance to do their favourite hobby together, in a safe and fun environment. Our gaming sessions and tournaments develop technical digital skills while nurturing teamwork, leadership, and new friendships.</p> <p>EYC is youth-led, with leadership and decision-making centred on the needs of marginalised populations, including children from racialised and low-income backgrounds. We are a social justice, organisation. 90% of our staff and volunteers come from racialised and marginalised communities, ensure that our programmes are culturally competent, accessible, and we provide individualised inclusion support for each young person.</p> <p>Our team of experienced youth workers are passionate about gaming and personal development. We maintain strong partnerships with Lambeth, schools, and community organisations. All decisions are led by the voice of young people and their families to ensure our services are responsive and impactful.</p> <p>EYC contributes to creating pathways into employment in the gaming and digital industries, addressing local inequalities and building long-term community resilience.</p>	£5,000.00

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*1184	Living Bankside	Living Bankside Academy - Our Futures Programme - All 4 Wards - West Central	<p>An award-winning 7-8 week (Paid) Summer programme aimed at 16–19-year-olds in Southwark with an introduction to the business world and life skills.</p> <p>The Our Futures Programme is Living Bankside Academy’s flagship programme, going into its third year in 2024.</p> <p>It provides diverse opportunities for young people aged 16 to 19 from Southwark, and the surrounding areas (from various backgrounds including those severely disadvantaged such as looked after children) to develop a growth mindset for learning and success.</p> <p>Businesses and organisations donate their time in kind to carry out the theme of the project brief, and the young people gain a practical understanding of the working world.</p> <p>Local, National and International businesses/organisations participate in the programme to provide training sessions/workshops which:</p> <p>Showcase their fields of expertise in relation to the theme; and to help develop a number of key skills and fundamentals, including: Public Speaking, Teamwork, Negotiation, Resilience, Project Management, Event Management, Presenting, Confidence, Copywriting, Scriptwriting, Producing, Filming, Directing, Research and much more.</p> <p>A number of companies and organisations have and continue to participate in the programme, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough Market, Shakespeare's Globe, TATE Modern, Hilton London Bankside, WPP, US Embassy, Google, Meta, LUSH, Kings College, PWC, London, Giff Gaff, MACE, News UK, CISCO, JP Morgan, EY, and NatWest, Financial Times, TFL and many more. <p>The Programme is impact measured with a focus on tangible outcomes. Following the programme, each student becomes an alumni and is guaranteed 10 years of ad-hoc advice and support.</p>	<p>£20,000.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, Newington, North Walworth, St. Giles</p>

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*531	Family Space	The Giggly Hikers	<p>The aim's projects are to run a free scout club for children aged 6 to 12 years old from low-income families in Southwark, where children will explore a different park to emphasise on learn about the natural environment, re-use and recycling, growing, litter pick up and sports every Sunday through 26 weeks.</p> <p>This initiative is designed to provide these children with opportunities for personal growth, community engagement, and outdoor activities to address the lack of extracurricular activities available during the weekend to these children due to financial barriers that also support their physical, mental and social well-being. Also, the scout's leadership team is formed by the oldest folks, above 50, to prevent isolation, encourage a sense of belonging and improve their physical and mental well-being (modelling our younger ones).</p> <p>There is evidence that children from low-income households are at higher risk of being drawn into harmful activities, including County Lines drug trafficking.</p> <p>Additionally, children's lack of constructive engagement opportunities can contribute to negative behaviours and a sense of disconnection from their community.</p> <p>The project aims to address these issues by offering positive and inclusive outdoor activities where everyone is welcome. TGH will provide a safe, supportive environment that promotes a neighbourhood and more connected community through teaching teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving by exploring our local parks.</p>	<p>£5,854.07</p> <p>Also Applied in West Central-St Giles</p>

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*1065	South London Mission	South London Mission Wellbeing Projects - Pantry, Over 55's social, Supplementary School relief support	<p>To maintain human dignity where austerity and housing insecurities makes life hard. We achieve this by providing the following wellbeing activities:</p> <p>Children: Provision of a supplementary Saturday School for low-income households who do not have desk space for study at home, cannot afford private tuition etc. The School offers refreshments, educational support, family days out, building links with the local area and raising aspirations.</p> <p>Over 55's - Exercise class and social mitigating isolation and enabling cross generational communities</p> <p>Women: Mummies Republic Project (marginalised women and their children, providing mental health and social relief)</p> <p>Weekly Food Pantry providing access to fresh meals, whole foods, bedding and hygiene products.</p> <p>The South London Mission has reach across the borough due to our delivery of our BRITE (Building Resilience In Today's Environment) Box scheme in partnership with Southwark schools, providing healthy meal kits so families can prepare and eat a different balanced meal together each week.</p> <p>Headteachers refer families to our pantry and Saturday school, BRITE Box schools include Rye Oak, Bird in Bush, Butcher and Cathedral. We focused on schools in the poorest ward and in recognition that some schools in wealthier wards, have children on the highest percental of need in terms of free school meals, no recourse to public funds etc.</p> <p>Our older generation are from Camberwell, East Street, Bermondsey and surrounding areas, as the South London Mission is the outreach for the 7 Methodist Churches spread both north, east, south and west within the Borough.</p> <p>We wish the grant support the wellbeing project by providing funds to get theatre tickets for the supplementary school and to purchase gift cards which will allow us to buy emergency items such as bedding, sock, shoes, school uniform and to top up our pantry.</p>	£8,000.00

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*160	Jamspeedrollers	Winter/Spring Roller skating workshop	<p>The project we are aiming to re-run is to provide a safe, affordable and inclusive indoor community roller skating events for all and especially Southwark residents that part-take in roller skating and new and existing roller skaters who need a safe, dry, affordable, inclusive environment to continue to practice, socialise and engage in roller skating.</p> <p>Families and previous attendees have already started enquiring if we will be continuing the service. Many of our volunteers and attendees have mental health issues, which is often worsen during the winter months.</p> <p>Our projects targets families and children from reception to college and university age to employed and unemployed heavily disadvantaged groups and communities in around Southwark, Lambeth and Lewisham.</p> <p>Our target beneficiaries include loan families, adults, teens, disadvantaged communities of, Male and females 0–75-year-olds, from all backgrounds, sexual orientation, religions with visible and invisible disabilities of all skate abilities. Our goal and aim are to provide safe spaces for skating as car parks and parks are a hazard and danger for all, and especially for vulnerable and protected characteristics'.</p>	<p>£8,125.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, St. Giles, North Walworth, East Central - Old Kent Road</p>

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*475	The Welcome Singers	The Welcome Singers seek funding for our regular schedule of weekly choral afternoons, and for community events	<p>The Welcome Singers was established in 2006 for retired people.</p> <p>No musical experience is required. We have an inspirational conductor and sing an amazing repertoire of music. We are a diverse group.</p> <p>We have 'PT' work outs. Singing improves mental health and slows the onset of dementia. With our performances we have brought pleasure to people in residential home and hospitals.</p> <p>Southwark Council has invited the Choir to civic events. We ask for funding to cover our core weekly schedule at the Pensioners Centre.</p> <p>We intend to expand activities when the new Pensioners Centre is ready in 2025/6.</p> <p>This will have full disability access and means we can look to run an extended programme especially wheelchair users.</p>	<p>£4,480.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, Faraday, North Walworth, St. Giles</p>

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*483	INSPIRE WALWORTH	Inspire to Grow	<p>This group has been operating for many years providing weekly outdoor gardening sessions from May to October for vulnerable and disabled adults who can enjoy positive outdoor group gardening and vegetable growing activities in a friendly and supportive environment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Take part in regular gardening activities and support the group's members who have sensory, mental and/or physical health conditions, who feel isolated, are hard to reach and require a high level of support. 2) Offer regular companionship and social skills, in addition to specific horticulture skills and horticultural therapy as well as some physical exercise. 3) Provide regular specialist tutoring sessions to learn about the nutritional value of particular fruit or vegetables and how to prepare them. Participants are encouraged to grow and eat their own produce which adds to their own health and well-being. 4) Includes an end of programme trip to "Bee Urban" with a cooking workshop. 	<p>£4,000.00</p> <p>Also applied West Central - Faraday</p>

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*511	London Bubble Theatre Company	Playing Safe	<p>Playing Safe is a pioneering drama-based crime prevention intervention for year 6 students. It creates opportunities for children to talk about serious youth violence, safety in their community and barriers to feeling safe. Using 'forum theatre' techniques they explore fictional characters, the situations they find themselves in and the choices they make. It allows children to discuss difficult topics in a creative, safe, supportive environment.</p> <p>Phase 1: An interactive play and drama workshop for all year 6.</p> <p>The play tells the story of 11-year-old Ali who is under pressure to follow his older brother by getting involved with a gang. In a community where serious youth violence poses a great threat, who is keeping Ali safe? Having watched the play, Bubble artists ask what the main character might do differently to reach a better outcome. Children are invited to take Ali's place and try out alternative scenes. These 'rehearsal for life' techniques encourage positive action within the safety of drama.</p> <p>In the after-school session for parents/carers, they see the play and hear from family support services. Allowing them to recognise their children's needs, identify where support may be needed and reduce conflict at home.</p> <p>Phase 2: 5 sessions for the 10 most 'at-risk' students - identified by their school using our referral criteria. Through small group drama sessions, they devise their own play which they perform to the rest of year 6. This supports key competencies for social and emotional wellbeing: resilience, motivation, self-control, self-esteem, communication and relationship building.</p> <p>This learning transfers to real-life situations where they can use these techniques to make similar positive actions and life choices if they find themselves in potentially unsafe situations.</p>	£3,650.00

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*616	LINK AGE SOUTHWARK	Seated Yoga - King Charles Court	<p>Link Age Southwark has been running the Seated Yoga group at King Charles Court for a number of years. Link Age Southwark's vision is for friendly local communities where older people and those living with a diagnosis of dementia thrive.</p> <p>Our mission is to alleviate loneliness and social isolation, improving health and wellbeing and making communities stronger through volunteering. Our groups offer is closely aligned to our vision and mission. The group at King Charles Court provides older people with the opportunity to spend time with their peers exercising in a safe and familiar space with a session led by an experienced tutor. The tutor who runs the group has worked with us for a number of years and is a specialist in working with older adults who present with a range of complex health and/or mobility needs. The group is open to residents of King Charles Court as well as non-residents which means that those who live in the Unit have an opportunity to interact with new people from outside the Unit.</p> <p>Most of those who attend our groups do not participate in any formal exercise outside of our group session and for some the group will be one of the main reasons that they choose to leave home/room each week. The group session is beneficial for people's physical health as well as their mental wellbeing. Sheltered housing units, despite the communal areas can be very lonely places for residents.</p>	£2,160.00

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*719	Surrey Gardens Tenants and Residents Association	Summer Party and Christmas Fayre	<p>Summer Party Event to bring the community together - held in the gardens of Lorrimore Square</p> <p>Free family day out with food, games, craft activities, bouncy castle, meet the donkeys, face-painting, guess the weight of the cake, guess the number of sweets in the jar, guess the name of the teddy, free BBQ, community cohesion.</p> <p>Christmas Fayre Event to bring the community together - in collaboration with St Paul's Church - held in Church Hall</p> <p>Free hot drinks and squash in a warm, safe environment. Free competitions such as guess the number of sweets in the jar, guess the weight of the cake, guess the name of the cuddly snowman, meet Santa, free gift from Santa, free craft activities, meet the reindeer. This year with an increased focus on older children / young teenagers with table football, snooker table, Christmas-themed nail bar.</p> <p>Cheap stalls for Christmas presents.</p>	£3,000.00

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724	Friends of Pasley Park	Sergeant Stubbs a remembrance project and community fete!	<p>Community based fete for Newington exploring the rich history of Sergeant Stubbs (VC) as a creative stimulus.</p> <p>History, creativity, theatre, art, community engagement to animate the park. Newington Community Fete will be held on Sat 6 Sep 2024.</p> <p>Why it is needed?</p> <p>(1) Promote the aims and objectives of the Southwark Stands Together strategy to promote and further showcase our rich and diverse communities which make up Newington including the story of Stubbs. It also will build on the success of last year's One Newington which used the story and links to Prince Monolulu, to develop last year's community fete. We will explore the story of Sergeant Stubbs and his memorial and links to the park.</p> <p>(2) Promotes Southwark Parks and Newington rich history. Animates this history through both art and theatre.</p> <p>(3) Promote local artisans and business.</p> <p>(4) Re-imagines a community asset for the future using its heritage as a stimulus.</p> <p>(5) Develops local partnerships and networks.</p> <p>(6) It promotes people from different backgrounds and cultures to work together through its community engagement and fete.</p> <p> Encourages local people regardless of culture, age, sexuality or religion to work/come together to celebrate the history of Newington.</p> <p>* Improved knowledge of Southwark services and parks and helps residents to engage in a conversation about the park.</p> <p>*Publicise the park for future local engagement and future planning, volunteering and health and well-being.</p>	£5,000.00

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*743	UNITY FOOTBALL CLUB KENNINGTON CIC	FREE Friday FOOTBALL SESSIONS FOR Young people	<p>To provide Free Friday football sessions for children and young people aged 6 to 17 from the Brandon Estate and surrounding estates in Kennington; Newington and Camberwell from January - June. With the aims of; improving Health and Fitness of the participants, and assisting them to connect with new people in the area. Participants will be engaged in positive activities in key times when antisocial behaviour is high.</p> <p>Our coaches are not just coaches; they also act as mentors to these participants. We aim to nurture friendships between children from an early age to protect them from gang culture; often characterised by rivalries between different areas known as 'postcode wars'.</p> <p>The Brandon Estate is notorious for gang related stabbings and knife crimes; however, over the past few years; we have been working with local families and the Tenants and Resident Association in the Brandon Estate to support the young people and families to gain football skills and make friends within their community.</p> <p>These sessions will not only benefit the children; but also, the parents as they are able to socialise with the other parents. Parents will also get involve with volunteering and running the club and we offer them training as coaches and referees, enabling them to gain new transferable skills.</p> <p>We believe that these sessions will also help to strengthen social cohesion amongst the diverse families in the community, who will participate in these sessions.</p>	<p>£10,000.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, Newington, Faraday</p>

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*762	Ms Jill Newman	Qigong for wellbeing in Elba Place Nature Garden	<p>I want to offer free sessions of Qigong to the local community. (Two sessions per week for 6 weeks.)</p> <p>Qigong is an ancient Chinese form of moving meditation exercises traditionally practiced outside in natural surroundings. "Qi" means "life force" and "Gong" means "Cultivation".</p> <p>It has proven beneficial effects for mind, body and spirit. The gentle movements and breathing techniques are accessible to all ages and abilities and can be practised from sitting or a wheelchair. I want to share its benefits: calming, nourishing and bringing body and mind into balance.</p> <p>Regular practice of Qigong promotes feelings of well-being and improved health. Being able to practice in a safe outdoor space like Elba Place Nature Garden also allows a deep connection and harmonious relationship with nature.</p> <p>I believe people will enjoy practicing Qigong in the nature garden as it allows a deep, immersive re-balancing within our urban environment.</p>	<p>£1,047.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Faraday, North Walworth, Camberwell Green, St. Giles</p>

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*904	Southwark - Community Gardening team	Manor Place food growing workshop	<p>We would like to offer food growing workshops to the residents of the Hostel to support them in their transition to be living in hostel accommodation.</p> <p>Some residents already started to grow last year but don't know what they are doing. We would like to offer food growing lessons where all the residents of the hostel can join and learn to grow local organic vegetables and fruit. This will empower the residents and teach them skills that they can take outside of the hostel in the future.</p> <p>The enhancement of the garden will help with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - having a welcoming outdoor space - build a sense of community - allow residents to grow food and eat healthier - benefits to mental health by being outdoors - reduce antisocial behaviour - Empowering residents & skill sharing 	£6,000.00

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*983	Newington Estate TRA	NETRA - Art and Environment-Through Young Eyes	<p>We will offer this free art project to local young people from low-economic households aged 11-18 living in and around the Newington ward, particularly from the local housing estates.</p> <p>The workshops will enable the young people to explore and express their experiences and perspective of their surroundings through art. The young people will gain self-confidence and emotional well-being by thinking about and discussing their views, providing a creative outlet to express their emotions, thoughts and personal experiences in a supportive environment.</p> <p>The young people will gain new artistic skills while learning to reflect on their surroundings and how they connect with their community.</p> <p>This project will strengthen community bonds by offering a fresh, youthful perspective on shared spaces, revealing unique insights into how the environment affects younger generations.</p> <p>The artwork will inspire dialogue, raise awareness about local issues, and bring people together through a final exhibition event, creating a stronger sense of unity and pride in the community as well as breaking down negative stereotypes of young people.</p>	£4,530.00

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*1090	Step Out Mentoring	Step Out Mentoring- Connected Communities	<p>Step Out Mentoring is an early intervention organisation supporting young people aged 8-18 in Southwark, along with their families, who are facing complex life challenges.</p> <p>Referred to us by social services and GPs, many of these young people are struggling with isolation, and mental health issues. We provide them with a safe, outdoor-based programme, offering 12 months of weekly 1:1 mentoring, weekly drop-in group sessions, and family and community celebration events.</p> <p>We are proud of the impact we've achieved to date, with 95% of young people reporting increased physical activity and 49% showing improved psychological wellbeing. Our work directly addresses the inequitable outcomes for predominantly racialised and marginalised families living in poverty, providing a safe and nurturing space where young people can flourish, free from fear and judgement.</p> <p>By connecting young people with volunteer community mentors and offering trauma-informed, culturally responsive support, we see meaningful improvements in relationships with families, peers, and schools. We help create relationships and concern for one another to support increased safety in our neighbourhood.</p> <p>Our weekly group activities, which include physical exercise, creativity, and life skills, bring together young people from diverse backgrounds, promoting community cohesion and mutual respect.</p>	<p>£4,999.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, Faraday, North Walworth, St. Giles</p>

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			<p>- Risk Factors: 45% of young people exhibit one or more risk factors including recent or serious losses, mental health problems, past suicide attempts, struggles with sexual identity, or experiences of bullying and lack of social support. 32% have a developmental disorder or learning disability diagnosis, 28% have an EHCP, 23% have experienced self-harm, 21% are on waiting lists for CAMHS, and 17% have had suicidal intentions or attempts in the past year.</p> <p>This support will enable us to reach more young people in Southwark, helping them thrive and become positive change-makers in our community.</p>	

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*1093	SPRING COMMUNITY HUB	Spring Community Hub: Thrive Forward	<p>Our Thrive Forward programme is a project designed to provide individuals build the necessary tools, guidance, and support to manage debt, enhance employment prospects, develop essential life skills, and cultivate a positive mindset.</p> <p>The project is designed to empower our clients to achieve financial stability, and personal growth, and build their overall well-being.</p> <p>Over the year the programme will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide accessible and confidential debt advice and support to individuals struggling with financial difficulties 2. Offer employment and career guidance to help individuals access job opportunities, improve employability, and achieve career advancement. 3. Equip individuals with essential life skills, such as budgeting, time management, and goal setting. 4. Foster a positive mindset through workshops, coaching, and mentoring, enabling individuals to overcome obstacles and achieve personal growth. <p>We will support our current clients and those in the community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Who are struggling with debt or financial insecurity * Unemployed or underemployed individuals seeking employment or career advancement * Those looking to improve their life skills, confidence and overall physical, emotional and mental well-being <p>**Delivery Methods:**</p> <p>The sessions will be a mixture of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * In-person sessions at the Centre * Virtual sessions via video conferencing * Phone/ Text / Messaging support for those without internet access 	<p>£6,926.50</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - St. Giles</p>

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*1111	St Paul's, Newington	Classical music festival	<p>Our dream is to host a classical music festival at St Paul's church, a building renowned for its architectural innovation, beauty and also acoustic excellence.</p> <p>Hosting a live classical music festival in Walworth can have a transformative impact, breaking down barriers and enriching lives in unexpected ways. Classical music, often seen as elitist or inaccessible, has a universal appeal that transcends social and cultural divides when presented in an inclusive environment. By bringing world-class musicians directly into the community, the festival can provide a unique opportunity for residents—many of whom may have never experienced such performances—to engage with the art form in a personal and profound way.</p> <p>A live classical music festival fosters cultural enrichment and education. Exposure to the rich, emotional landscapes of composers like Beethoven, Mozart, and Bach can awaken new perspectives and ignite creativity. For young people especially, witnessing live performances can inspire artistic pursuits and even open career pathways in music, sound production, or event management.</p> <p>Moreover, this festival can act as a unifying force, bringing together people of different backgrounds to share in the beauty of a communal cultural experience. It challenges stereotypes about classical music being reserved for the privileged and allows our community to reclaim ownership of an art form that, at its core, speaks to human emotion and shared experiences.</p>	£4,500.00

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*1131	Surrey Gardens Tenants and Residents Association	Bowling trip + Thorpe Park trip	<p>As a TRA we are trying to arrange more activities for young teenagers in the area.</p> <p>There has been a lot of antisocial behaviour in the area, and we want to engage with the young people and make them feel part of the community.</p> <p>It is an opportunity for them to get to know adults and older teenagers on the estate who accompany the trip and give them role-models in the community.</p>	£2,000.00
*1132	Elephant and Castle Business Forum	Fashion Fusion: Empowering Youth through Style and Skills	<p>The Fashion Fusion programme in Southwark aims to empower young people by providing them with opportunities to explore and excel in fashion and fitness.</p> <p>This program will offer hands-on experiences, mentorship, and specialised learning spaces, helping participants develop essential skills, combat loneliness and depression, and pursue meaningful employment.</p> <p>By creating a positive environment, Fashion Fusion seeks to guide young people away from negative influences and crime, offering them a pathway to a successful and fulfilling future.</p>	<p>£3,500.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - North Walworth</p>

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*1160	BREAKTHEBARRIER CIC	Summer Camp	The project is going to help bring families together through sports by encouraging physical activity and teamwork, promote personal development by giving parents and young people opportunity to volunteer during our session, community cohesion to foster stronger relationship through community event.	£5,000.00 Also applied in West Central - Newington, West Central - North Walworth

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*1178	Living Bankside	Ai, VR, AR & Tech 4 All (Newington)	<p>A legacy project of the alumni from Living Bankside Academy Our Futures Programme 2024. some of the Alumni live in Newington and the residents of Newington are the target beneficiaries. This project idea was created alongside a number of local businesses and community groups.</p> <p>The alumni students plan to hold interactive workshops across SE1, using Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality and Artificial Intelligence to engage people of all ages including those less 'tech savvy' to learn about and feel comfortable using modern technology</p>	£5,000.00

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*1184	Living Bankside	Living Bankside Academy - Our Futures Programme - All 4 Wards - West Central	<p>An award-winning 7-8 week (Paid) Summer programme aimed at 16–19-year-olds in Southwark with an introduction to the business world and life skills. The Our Futures Programme is Living Bankside Academy's flagship programme, going into its third year in 2024.</p> <p>It provides diverse opportunities for young people aged 16 to 19 from Southwark, and the surrounding areas (from various backgrounds including those severely disadvantaged such as looked after children) to develop a growth mindset for learning and success.</p> <p>Businesses and organisations donate their time in kind to carry out the theme of the project brief, and the young people gain a practical understanding of the working world. Local, National and International businesses/organisations participate in the programme to provide training sessions/workshops which:</p> <p>Showcase their fields of expertise in relation to the theme; and to help develop a number of key skills and fundamentals, including: Public Speaking, Teamwork, Negotiation, Resilience, Project Management, Event Management, Presenting, Confidence, Copywriting, Scriptwriting, Producing, Filming, Directing, Research and much more.</p> <p>A number of companies and organisations have and continue to participate in the programme, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough Market, Shakespeare's Globe, TATE Modern, Hilton London Bankside, WPP, US Embassy, Google, Meta, LUSH, Kings College, PWC, London, Giff Gaff, MACE, News UK, CISCO, JP Morgan, EY, and NatWest, Financial Times, TFL and many more. <p>The Programme is impact measured with a focus on tangible outcomes. Following the programme, each student becomes an alumni and is guaranteed 10 years of ad-hoc advice and support.</p>	<p>£20,000.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, Faraday, North Walworth, St. Giles</p>

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St Giles ward

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*160	Jamspeedrollers	Winter/Spring Roller skating workshop	<p>The project we are aiming to re-run is to provide a safe, affordable and inclusive indoor community roller skating events for all and especially Southwark residents that part-take in roller skating and new and existing roller skaters who need a safe, dry, affordable, inclusive environment to continue to practice, socialise and engage in roller skating.</p> <p>Families and previous attendees have already started enquiring if we will be continuing the service. Many of our volunteers and attendees have mental health issues, which is often worsen during the winter months. Our projects targets families and children from reception to college and university age to employed and unemployed heavily disadvantaged groups and communities in around Southwark, Lambeth and Lewisham.</p> <p>Our target beneficiaries include loan families, adults, teens, disadvantaged communities of, Male and females 0–75-year-olds, from all backgrounds, sexual orientation, regions with visible and invisible disabilities of all skate abilities. Our goal and aim is to provide safe spaces for skating as car parks and parks are a hazard and danger for all, and especially for vulnerable and protected characteristics'.</p>	<p>£8,125.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, North Walworth, Newington, East Central - Old Kent Road</p>

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*214	23rd camberwell (st giles) scouts group	Summer Expedition 2025 - Norjam25	Our annual summer expedition, a Jamboree based in Norfolk. Will see 10,000 Scouts from across the world attending all learning and experiencing each others cultures and alike in a weeks worth of fun, adventure and activity.	£6,180.00
*367	THE WELLS TRUST	Startwell@se5	<p>Startwell@se5 was started in May 2023 by Nicky Harris, midwife and IBCLC (Breastfeeding specialist) in response to a lack of free quality breastfeeding support alongside friendship forming especially in marginalised communities.</p> <p>Since starting the project, another feeding support group has started at 1st Place on Mondays providing peer support.</p> <p>Our project differs in providing more specialised support for feeding and a space for friendship. Postnatal depression and anxiety is high in Southwark and we aim to provide a welcoming and friendship building space so that new parents can feel less isolated , build in confidence and be stronger parents.</p> <p>With a diverse team, we go to PACT (Parents and Communities together) nearby in Lomond Grove to teach at their Parent University feeding sessions both antenatal preparation and postnatal. Each month, one of us attend the Mum Space morning for under one's to offer in person feeding support during the session. This outreach allows us to offer support in a setting where more marginalised communities in our ward are more comfortable rather than expect them to come to us!. This is unusual for feeding groups and added value..</p>	£4,325.00

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*419	SPRING COMMUNITY HUB	Spring Community Hub Holiday Activity Camps	<p>Spring Community Hub offers fun, free holiday activity camps for children in Southwark. Our Camps are designed to offer a blend of learning, fun and cultural experiences; the children who attend are encouraged to cook and taste diverse varieties of food, learn new skills, explore new places in London and make new friends! We provide a culturally appropriate, healthy lunch for everyone, rice and peas, jollof rice, jerk chicken and more are all on offer. We also pride ourselves on offering unique activities to keep the children engaged and entertained, for example, we have offered fashion design and pattern cutting with a leading designer, basic engineering and town planning with a London construction company who wants to get more children interested in STEM and mural making with a leading graphic artist.</p> <p>Over 40% of the children in Southwark are living in poverty and the cost of living crisis continues to bite. In households where it is difficult to cover the cost of essentials, we are confident that holiday activities and day trips would be out of the question for the families we serve. One of the children who joined us in 2024 said "my experience has been great, its excellent. It was frightening at first as I saw many people and I didn't know what to do. But then I learnt multiple things such as spray paint and paint and cut. This time has been an experience I will be forever grateful for."</p> <p>Successful funding would enable us to provide our service during half terms when the HAF Programmes are not available</p>	<p>£5,757.50</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, West Central - Newington, West Central - St. Giles</p>

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*475	The Welcome Singers	The Welcome Singers seek funding for our regular schedule of weekly choral afternoons, and for community events	The Welcome Singers was established in 2006 for retired people. No musical experience is required. We have an inspirational conductor and sing an amazing repertoire of music. We are a diverse group. We have 'PT' work outs. Singing improves mental health and slows the onset of dementia. With our performances we have brought pleasure to people in residential home and hospitals. Southwark Council has invited the Choir to civic events. We ask for funding to cover our core weekly schedule at the Pensioners Centre. We intend to expand activities when the new Pensioners Centre is ready in 2025/6. This will have full disability access and means we can look to run an extended programme especially wheelchair users.	£4,480.00 Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, West Central - Faraday, West Central - Newington, West Central - North Walworth

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*477	SOUTH LONDON FINE ART GALLERY AND LIBRARY	SLG Families: Family Space sessions and Orozco Garden Trail	<p>SLG offers free creative activities for families through Family Space and the Family Garden Trail. The monthly Family Space sessions are led by professional artists, with a focus on engaging artists who identify as Black, Asian or ethnically diverse. The sessions are supported by trained facilitators and provide opportunities for local families to participate in creative activities together. Sessions run the last Saturday of each month 11am - 1pm, for children aged 5-12 and their parents/carers.</p> <p>The Family Garden Trail is an artist-designed activity pack that explores our unique garden created by artist Gabriel Orozco. The trail offers fun activities for children to get creative and learn about ecology and sustainability and is available every weekend.</p> <p>It is now widely recognised that participating in creative activities can be highly beneficial for mental health and wellbeing. However, accessing affordable art activities is becoming more challenging. With families facing a cost-of-living crisis, and the associated impacts on health and wellbeing, it is imperative that families have access to free, high-quality activities that champion creativity and play.</p> <p>The sessions are an opportunity to engage with more families who live locally and tackle the access barriers around cultural institutions. By listening to interests of families, we aim to provide events that allow these relationships to strengthen and encourage families to feel greater ownership over the space.</p>	£5,000.00

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*513	Mind and Soul Community Choir	Glimmering Camberwell	<p>A series of events to celebrate mental health awareness in line with the choirs ethos and to celebrate our new charity status. Mental health issues can strike anyone but in Southwark where the choir is based it is estimated that almost one in five adults in Southwark are experiencing a common mental disorder, equating to approximately 47,000 individuals so there is a great need. As one of our members would say, "when I sing it feels like topping up my oyster card for the week.....without the benefits of singing, I don't know how to mentally face the week.....by coming I am recharged and ready for the week has to throw at me". The benefits of singing for mental health issues are widely researched and include reducing cortisol associated with stress, aiding good breath techniques as well as forming social connections. We would like to spread these benefits throughout Camberwell as well as destigmatising mental health celebrating Mental Health Awareness week in May 2025 and World Mental Health Day in Oct 2025. We plan to take our work on the acute wards of the Maudsley to reach those in most need, run 10 open sing along workshops published on local forums and via local mental health organisations, and also run two pop up events. One would be to mark Mental Health Awareness week, an open day workshop with refreshments at St Giles for all those involved in the project and local choirs including the Camberwell Choir. The other World Mental Health Day 10 Oct at the Maudsley.</p>	<p>£3,440.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, West Central - St. Giles, South - Champion Hill</p>

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*562	THEATRE PECKHAM	Imagine and Play	<p>Imagine and Play reaches 18 month - 5 year olds through interactive, multi-sensory sessions using drama, music, movement and art. We will deliver a weekly provision for children and parents/carers to engage with diverse cultural stories from across the globe. Infants will be immersed into the stories providing an exciting opportunity for engaging with new sounds, textures and visuals enabling them to use their imaginations to explore and play.</p> <p>Our experience tells us that offering weekly workshops helps parents to create a routine leading to a higher attendance rate and repeat engagement. We will be working with vulnerable members of the community, particularly from within the hyper local area of Camberwell and Peckham, who are often shut out to activities for their children due to financial barriers. To correct this imbalance of opportunity, we will provide workshops for free engaging the most vulnerable members of the community such as single parents, young parents, those on low income and families from global majority backgrounds. Children growing up in these settings are less likely to have access to creative play and peer socialisation which has an impact on their long-term development and ability to attain the same opportunities as their 'better-off' peers in the future. Furthermore, this intervention supports the parent/carer to engage with their child in and outside of the sessions.</p> <p>Following each session we will host a coffee morning to encourage a sense of community and support for the parents and carers. Through engaging with a support network each week they will be able to share advice and find friendship from within the community supporting both of their wellbeing.</p>	£4,977.00

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*608	EXCEL	EXCEL	<p>Programme Aims</p> <p>This six-month program aims to enhance the personal development, well-being, and social connection of community members, fostering confidence and reducing social isolation. The program will offer a diverse range of workshops and sessions covering personal development, creative skills, nutrition, health, self-care, and fun social activities.</p> <p>This program aims to reduce isolation, boost confidence, and equip participants with a range of skills to enhance their quality of life.</p> <p>Aims and Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote Personal Growth: Provide tools and opportunities for personal development and self-reflection. 2. Enhance Wellbeing: Focus on mental, physical, and emotional health through diverse workshops and sessions. 3. Cultivate Creative Skills: Encourage creative expression through arts, crafts, and innovative projects. 4. Improve Nutrition Awareness: Educate participants on healthy eating and cooking practices to foster better lifestyle choices. 5. Boost Social Connections: Create a supportive community environment to reduce isolation and build friendships. 6. Increase Confidence: Empower participants with skills and experiences that boost self-esteem and self-efficacy. 7. Encourage Self-Care: Teach techniques and practices that nurture physical and mental health. 	£4,579.50

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*622	LINK AGE SOUTHWARK	Seated Yoga - Camberwell	<p>Link Age Southwark has been running a seated yoga group in Camberwell for a number of years. We have had to change the venue but remain in this area so that our group can be accessible for those who live in this ward.</p> <p>Link Age Southwark's vision is for friendly local communities where older people and those living with a diagnosis of dementia thrive. Our mission is to alleviate loneliness and social isolation, improving health and wellbeing and making communities stronger through volunteering. Our groups offer is closely aligned to our vision and mission. The seated yoga group provides people with the opportunity to spend time with their peers doing exercise led by an experienced tutor who specialises in working with older adults who have a range of complex health and/or mobility needs. Many of those who attend our groups do not participate in any formal exercise outside of our group session and for some the group will be one of the main reasons that they choose to leave home each week. Each group member completes a health questionnaire which informs us about their individual health needs. This information also allows the tutor to adapt the group to ensure that it is accessible and enjoyable for all group members. Group members tell us that the group connects them to their community and has a positive impact on their physical health and their mental wellbeing.</p>	£2,760.00

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*677	MS Romina Sarwar	Learn and Play London CIC: Borough of Southwark	<p>Learn and Play proposal is to empower and support SEND children as well as parents and carers in the Southwark community during school breaks in order to address the lack of provisions available for young children with SEND in Southwark. Our organisation's purpose is committed to supporting parents facing financial, health and social challenges. In particular, those who are isolated, not eligible for government subsidies to help support expensive childcare costs and those from low socio-economic backgrounds.</p> <p>The activities and service we aim to deliver to the Southwark community takes into consideration Southwark's State of the Sector Report and the Southwark JSNA report. Identifying over 10,000 children in the borough have SEND and 36% of these children are on free school meals in comparison to only 20% without any additional needs.</p> <p>Our projects is aimed at improving outcomes for residents and strengthening the service provided. Our services include: Providing children with tailored SEND activities e.g. sensory and cognitive activities including play dough, clay, sand, puzzles etc. Providing warm healthy meals and snacks for young children addressing issues of childhood obesity in the borough of 41%. Taking children on trips e.g. zoo, bowling, cinema. etc. Our services directly address Southwark SEND Strategy 2022-25 which aims to provide more support for local children in helping 'develop greater confidence skills and competencies.' Increasing well being of parents and children by connecting them to local services which meet their needs, including leisure and recreational activities.</p> <p>Offering respite to parents who lack financial resources, feel isolated and</p>	<p>£3,500.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - North Walworth, West Central - Camberwell Green, West Central - Faraday, West Central - Newington</p>

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			<p>unable to reach out for help and lack the correct access to affordable and support networks. Our project will provide parents and children a safe space to interact, share experiences and receive help reducing feeling of isolation.</p>	

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*890	Blue Elephant Theatre	BET Dance Group	<p>We hope to launch a fun and inclusive Dance Group which, like our youth theatre, nurtures young people holistically and builds a love of the art form within them.</p> <p>The dance group will be aimed at 10 – 14 year olds and will cover several dance styles including street, hip-hop etc. While there will be end of term performances, the focus will be on the process over two terms and what the young people gain from that, rather than on creating a “slick” dance performance. This emphasis is strongly tied into what we hope the project will achieve, in that it aims to be a dance group for all which encourages love and enjoyment of physical activity and the accompanying benefits.</p> <p>44% of Yr6 children in Southwark are overweight or obese – with children from Black ethnic backgrounds and living in disadvantaged areas being the worst affected. These are the backgrounds of most of the young people BET engages with, given the make-up of Camberwell Green ward. A primary reason for launching this dance group is to offer free, fun physical activity to young people at high risk of being obese/overweight, as an alternative to sport if they don't enjoy it/feel suited to it. The dance sessions will be open to all young people in West Central but we will use our close contacts with local schools to share this focus so they can refer children who will benefit most.</p>	<p>£5,000.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, West Central - Faraday, West Central - Newington, West Central - North Walworth, West Central - St. Giles</p>

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*919	Camberwell Choir School	Groovy Loops	<p>Our Groovy Loops project will bring together children from different schools, cultures and ethnic backgrounds to improvise, devise and record songs together in small groups. Children will explore repeated patterns of rhythm and melody (loops) to record, edit and arrange catchy songs. They will use tempo, rhythm and interactions between lyrics and instruments to create a pulsing groove.</p> <p>Saturday music sessions will take place throughout the summer term of 2025. Four classes are offered each week for the following groups: 0-3s, 4-6s, 7-9s and 10-17 year-olds. Children will have tuition in singing, drumming and keyboard workshops, alongside music technology, to learn rhythms, harmonies, chord patterns and mixing sounds. Instrument tuition is offered as well, with options to learn ukelele, percussion, keyboards, steel pan, guitar, flute, violin, cello and more. .</p> <p>We operate on an accessible drop-in and donation basis so no-one is excluded on financial grounds, and our demographics data shows 163 young musicians participating in the last year. Some stay for only a session or two, others for a year or for many years, forging skills and interests that can last a lifetime. Several children have additional needs and SEND diagnoses. Our teaching is constantly evolving to best support the children we work with. Our emphasis is on transferrable musical skills, creativity, teamwork and fun.</p>	<p>£4,988.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, South - Champion Hill, East Central - Peckham</p>

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*933		Spring Community Hub Holiday Activity Camps for Teens	<p>Spring Community Hub offers fun, free holiday activity camps for teenagers in Southwark. Our Camps are designed to offer a blend of learning, fun and cultural experiences; the teenagers who attend are encouraged to cook and taste diverse varieties of food, learn new skills, explore new places in London and make new friends! We provide a culturally appropriate, healthy lunch for everyone, rice and peas, jollof rice, jerk chicken and more are all on offer.</p> <p>We also pride ourselves on offering unique activities to keep the teenagers engaged based on what they told us they wanted. For example, we have offered a DJ workshop, a visit to the British Film Institute archive to discuss and watch films, jewellery making and sport like tennis and cricket.</p> <p>Over 40% of the children and teenagers in Southwark are living in poverty and the cost of living crisis continues to bite. In households where it is difficult to cover the cost of essentials, we are confident that holiday activities and day trips would be out of the question for the families we serve.</p> <p>Successful funding would enable us to provide our service during half terms when the HAF Programmes are not available</p>	<p>£5,757.50</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, West Central - St. Giles</p>

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*938	SPRING COMMUNITY HUB	Spring Community Hub Holiday Activity Camp for Working Parents	<p>Spring Community Hub offers fun, free holiday activity camps for children and teenagers in Southwark. Generally, we ask parents to stay with their children during the activities but for those parents who are working and cannot stay we offer Holiday Camps for Working Parents. This offering recognises the growing number of working poor in Southwark. Our Camps are designed to offer a blend of learning, fun and cultural experiences; the children and teenagers who attend are encouraged to cook and taste diverse varieties of food, learn new skills, explore new places in London and make new friends! We provide a culturally appropriate, healthy lunch for everyone, rice and peas, jollof rice, jerk chicken and more are all on offer. We also pride ourselves on offering unique activities to keep the young people engaged based on what they told us they wanted. For example, we have offered a DJ workshop, a visit to the British Film Institute archive to discuss and watch films, fashion design, mural making and sport like tennis and cricket.</p> <p>Over 40% of the children and teenagers in Southwark are living in poverty and the cost of living crisis continues to bite. In households where it is difficult to cover the cost of essentials we are confident that holiday activities and day trips would be out of the question for the families we serve.</p> <p>Successful funding would enable us to provide our service during half terms when the HAF Programmes are not available</p>	£5,757.50

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*944	SPRING COMMUNITY HUB	Spring Community Hub: Spring up Women Project	<p>We requesting funding to continue to run and develop Spring Up Women Project.</p> <p>The project will consist of a weekly two-hour group session. Over activities co-designed groups, such as sewing and beauty, health, well-being, and personal development.</p> <p>The women will discuss issues around safety and abuse, guided by a domestic abuse awareness expert from United We Rise. We will continue to integrate domestic abuse awareness with practical activities. Over six months, we will support at least 30 women.</p> <p>We will run an Advisory Group comprising women from the group, who will continue to work with us to co-design a programme of activities.</p> <p>After each session, women will be offered a 1-1 follow-up aftercare session, so they can discuss matters privately with our facilitator, who will either help them directly or support them to access specialist support.</p> <p>The Sewing programme will run for 1 year The domestic awareness programme will be delivered for 8 weeks with 3 cohorts per year Personal Development/ Training/ Social Activities/ Women's Circles - throughout the year</p>	<p>£8,126.50</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - North Walworth, West Central - St. Giles</p>

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*1051	Raven & Rain Ministry	Desert Flowers	<p>Asylum seekers experience tremendous stress while waiting for the Home Office to make decisions on their immigration status. Their living conditions in hostels and financial restraint lead many of them to depression. Understandably, they can't wait to be granted their refugee status and get support from the Council to be accommodated. However, the feedback we received from recently approved refugees who were placed in Council housing indicates that, contrary to their expectations, moving into a house marked the start of new challenges:</p> <p>Navigating the British housing system while unaware of what to expect is incredibly challenging; combined to the linguistic obstacles, many wind up in debt and depression. We learned from this feedback that it is critical to get asylum seekers and recently granted refugees ready for the changes they will encounter if they are awarded refugee status. For this reason, Raven & Rain has designed a program to help ease the transition from Asylum seeking to refugee status, supporting service users to be prepared for the upcoming changes.</p> <p>We will offer two-hour workshops twice a month (every other week) for a total of twelve months, or twenty-four sessions, to provide information and advocacy to asylum seekers and recently awarded refugees residing in Southwark hostels, enabling them to better comprehend and negotiate the British Housing system in their own language.</p> <p>Professionals will be invited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information regarding the housing path (from the date of the hostel's eviction to the date of their new residence). • Describe the rules for Council priorities. • Describe the distinctions between private rentals and council housing. 	£5,000.00

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer advice on benefits • Explain rights and duties to renters • Guide on Vocational Training and Job Search <p>We will provide interpreting services and refreshments.</p>	

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*1059	Flashy Wings Ministry	Project Hyacinth Peer Support Group	<p>Last year, Flashy Wings received neighbourhood funds for the Project Hyacinth Peer Support Group, which was a big success. We plan to continue with the initiative in the next round because we see a need and demand for it in our Southwark community.</p> <p>We are proposing project Hyacinth peer support group.</p> <p>70% of the women in our group have been victims of domestic abuse and have dealt with trauma and mental health difficulties. According to our most recent survey, most of them are battling with their mental health. The issue we've noticed is that many of these women have been divorced or removed from violent partners, but aftercare is absent; in certain situations, social services will help them get out of their abusive relationships, but there is no proper preparation for life afterward. Most women have admitted that leaving their violent partners is only the first step; the true battle begins after the separation, when they face concerns such as trauma, single parenting, financial insecurity, dating difficulties, the temptation to return to their abusive ex, and so on. To address these issues, we are forming an eight-week peer support group in which survivors can exchange ideas for coping techniques, learn from their experiences, and feel empowered. We will also engage a mental health trauma-informed coach to assist the women during meetings. It will be a face-to-face meeting. Our primary goal is to assist domestic abuse survivors by addressing some of their obstacles and mental health concerns.</p>	£3,790.00

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*1090	Step Out Mentoring	Step Out Mentoring- Connected Communities	<p>Step Out Mentoring is an early intervention organisation supporting young people aged 8-18 in Southwark, along with their families, who are facing complex life challenges.</p> <p>Referred to us by social services and GPs, many of these young people are struggling with isolation, and mental health issues. We provide them with a safe, outdoor-based programme, offering 12 months of weekly 1:1 mentoring, weekly drop-in group sessions, and family and community celebration events.</p> <p>We are proud of the impact we've achieved to date, with 95% of young people reporting increased physical activity and 49% showing improved psychological wellbeing.</p> <p>Our weekly group activities, which include physical exercise, creativity, and life skills, bring together young people from diverse backgrounds, promoting community cohesion and mutual respect.</p> <p>- Risk Factors: 45% of young people exhibit one or more risk factors including recent or serious losses, mental health problems, past suicide attempts, struggles with sexual identity, or experiences of bullying and lack of social support. 32% have a developmental disorder or learning disability diagnosis, 28% have an EHCP, 23% have experienced self-harm, 21% are on waiting lists for CAMHS, and 17% have had suicidal intentions or attempts in the past year.</p>	<p>£4,999.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, West Central - Faraday, West Central - Newington, West Central - North Walworth</p>

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1093	SPRING COMMUNITY HUB	Spring Community Hub: Thrive Forward	<p>Our Thrive Forward programme is a project designed to provide individuals build the necessary tools, guidance, and support to manage debt, enhance employment prospects, develop essential life skills, and cultivate a positive mindset.</p> <p>Provide accessible and confidential debt advice and support to individuals struggling with financial difficulties</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Offer employment and career guidance to help individuals access job opportunities, improve employability, and achieve career advancement. 3. Equip individuals with essential life skills, such as budgeting, time management, and goal setting. 4. Foster a positive mindset through workshops, coaching, and mentoring, enabling individuals to overcome obstacles and achieve personal growth <p> Who are struggling with debt or financial insecurity * Unemployed or underemployed individuals seeking employment or career advancement * Those looking to improve their life skills, confidence and overall physical, emotional and mental well-being The sessions will be a mixture of * In-person sessions at the Centre * Virtual sessions via video conferencing * Phone/ Text / Messaging support for those without internet access And Group coaching sessions / One-on-one mentoring sessions for personalised support</p>	<p>£6,926.50</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Newington</p>

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*1096	Bermondsey Community Kitchen	Bermondsey Community Kitchen	<p>Bermondsey Community Kitchen provides a free healthy nutritious homemade ready to eat meal program to local residents over the autumn and winter periods. The meals are made in our large commercial kitchen. This program has been hugely successful and last year we expanded our work across Southwark. The program aims to support those who are isolated, elderly, vulnerable, disabled and families struggling financially. Our program connects to groups who target those most in need. The program started during Covid and has continued to grow and grow. The hardships experienced by local people continue to get worse, with last year increasing food and energy costs and this year the winter fuel payment will greatly affect some older residents. The program also supports local people through tough periods where they are unwell and suffering from winter related illness and provides them with healthy meals to contribute to their recovery.</p> <p>. The feedback from the meals themselves was always really positive with residents saying the meals are tasty, substantial and filling. They didn't just fulfil a basic need but also helped emotionally as meals are actually enjoyed.</p> <p>Our program also provides special events especially over the December period where we provide meals for Christmas Parties for elderly residents providing them with a Christmas dinner.</p>	<p>£4,500.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, West Central - Faraday, West Central - Newington, West Central - North Walworth,</p>

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*1157	D'Eynsford TMO	community gardener - camberwell	<p>We seek funding to employ a community gardener for D'Eynsford Estate. This initiative aims to enhance the estate's green spaces, foster community engagement, and promote sustainable gardening practices among residents. By creating a vibrant, shared garden, we hope to improve residents' quality of life, encourage social interaction, and contribute to environmental sustainability.</p> <p>Enhance Green Spaces: Create and maintain community gardens that provide beauty, biodiversity, and fresh produce.</p> <p>Foster Community Engagement: Organise gardening workshops, events, and volunteer opportunities to encourage resident participation.</p> <p>Promote Sustainability: Teach sustainable gardening practices, including composting, water conservation, and organic gardening techniques.</p>	£7,500.00

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*531	Family Space	The Giggly Hikers	<p>The aim's projects are to run a free scout club for children aged 6 to 12 years old from low-income families in Southwark, where children will explore a different park to emphasise on learn about the natural environment, re-use and recycling, growing, litter pick up and sports every Sunday through 26 weeks. This initiative is designed to provide these children with opportunities for personal growth, community engagement, and outdoor activities to address the lack of extracurricular activities available during the weekend to these children due to financial barriers that also support their physical, mental and social well-being. Also, the scout's leadership team is formed by the oldest folks, above 50, to prevent isolation, encourage a sense of belonging and improve their physical and mental well-being (modelling our younger ones).</p> <p>There is evidence that children from low-income households are at higher risk of being drawn into harmful activities, including County Lines drug trafficking. Additionally, children's lack of constructive engagement opportunities can contribute to negative behaviours and a sense of disconnection from their community. The project aims to address these issues by offering positive and inclusive outdoor activities where everyone is welcome. TGH will provide a safe, supportive environment that promotes a neighbourhood and more connected community through teaching teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving by exploring our local parks.</p>	<p>£5,854.07</p> <p>Also applied in West Central Faraday</p>

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*239	Alisa's English School for Ukrainian Refugees	Alisa's English School for Ukrainian Refugees	<p>Alisa's School is dedicated to helping Ukrainian refugees transition into the workforce, by teaching them English. Many refugees face language barriers and challenges navigating the job market, making our mission essential.</p> <p>What makes us unique is that all our teachers are fluent in Ukrainian and Russian, enabling us to teach English effectively and break down complex grammar and vocational skills in students' mother tongues, which is a lot more than a lot of Job Centre recommended courses can offer. This tailored instruction is vital for ensuring understanding and retention, making us one of a kind in London and the surrounding areas. Some students even travel from as far as Essex and Kent to our lessons.</p> <p>We offer a curriculum that combines English language instruction with targeted vocational training, empowering refugees to gain the qualifications and confidence needed for employment. This not only fosters independence but also enables them to contribute economically to the local community.</p>	£4,632.80

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*160	Jamspeedrollers	Winter/Spring Roller skating workshop	<p>The project we are aiming to re-run is to provide a safe, affordable and inclusive indoor community roller skating events for all and especially Southwark residents that part-take in roller skating and new and existing roller skaters who need a safe, dry, affordable, inclusive environment to continue to practice, socialise and engage in roller skating. Families and previous attendees have already started enquiring if we will be continuing the service. Many of our volunteers and attendees have mental health issues, which is often worsen during the winter months. Our projects targets families and children from reception to college and university age to employed and unemployed heavily disadvantaged groups and communities in around Southwark, Lambeth and Lewisham.</p> <p>Our target beneficiaries include loan families, adults, teens, disadvantaged communities of, Male and females 0-75 year olds, from all backgrounds, sexual orientation, religions with visible and invisible disabilities of all skate abilities. Our goal and aim is to provide safe spaces for skating as car parks and parks are a hazard and danger for all, and especially for vulnerable and protected characteristics'.</p>	<p>£8,125.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, West Central - St. Giles, East Central - Old Kent Road, West Central - Newington</p>

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*250	My First 1000 Days	Yoga for a better life	<p>My First 1000 days is a non-profit organization aiming to make yoga & meditation and their healing benefits accessible to populations at risk and individuals who have been exposed to trauma and/or come from disadvantaged backgrounds, Southwark. In close collaboration with social justice and human health organizations, we set up yoga programs for people in precarious situations, including at-risk youth, women victims of domestic violence or sexual abuse, refugees and asylum seekers, prisoners and correctional officers, people recovering from addiction & mental health challenges, patients and hospital staff. Our project participants benefit from the yoga practice and its healing properties. The aim of our yoga project, is to engage young people that are at risk of social exclusion, gang engagement, youth crime, and in general young people that are feeling lonely and do not have a support group or do not feel part of the community.</p> <p>The issues that our project intend to tackle are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social exclusion of young people, specially those that come from vulnerable backgrounds, low income, refugees and those who English is not first language. - Loneliness of young people that are finding difficult to meet other peers of their own age. - Increasing gap among young people from different backgrounds and ethnicities. - Increasing rate of inactivity among young people, specially girls from BAME groups. - Alarming rate of young people turning into gangs/youth crime. 	£4,150.00

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*349	build and grow cic	build and grow Southwark estates	<p>we want local residents to have functional green spaces around their estates.</p> <p>we will bring local residents together identifying their needs and with their input transforming the underused spaces around their homes.</p> <p>we will plant orchards, wild flowers, market gardens.</p> <p>we will mix art, culture and community to bring residents a environment they thrive in and enjoy.</p> <p>create a lasting legacy and maintenance regime for future.</p> <p>this will bring residents together around a common positive purpose of making their neighbourhood beautiful and functioning.</p> <p>the residents will have fruit & vegetable and herbs (produce) growing locally to use.</p> <p>we will provide a injection of vibrancy, colour and nature which will benefit the wellbeing of residents.</p> <p>the residents will learn and share skills with each other.</p>	<p>£5,000.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green, West Central - North Walworth, East Central - Peckham, North West - London Bridge & West Bermundsey, North West - Chaucer</p>

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*393	Iconic Steps	Creative Sector Industry Insights	<p>This project aims to engage disengaged young adults (aged 18-24) who are not in education, employment, or training (NEET) and are interested in the creative industry. Through targeted support, it seeks to equip them with the skills, knowledge, and connections necessary to kick-start their careers.</p> <p>Our research and consultation with our alumni of over 300 YP shows that 100% of BAME and at-risk young people need support in identifying career pathways, 92% would benefit from mentorship, and 65% lack a professional network. Despite the creative industry's rapid growth, only 11% of the workforce comes from a BAME background, and just 8% from disadvantaged socio-economic groups. This highlights a significant need for targeted intervention to improve access and opportunity for these young people.</p> <p>The project will deliver four creative workshops, each lasting four hours, covering practical skills in screenwriting, filmmaking, digital marketing, and camera work. Additionally, participants will receive soft skills training, including CV writing, interview techniques, financial management, public speaking, and networking. Workshops will accommodate 10-15 participants per session.</p> <p>The program also offers industry insight sessions led by our media partners including BBC, Sony, ITV The Sweet Shop, and Studio Lambert. They will share knowledge about career progression routes and specific opportunities they have. Participants will have the option to join our alumni program which includes mentoring opportunities, 1-2-1 sessions with Iconic Steps staff and access to a wider network of YP. The project will empower young people by helping them identify career</p>	£3,500.00

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*438	Arts for Dementia	Art at the Treehouse	<p>Around 1800 people are estimated to have Dementia in Southwark. Over 944,000 people in the UK are diagnosed with dementia; one in two of us will be affected by dementia in our lifetime, either caring for someone with the condition, developing it ourselves, or both. The symptoms of early-stage dementia include memory loss; difficulty with concentration, planning, and organising, emotional disruption; and particularly, communication issues. The experience of this condition is very confusing, stressful, and isolating for both individuals and their carers.</p> <p>Art at the Treehouse, Elephant Park, is a series of arts workshops that take place on Tuesday mornings for people with early-stage dementia and their carers. Led by artists, these practical workshops introduce and develop participants in a range of art forms which might vary from visual arts to ceramics, to drama or dance to name but a few. Each course is carefully planned to be interesting, developmental and fun. The workshops address the particular needs of people with early-stage dementia yet place an emphasis on participants feeling welcome, stimulated, and self-validated. Each series runs for 8 to 10 weeks and participants often remain with us for several programmes. Our programmes are unique. The benefits include social connectivity, self-expression, and well-being for the person with dementia but also their carers. We collaborate with Southwark agencies including the older peoples network, social referrers etc.</p>	<p>£5,000.00</p> <p>Also included in West Central - Faraday, West Central - North Walworth</p>

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*475	The Welcome Singers	The Welcome Singers seek funding for our regular schedule of weekly choral afternoons, and for community events	<p>The Welcome Singers was established in 2006 for retired people. No musical experience is required.</p> <p>We have an inspirational conductor and sing an amazing repertoire of music. We are a diverse group.</p> <p>We have 'PT' work outs. Singing improves mental health and slows the onset of dementia. With our performances we have brought pleasure to people in residential home and hospitals. Southwark Council has invited the Choir to civic events. We ask for funding to cover our core weekly schedule at the Pensioners Centre.</p> <p>We intend to expand activities when the new Pensioners Centre is ready in 2025/6. This will have full disability access and means we can look to run an extended programme especially wheelchair users.</p>	<p>£4,480.00</p> <p>Also included in West Central - Camberwell Green, West Central - Faraday, West Central - Newington, West Central - North Walworth, West Central - St. Giles</p>

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*525	Locksfield SHU TRA	LOCKSFIELDS HOUSE RESIDENTS	<p>For decades Locksfield TRA has served multi-ethnic residents 55 yrs. + . Events will facilitate working together on shared projects. Outdoor Projects will include trips and gardening and indoor projects will include Bingo and pool. The above projects will continue while new ones will include chair exercise, computer and sewing classes, and seminars on topics like recycling, Fire Safety, Cleanliness and Hygiene, Health and Safety, and Cooking safely.</p> <p>To enrich the community experience, foster stronger bonds and enhance the overall quality of life for the residents, the TRA plans to introduce and or include,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Art and Craft Workshops: Encouraging creativity and providing a platform for residents to showcase their talents. * Book Clubs: Promoting reading and discussions on various literary works. * Music and Dance Sessions: Offering opportunities for residents to enjoy and participate in musical and dance activities. * Wellness Programs: Including yoga, meditation, and mindfulness sessions to enhance mental and physical well-being. * Cultural Exchange Events: Celebrating the diverse backgrounds of the residents through food, music, and storytelling. 	£5,000.00

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*677	MS Romina Sarwar	Learn and Play London CIC: Borough of Southwark	<p>Learn and Play proposal is to empower and support SEND children as well as parents and carers in the Southwark community during school breaks in order to address the lack of provisions available for young children with SEND in Southwark. Our organisation's purpose is committed to supporting parents facing financial, health and social challenges. In particular, those who are isolated, not eligible for government subsidies to help support expensive childcare costs and those from low socio-economic backgrounds.</p> <p>The activities and service we aim to deliver to the Southwark community takes into consideration Southwark's State of the Sector Report and the Southwark JSNA report. Identifying over 10,000 children in the borough have SEND and 36% of these children are on free school meals in comparison to only 20% without any additional needs.</p> <p>Providing children with tailored SEND activities e.g. sensory and cognitive activities including play dough, clay, sand, puzzles etc.</p> <p>Providing warm healthy meals and snacks for young children addressing issues of childhood obesity in the borough of 41%.</p> <p>Taking children on trips e.g. zoo, bowling, cinema. etc.</p> <p>Our services directly address Southwark SEND Strategy 2022-25 which aims to provide more support for local children in helping 'develop greater confidence skills and competencies.'</p> <p>Increasing well-being of parents and children by connecting them to local services which meet their needs, including leisure and recreational activities.</p> <p>Offering respite to parents who lack financial resources, feel isolated and unable to reach out for help and lack the correct access to affordable and support networks.</p>	£3,500.00

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*715	ART IN THE PARK	Saturdays at Art in the Park	<p>This will be our third year running this very popular project. Our Saturday sessions create a relaxed and welcoming environment for people of all ages and abilities. Children attend with their parents but also some adults attend independently, including those with physical and mental disability.</p> <p>We have found through previous activities that intergenerational and collaborative art activities reduce isolation and improve self-esteem. It is a relaxed environment with the option of working collaboratively and intergenerationally, or independently if preferred. This project will run a series of Saturday art workshops and visits starting in April and running over 3 months.</p> <p>We are told by participants that there is no other local organisation like Art in the Park that offers nature-based art sessions with the amazing resources we have in Burgess Park. We are different because we make a point of using high quality art materials and our diverse artist team can offer a range of different experience and skills. We have had such demand and positive feedback that we are seeking funding to run all year round. One participant said in feedback:</p> <p>'I love that different people of all ages and from different backgrounds come together each week and express themselves creatively. The range of projects and resources is amazing. Trying out different techniques is fun and educational. I also love being able to do the activities alongside my daughter, we both get a lot from it.'</p>	<p>£5,000.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Faraday, West Central - North Walworth</p>

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*747	Elba Place Nature Garden Collective	Forest Families	<p>Forest School sessions to be delivered to local families in Elba Place Nature Garden. 4 hours per week. 1 hour set up/pack down each week. Face to face delivery 2 hours. 10-12noon every Saturday. 1 hour planning to May - June 2025</p> <p>Target group - low income families.</p> <p>15 children plus their adult</p> <p>Ages 4-7</p>	<p>£3,000.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Faraday, West Central - North Walworth</p>

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*748	Read Easy Southwark	Read Easy Southwark is a small charity that provides one-to-one coaching for adults in Southwark of all ages who want to learn to read.	<p>Why Walworth Central Ward?</p> <p>Read Easy Southwark wants to identify adults across Southwark who are unable to read or who have limited reading ability and offer them one-to-one reading coaching. Being unable to read significantly reduces a person's ability to reach their full potential. West Central Ward contains our largest user group with currently 21 coach/reader pairs.</p> <p>Adults unable to read are embarrassed to admit it, and often won't. The benefits of learning to read can extend beyond the individual and enable families to break the inter-generational cycle of literacy difficulties. We currently support 40 reader/coach pairs and our organisational goal.</p> <p>Why reading is needed:</p> <p>Reading is a basic requirement of every day life. Yet there are 2.4 million adults in England alone who can barely read or cannot read at all (Skills for Life Survey, 2011, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills - most recent government figures).</p> <p>Being unable to read impacts on daily life - up to 10% of adults would struggle to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Write a short note to their family - Fill in a form – for a job, a service or support - Understand important communications such as letters, emails and household bills - Access essential information on topics like food allergens, healthcare and safety 	£2,861.60

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*762	Ms Jill Newman	Qigong for wellbeing in Elba Place Nature Garden	<p>I want to offer free sessions of Qigong to the local community. (Two sessions per week for 6 weeks.) Qigong is an ancient Chinese form of moving meditation exercises traditionally practiced outside in natural surroundings . "Qi" means "life force" and "Gong" means "Cultivation". It has proven beneficial effects for mind, body and spirit. The gentle movements and breathing techniques are accessible to all ages and abilities and can be practised from sitting or a wheelchair. I want to share it's benefits: calming, nourishing and bringing body and mind into balance. Regular practice of Qigong promotes feelings of well-being and improved health. Being able to practice in a safe outdoor space like Elba Place Nature Garden also allows a deep connection and harmonious relationship with nature. I believe people will enjoy practicing Qigong in the nature garden as it allows a deep, immersive re-balancing within our urban environment.</p>	<p>£1,047.00</p> <p>Also included in West Central - Faraday, West Central - Newington, West Central - North Walworth, West Central - Camberwell Green, West Central - St. Giles</p>

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*815	Family Volunteering Club	Family Volunteering Club Southwark	<p>Funding will enable us to deliver regular, fun and impactful volunteering sessions designed for children and their adults in Southwark, throughout 2025, connecting with local causes.</p> <p>The project was established in South London in 2019 by a local mum to address isolation for families with young children and the lack of local family friendly volunteering opportunities. The work has since developed in consultation with local families, responding to increased isolation since the pandemic and lack of recreational activities since the cost of living crisis.</p> <p>We will work with Southwark-based causes and charities, running our child-friendly volunteering sessions at locations including Draper Hall, The Treehouse and Southwark Pensioner's Centre, creating child-friendly volunteering sessions to support the work that they and other local groups do. E.g. making cards/paper flowers for members of Southwark Pensioner's Centre, gardening at Draper Hall and organising donations for families in need at The Treehouse. We will also work with at least two new local charities/causes, determined through community consultation.</p> <p>All sessions follow a tried and tested 90 minute format including; a fun song to bring the group together, an introduction to the cause, the activity itself which is practical and age-appropriate, a group story and snack time at the end, with a sticker for each child.</p> <p>We deliver sessions on Fridays for under 5s, and at the weekend for</p>	<p>£2,690.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Camberwell Green</p>

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			<p>children aged 0 – 9, open to everyone, and free to attend to ensure equal access for families.</p> <p>We will deliver 15 sessions, providing 300 volunteering opportunities for local families, resulting in decreased isolation, increased community connections, increased skills and confidence and increased capacity for local causes.</p> <p>As this develops existing work, we will start delivering the project in April 2025, with sessions with new causes taking place from September 2025 onwards.</p>	

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*866	Elephant and Castle Business Forum	Urban Elephant Festival 2025	<p>(1) Build on the success of last year's Urban Elephant Festival which has promoted local diversity and creativity.</p> <p>(2) Bring together a consortia of funders with the North Walworth Cllrs, Lendlease, Get Living and Notting hill Genesis. This year we want also to develop an Art Council application to develop further the cross-cultural work from the festival.</p> <p>(3) Promote local businesses in the Elephant and Castle and North Walworth.</p> <p>(4) Blend across the traditional communities and newer residents which have made the area home.</p> <p>(5) Promote suitability with a festival which looks at how we negate our carbon footprint and promote local sustainability.</p> <p>(6) Develop capacity for the Elephant and Castle Business Forum. Using the festival as a way to come together and develop joint working.</p> <p>How will it benefit residents:</p> <p>(1) It creates a free festival for local residents in a difficult cost of living crisis.</p> <p>(2) It promotes cycling and walking and keys into the local Low Emissions Neighbourhood and Why it is needed.</p> <p>(3) Promotes local cultures and diversity and fusion of cultures.</p>	£5,000.00

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*944	SPRING COMMUNITY HUB	Spring Community Hub: Spring up Women Project	<p>We are requesting funding to continue to run and develop Spring Up Women Project.</p> <p>The project will consist of a weekly two-hour group session. Over activities co-designed groups, such as sewing and beauty, health, well-being, and personal development.</p> <p>The women will discuss issues around safety and abuse, guided by a domestic abuse awareness expert from United We Rise. We will continue to integrate domestic abuse awareness with practical activities. Over six months, we will support at least 30 women.</p> <p>We will run an Advisory Group comprising women from the group, who will continue to work with us to co-design a programme of activities.</p> <p>After each session, women will be offered a 1-1 follow-up aftercare session, so they can discuss matters privately with our facilitator, who will either help them directly or support them to access specialist support.</p> <p>The Sewing programme will run for 1 year</p> <p>The domestic awareness programme will be delivered for 8 weeks with 3 cohorts per year</p> <p>Personal Development/ Training/ Social Activities/ Women's Circles - throughout the year</p>	<p>£8,126.50</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - St. Giles</p>

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Ref No.	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
*945	PE and School Sports Network	SEND Saturday Sports Club	<p>The club is 17 years old, working with profound special needs children and young people from across Southwark. We have significant applications from families in, Rotherhithe, Bermondsey, Peckham, Walworth, Camberwell, St Giles and Newington wards. Sport and activity are used to develop mental and physical health as well as helping to socialise the students. Parents and carers are provided their own room with refreshments to network with like-minded people. We also encourage parents to get involved or watch the sessions so they can learn activities to do with their children away from the club. We host four sessions on Saturdays at Bacons College, working with 80-90 students looking to develop fundamental skills e.g. waiting, listening, focus, independence, working in pairs and small groups. Our aim is to maximise students' activity, engaging them with variety. Each student has an individual programme highlighting preferred activities and targets for the year. We work with all disabilities and behaviour types. Working as a wider group helps development and progress. This club is unique to this area and provide specialist 1:1 support. Most of these have severe disabilities and are regularly turned away from other council funded activities. If we cannot secure the £60,000.00 then the club will have to close. We are applying for 5k from each ward where we have had families apply</p>	<p>£60,000.00</p> <p>Also applied in West Central - Faraday, West Central - Camberwell Green, West Central - Newington, West Central - St. Giles</p>

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*951	London Bubble Theatre Company	Playing Safe	<p>Playing Safe is a pioneering drama-based crime prevention intervention for year 6 students. It creates opportunities for children to talk about serious youth violence, safety in their community and barriers to feeling safe. Using 'forum theatre' techniques they explore fictional characters, the situations they find themselves in and the choices they make. It allows children to discuss difficult topics in a creative, safe, supportive environment.</p> <p>Phase 1: An interactive play and drama workshop for all year 6. The play tells the story of 11-year-old Ali who is under pressure to follow his older brother by getting involved with a gang. In a community where serious youth violence poses a great threat, who is keeping Ali safe? Having watched the play, Bubble artists ask what the main character might do differently to reach a better outcome. Children are invited to take Ali's place and try out alternative scenes. These 'rehearsal for life' techniques encourage positive action within the safety of drama.</p> <p>In the after-school session for parents/carers, they see the play and hear from family support services. Allowing them to recognise their children's needs, identify where support may be needed and reduce conflict at home.</p> <p>Phase 2: 5 sessions for the 10 most 'at-risk' students - identified by their school using our referral criteria. Through small group drama sessions, they devise their own play which they perform to the rest of year 6. This supports key competencies for social and emotional wellbeing: resilience, motivation, self-control, self-esteem, communication and relationship building.</p> <p>Our creative and relational approach provides a positive, creative experience leading to transformative change at a time of crucial</p>	£3,650.00

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			<p>transition in children's lives. make similar positive actions and life choices if they find themselves in potentially unsafe situations.</p>	

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Ref No.	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
*982	Melanin Health and Wellness	Threads of Heritage, Empowering Cultural Pride: Vocational Training in Dressmaking, Tailoring, and Garment Recycling	<p>The project preserves and revives traditional West Indian sewing skills, empowering young people in the ward with vocational training that promotes cultural pride, economic opportunity, and community cohesion. Many local youth face limited career paths; this initiative provides a solution by teaching dressmaking, tailoring, and garment recycling skills that can lead to income generation and sustainable employment.</p> <p>Led by Mary Martin London, a renowned, self-taught fashion designer, the program offers participants the chance to learn directly from a professional with international acclaim. This high-quality training combines practical sewing techniques traditionally passed down through generations, helping young people reconnect with their heritage, build skills, and develop a sense of identity and belonging. The experience also fosters intergenerational connections, promoting unity within the community.</p> <p>The project creates a local hub for skill development and entrepreneurship, allowing young people to grow, and economically contribute to their community through sustainable fashion ventures. It promotes long-term economic mobility, local pride, and community investment, ensuring that heritage skills benefit both the individual participants and the wider community.</p>	£5,000.00

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*1090	Step Out Mentoring	Step Out Mentoring-Connected Communities	<p>Step Out Mentoring is an early intervention organisation supporting young people aged 8-18 in Southwark, along with their families, who are facing complex life challenges.</p> <p>Referred to us by social services and GPs, many of these young people are struggling with isolation, and mental health issues. We provide them with a safe, outdoor-based programme, offering 12 months of weekly 1:1 mentoring, weekly drop-in group sessions, and family and community celebration events.</p> <p>We are proud of the impact we've achieved to date, with 95% of young people reporting increased physical activity and 49% showing improved psychological wellbeing. Our work directly addresses the inequitable outcomes for predominantly racialised and marginalised families living in poverty, providing a safe and nurturing space where young people can flourish, free from fear and judgement.</p> <p>By connecting young people with volunteer community mentors and offering trauma-informed, culturally responsive support, we see meaningful improvements in relationships with families, peers, and schools. We help create relationships and concern for one another to support increased safety in our neighbourhood.</p> <p>Our weekly group activities, which include physical exercise, creativity, and life skills, bring together young people from diverse backgrounds, promoting community cohesion and mutual respect.</p> <p>- Risk Factors: 45% of young people exhibit one or more risk factors including recent or serious losses, mental health problems, past</p>	£4,999.00

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			<p>suicide attempts, struggles with sexual identity, or experiences of bullying and lack of social support. 32% have a developmental disorder or learning disability diagnosis, 28% have an EHCP, 23% have experienced self-harm, 21% are on waiting lists for CAMHS, and 17% have had suicidal intentions or attempts in the past year.</p> <p>This support will enable us to reach more young people in Southwark, helping them thrive and become positive change-makers in our community.</p>	

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1096	Bermondsey Community Kitchen	Bermondsey Community Kitchen	<p>Bermondsey Community Kitchen provides a free healthy nutritious homemade ready to eat meal program to local residents over the autumn and winter periods. The meals are made in our large commercial kitchen. This program has been hugely successful and last year we expanded our work across Southwark. The program aims to support those who are isolated, elderly, vulnerable, disabled and families struggling financially. Our program connects to groups who target those most in need.</p> <p>The program started during Covid and has continued to grow and grow. The hardships experienced by local people continue to get worse, with last year increasing food and energy costs and this year the winter fuel payment will greatly affect some older residents. The program also supports local people through tough periods where they are unwell and suffering from winter related illness and provides them with healthy meals to contribute to their recovery.</p> <p>Those who received our meals reported only positive feedback and reports included reduced anxiety around food poverty and increasing food and energy costs. Those who received the meals reported less isolation amongst residents as they came together to support each other. The feedback from the meals themselves was always really positive with residents saying the meals are tasty, substantial and filling. They didn't just fulfil a basic need but also helped emotionally as meals are actually enjoyed.</p> <p>Our program also provides special events especially over the December period where we provide meals for Christmas Parties for elderly residents providing them with a Christmas dinner.</p>	£4,500.00

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*1107	SOMALI RELIEF AND ISLAMIC CULTURAL CENTRE	Fostering Cooperation and Respect Among Individuals from Varied Backgrounds	<p>The main objective of the project is to foster inclusivity, diversity, and collaboration within the ward of North Walworth.</p> <p>This initiative recognises the importance of bringing together individuals with diverse perspectives, experiences, and skills to create a stronger and more cohesive community.</p> <p>The need for this project arises from the understanding that a diverse community can bring forth a wide range of ideas, solutions, and innovations.</p> <p>By encouraging people from different backgrounds to work together, the project seeks to break down barriers, promote understanding, and build bridges between individuals who may have different cultural, social, or economic backgrounds.</p> <p>The benefits of this project for the residents of North Walworth are numerous.</p> <p>Firstly, it will create a sense of unity and belonging among community members, fostering a shared identity and pride in their ward. By working together, residents will have the opportunity to learn from one another, gain new perspectives, and develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for different cultures and backgrounds.</p> <p>Additionally, this project will lead to increased collaboration and cooperation among residents, resulting in the development of innovative solutions to local challenges like the challenges facing our youth today.</p>	£5,010.00

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*1132	Elephant and Castle Business Forum	Fashion Fusion: Empowering Youth through Style and Skills	<p>The Fashion Fusion programme in Southwark aims to empower young people by providing them with opportunities to explore and excel in fashion and fitness.</p> <p>This program will offer hands-on experiences, mentorship, and specialised learning spaces, helping participants develop essential skills, combat loneliness and depression, and pursue meaningful employment.</p> <p>By creating a positive environment, Fashion Fusion seeks to guide young people away from negative influences and crime, offering them a pathway to a successful and fulfilling future.</p>	£3,500.00

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*1175	Living Bankside	Ai, VR, AR & Tech 4 All	<p>A legacy project of the alumni from Living Bankside Academy Our Futures Programme 2024.</p> <p>Many of the Alumni live in North Walworth and the residents of North Walworth are the target beneficiaries.</p> <p>This project idea was created alongside a number of local businesses and community groups.</p> <p>The alumni students plan to hold interactive workshops across SE1, using Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality and Artificial Intelligence to engage people of all ages including those less 'tech savvy' to learn about and feel comfortable using modern technology</p>	£5,000.00

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*1173	Bizzie Bodies CIC	Steam Activities	The SE16 Youth STEAM Initiative is an extracurricular program for children aged 7-12, offering engaging STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) activities three times a week. With 15 subsidized places for underserved communities, it ensures equitable access to hands-on, interactive learning. Each session explores different STEAM topics, from science experiments to coding and digital art, fostering curiosity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Running after school, the program promotes both academic and personal growth through independent and group work, bridging the educational gap for children from low-income or underrepresented backgrounds.	£3,000.00
*1179	Bizzie Bodies CIC	Garden Sessions	The Garden Sessions is a weekly program for older adults, offering relaxing gardening activities in a community space. It promotes physical health, social interaction, and mental well-being, especially for those facing isolation or needing light outdoor exercise.	£3,000.00
*1127	Living Bankside	Living Bankside	Living Bankside has wider plans to dedicate Cathedral Square as a special place for peace and reflection. Folajimi Olubunmi-Adewole was a resident of Southwark who lived in Bermondsey. He supported a number of local charities and was committed to helping others. On 24th April 2021 he selflessly and bravely jumped from Cathedral Square into the River Thames to rescue a woman who had fallen from London Bridge.	£10,000.00

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			<p>Tragically he did not survive whilst attempting to save another. May his selfless courage, kindness and positivity be an inspiration to us all</p> <p>Folajimi Day</p> <p>Living Bankside with the family of the late Folajimi Olubunmi-Adewole plan to mark 24th April annually as Folajimi Day. A day which celebrates Folajimi and encourages people to pledge and commit to acts of kindness and selflessness through volunteering, fundraising and other means.</p> <p>Folajimi Day will include a gathering by the Folajimi's Plaque to celebrate his life and selflessness and to encourage commitment/pledges to helping others.</p> <p>The project will also include school and college visits.</p>	

Meeting Taker:	West Central Multi-Ward Forum
Date:	4 March 2025
Report title:	Devolved Highways 2025-26: Capital Funding Allocation (West Central)
Ward(s) or groups affected:	Camberwell Green, Faraday, Newington, North Walworth and St Giles
Classification:	Open
Reason for lateness (if applicable):	N/A
From:	Head of Highways

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the West Central Multi-Ward Forum:

1. Approves the allocation of £190,475 for the 2025-26 Devolved Highways programme from the programmed capital expenditure over the ten-year period 2019-20 to 2028-29 to projects from the lists set out in Appendix 1 and Appendix 3 (“Funded Projects”) within the West Central Multi-Ward Area;
2. Approves the allocation of £206,850 remaining from previous years underspend to the Funded Projects within the West Central Multi-Ward Area; and
3. Notes the maximum available funds for allocation by the West Central Multi-Ward Forum in the 2025-26 financial year is £397,325.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. The West Central Multi-Ward Forum has the authority to approve the allocation of funds to devolved highway capital schemes within the West Central Multi-Ward area using the resources and criteria identified by Cabinet pursuant to Part 3H of the council’s Constitution.
5. The West Central Multi-Ward area is made up of the Camberwell Green ward, Faraday ward, Newington ward, North Walworth and St Giles ward.
6. The council’s non-principal road investment programme prioritises works on non-principal roads on a borough-wide basis and this investment forms the largest part of the annual investment programme.

7. The Devolved Highways programme is allocated £800,000 each year from the total annual non-principal road investment programme to be spent by Multi-Ward areas on their priorities for highway renewal and maintenance that may not be prioritised as part of the borough-wide programme.
8. Funding is allocated to Multi-Ward areas based on the number of councillors.¹
9. The scope of the Devolved Highways programme permits the full range of minor traffic and highway capital schemes rather than solely like-for-like repair and replacement. Examples of the types of works which can now be funded include:
 - a. Footway and carriageway resurfacing.
 - b. Traffic calming.
 - c. Localised repairs.
 - d. Accessibility improvements.
 - e. Footway buildouts.
 - f. Cycle hangars.
10. Advertisement of the application process for project funding in the West Central Multi-Ward area for the Devolved Highways programme was carried out in the local press, on social media, the council's website and mailing lists from Multi Ward area forums between 9th September and 18 October 2024.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

11. There is £190,475 available for the 2025-26 Devolved Highways programme for new projects in the West Central Multi-Ward area.
12. There is £206,850 in additional funding from previous years underspend. The maximum spend available for allocation by the West Central Multi-Ward Forum in the 2025-26 financial year is therefore: £397,325.

Policy framework implications

13. The Devolved Highways programme is fully aligned with the council's policies around sustainability, regeneration and community engagement as detailed in "Fairer Greener Safer – Southwark Council Delivery Plan 2022-2026" because the Funded Projects support active modes of transport and will provide improvements to road safety so all road users are prioritised. The programme also enables community engagement as part of the application process including pitching meetings where applicants are able to advise why their proposal should be considered.

¹ [In accordance with the decision dated 7 January 2019 for the Allocation of funds to wards via Cleaner Greener Safer and Devolved Highways programmes](#)

14. The council's Streets for People strategy outlines the council's ongoing commitment to, and ambition for, healthier neighbourhoods, cleaner air, thriving town centres and safer roads as part of the "Our Pledges" listed on page 7 of the strategy. The Funded Projects include the introduction of cycle parking, traffic calming, and footway and junction improvements at the relevant areas which will create a more pleasant environment for pedestrians and cyclists by reducing motor vehicle dominance and will create a safer road network for all road users.

Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts

Community impact statement

15. As part of the application process the local community is able to propose ideas for projects to be funded by the Devolved Highways programme. This has a positive impact in terms of the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process. Officers will also carry out the relevant consultation procedures for the Funded Projects as set out in paragraph 31 of this report.

Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement

16. The Public Sector Equality Duty ("PSED") is set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 and requires the Council, in the exercise of its functions, to have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
 - advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it;
 - foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it.
17. Ideas for the Funded Projects came from the local community, the majority via a simple project nomination form which was available in electronic and paper format. The advertising of the project funding application process was through a variety of modes to reach a wide audience and different groups within the area, such as in local press, on social media, the council's website and mailing lists from Multi Ward area forums.
18. At this stage no specific projects have been funded so the allocation of funds for the Devolved Highways programme is not considered to have any adverse effects, including socio-economic or health impacts, on those with protected characteristics. Officers will consider the equalities impacts and the council's PSED for each of the Funded Projects as they progress through the detailed design and decision-making stages.

Health impact statement

19. There are no direct health implications as a result of the allocation of funds for the Devolved Highways programme. However, the Funded Projects will have the following benefits.
20. An increase in community assets in the public realm – providing more places for people to spend time in their local community. This has the potential to have a positive impact on social and mental wellbeing, by creating connected and cohesive communities.
21. Increased ownership over community public realm – this helps people within the community join together around a project, supporting connected and cohesive communities.
22. Project examples such as tree planting, street lighting, landscaping traffic calming, junction improvements, pedestrian crossings, cycle parking and cycling infrastructure may have the following impacts:
 - a. improve mental wellbeing by increasing access to the outdoors and nature, improve mental and physical wellbeing by improving street space and encouraging active travel;
 - b. improved access to affordable and secure cycle parking which should contribute to less congestion and air pollution locally;
 - c. tree planting and green spaces may help to reduce or disperse air pollution, supporting people's physical health; and
 - d. improved street lighting can improve safety and reduce the chances of crime or anti-social behaviour.

Climate change implications

23. The allocation of funds for the Devolved Highways programme funds does not have any direct climate change implications. However, the Funded Projects are in line with the council's Streets for People strategy which encourages active travel in order to reduce congestion and improve air quality within the borough.
24. The Funded Projects support the aims of the council's Climate Change Strategy under Priority 2 – Active and Sustainable Travel. Key aims of the council's Climate Change Strategy include to 'reduce car journeys to a minimum by 2030' and to 'be a borough where the walking and cycling becomes the default way to get around'. Part of meeting the borough's ambition of net zero emissions by 2030 includes a reduction in vehicle kilometres travelled and a shift to active and public transport; road transport currently accounts for 15% of the borough's emissions. The Funded Projects include the delivery of secure cycle parking facilities which will encourage cycling as a mode of transport over motor vehicles.
25. A just and inclusive transition is at the heart of the council's emerging climate policy. The Funded Projects prioritise the movement of people first

and foremost, while retaining vehicle access for those who require it. In delivering a safer and more equitable highway network, these projects are in accordance with the council's approach to addressing the climate emergency.

Resource implications

26. The total expenditure and sources of funding for the scheme will be monitored and reported on as part of the overall Capital Programme.

Legal implications

27. See comments by the Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance starting in paragraph 32.

Financial implications

28. On 7 April 2020, Cabinet approved the capital bid of £12.6 million to allow current spend on highway planned maintenance for the following 10 years thereby approving the funding for the 2025-26 Devolved Highways programme.²
29. All professional fees related to the project are also treated as the capital costs of the project.
30. The total expenditure and sources of funding for the scheme will be monitored and reported as part of the overall Capital Programme.

Consultation

31. All Devolved Highway projects require consultation with stakeholders, including the project applicant, local residents, tenants and residents associations and local community groups where appropriate. Statutory consultation will be carried out for any projects which require orders made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance

32. The Local Government Act 2000 ("the 2000 Act") gives the Leader the power to delegate any executive function to area committees. The allocation of the neighbourhoods fund is an executive function.
33. Multi-Ward Forums are 'area committees' within the meaning of the 2000 Act.

² [Policy and Resource Strategy Capital Monitoring Policy and Resources Strategy: capital monitoring report, including capital programme update 2019- 20 \(month 9\)](#)

34. The delegation can be found in Part 3H of Southwark Council's Constitution, which enables Multi Ward Forums to approve "the allocation of neighbourhood funds, cleaner, greener, safer and devolved highway capital schemes of a local nature using the resources and criteria identified by the cabinet." This is therefore a decision that the Multi-Ward Forum is empowered to take.
35. The Localism Act 2011 gives councils a general power of competence whereby they have power to do anything that individuals generally may do. This power can be used even if legislation already exists that allows a local authority to do the same thing. However the general power of competence does not enable a local authority to do anything which it was restricted or prevented from doing under the previous legislation.
36. The provision of funding for the proposed measures within the West Central Multi Ward area falls within the scope of activities the council can undertake under the general power of competence.
37. The Forum will need to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and to foster good relations between people with protected characteristics and others in accordance with the public sector equality duty in section 149 Equality Act 2010. Reference is made to this in the "Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts" section above.

Strategic Director of Resources

38. The Strategic Director of Resources (SDR) notes the recommendation to the West Central Multi-Ward Forum to approve the allocation of £190,475 for the 2025-26 Devolved Highways programme from the programmed capital expenditure over the ten-year period 2019-20 to 2028-29 and the list of projects set out in Appendix 1 and Appendix 3 ("Funded Projects") within the West Central Multi-Ward area.
39. The SDR also notes the allocation of £206,850 remaining from previous years underspend to the Funded Projects within the West Central Multi-Ward area.
40. The SDR also notes the resource/financial implications in the report and that the proposed allocations will be contained within the council's capital programme.
41. Officers' time and any other costs connected with this recommendation will be contained within existing departmental budgets.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Policy and Resource Strategy Capital Monitoring Policy and Resources Strategy: capital monitoring report, including capital programme update 2019-20 (month 9)	Environment, Neighbourhoods and Growth / Highways 160 Tooley Street	Tobias Allen 020 7525 3197
Link: Issue details - Policy and Resources Strategy: capital monitoring report, including capital programme update 2019-20 - Southwark Council		
Allocation of funds to wards via Cleaner Greener Safer and Devolved Highways Programmes 2018	Environment, Neighbourhoods and Growth / Highways 160 Tooley Street	Tobias Allen 020 7525 3197
Link: Issue details - Allocation of funds to wards via Cleaner Greener Safer and Devolved Highways programmes - Southwark Council		
Streets for People strategy 2023	Environment, Neighbourhoods and Growth / Highways 160 Tooley Street	Tobias Allen 020 7525 3197
Link: Streets for People strategy 2023-30 by Southwark Council - Issue		
Fairer, Greener, Safer Southwark's Council Delivery Plan	Environment, Neighbourhoods and Growth / Highways 160 Tooley Street	Tobias Allen 020 7525 3197
Link: https://www.southwark.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-09/Fairer%2C%20Greener%2C%20Safer%20Delivery%20Plan%202022%20to%202026.pdf		

APPENDICES

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APPENDIX 1**West Central Multi-Ward Area****Devolved Highways Capital Investment programme 2025-26: Applications**

Reference	Proposal Name	Ward	Programme
353	Camberwell Green Decorative Lighting	Camberwell Green	Highways
461	Medlar St Passage Green Walk	Camberwell Green	Highways
462	Bicycle Racks outside Budgens Camberwell Road	Camberwell Green	Highways
985	Cycle Hangar on Warner Rd	Camberwell Green	Highways
1218	Wooden planters in Fleming Road	Newington	Highways
813	Planting beds on Coleman Road	St. Giles	Highways

**Unalloacted 2024-25 Devolved Highways Funding
West Central Multi-Ward Area**

Ward	Unallocated Funding
Camberwell Green	£83,305
Faraday	£8,285
Newington	£1,690
North Walworth	£112,380
St Giles	£1,190
Total	£206,850

West Central Multi-Ward Area

Devolved Highways Capital Investment programme 2025-26: Officer Proposals

Proposal Name	Ward	Programme	Cost
Proposals to follow			

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