

Bermondsey Neighbourhood Community Meeting

Wednesday 11 March 2026

7.00 pm

City Hope Church, 121 Drummond Rd, London SE16 2JY

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

Althea Loderick

Chief Executive

Date: 3 March 2026



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To approve a reallocation and the allocation of funds for the Devolved Highways Programme.

Date: 3 March 2026

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.”

Meeting Name:	Bermondsey Neighbourhood Community Meeting
Date:	11 March 2026
Report title:	Cleaner Greener Safer 2026-27: Capital Funding Allocation (Bermondsey Neighbourhood)
Ward(s) or groups affected:	North Bermondsey and South Bermondsey
Classification:	Open
Reason for lateness (if applicable):	N/A
From:	Head of Highways & Sustainable Transport Policy

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Bermondsey Neighbourhood Community Meeting:

1. Approves the reallocation of £4,430 comprising of underspent funds carried forward from previous years, current-year programme underspend and project cancellations within the current programme to the 2026-27 Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) budget for Bermondsey Neighbourhood;
2. Approves the allocation of £127,800 for the 2026-27 CGS programme from the programmed capital expenditure for the ten-year period 2019-20 - 2028-29, together with the funds reallocated under (1), to the list of applications set out in Appendix 1 to this report within the Bermondsey Neighbourhood ("Funded Projects");
3. Notes the total available funds for allocation by the Bermondsey Neighbourhood in the 2026-27 financial year is £ 132,230

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. Bermondsey Neighbourhood Community Meeting has the authority to approve the allocation of funds for the CGS programme to projects within the Bermondsey Neighbourhood area using the resources and criteria identified by Cabinet, pursuant to Part 3H of the council's constitution.
5. The Bermondsey Neighbourhood area is made up of North Bermondsey ward and South Bermondsey 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

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

7. Funding is allocated to Neighbourhood 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 on 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 2026-27 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 funded previously 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.
10. The CGS programme is one of three programmes where funding is allocated through the Neighbourhood Community Meetings.
11. The additional programmes are the Neighbourhoods Fund which supports revenue-funded community activity and the Devolved Highways Budget which can only be used to deliver projects on the adopted highway.
12. The application process for funding was revised this year so that a single application form for was used for all three programmes. Once applications were received, officers reviewed and allocated them to the appropriate programme.
13. This combined process is known as the Neighbourhood Grants.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

14. There is £ 127,800 available for the 2026-27 CGS programme for new projects in the Bermondsey Neighbourhood area.
15. There is £4,430 in additional funding from previous years' underspend, current programme underspend and current programme project cancellations.
16. Eligible proposals must bring about 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

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](#)

eligible unless there is a long-term guarantee of public access or a demonstrable public benefit.

17. The application form for CGS programme funding invited expressions of 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. Where an applicant is approved to deliver the project directly, the council will give the funding allocation to the applicant as a capital grant, issued with appropriate conditions attached.

Policy framework implications

18. 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.
19. 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.
20. The CGS programme also enables community engagement as part of the application process, including pitching meetings where applicants can advise why their proposal should be considered.

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

Community impact statement

21. The roles and functions of the Neighbourhood Community areas 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 can propose project ideas to be funded by the CGS programme.
22. An explicit objective within Neighbourhood Community areas 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.
23. 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.
24. Officers 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

25. The Public Sector Equality Duty ("PSED") is set out at section 149 of the 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 people 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.
26. The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.
27. Ideas for CGS projects come from the local community, the majority via a simple project nomination form available in electronic 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.
28. 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 be addressed by specific targeted outreach.
29. Decisions on funding are agreed by ward councillors with specific consideration given to the needs of individual wards and feedback from the community. Funding for CGS projects is equal across all wards ensuring that the opportunity is the same for all parts of the borough.
30. 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.
31. Officers will also look at the range of areas where grants are allocated, gather information for analysis where possible and look at how the council can improve allocation in relation to specific needs across the borough.
32. A process of continuous improvement is in place to ensure that officers improve data collection and analysis in the future and use this to reach groups identified as missing or hard to reach.

Health impact statement

33. 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.

34. 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.
35. Increased ownership over community public realm – this helps people within the community join together around a project, supporting connected and cohesive communities.
36. 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 less food-insecure
 - c. Tree planting and green spaces may help to reduce or disperse air pollution, supporting people's physical health.
37. 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.
38. Projects such as lighting, security measures, pavements, streets, and tackling "grot spots" support community safety.

Climate change implications

39. 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 align with the themes set out within the Climate Action Plan which was adopted in September 2025.
40. Specific actions addressed by projects funded via the CGS programme include:
 - a. Action 11: Encourage sustainable transport options to reduce emissions from vehicles
 - b. Action 14: Plant and maintain more trees
 - c. Action 15: Enhance our streets and green spaces to increase biodiversity
 - d. Action 21: Work with residents, local groups and partners to support climate friendly behaviours.
 - e. Action 24: Collaborate with our communities and partners to take climate

action and improve resilience

41. By allocating the funds to the Funded Projects, the council is investing in community-led projects that reduce carbon emissions 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.
42. Additionally, the projects involving lighting upgrades will look to improve energy efficiency and the development of cycle tracks through this scheme will help residents' transition towards active travel, reducing their reliance on motor vehicles.
43. These types of projects are common across all Neighbourhood areas.
44. With all CGS spending decisions, potential carbon impact is considered as part of the allocation process and where possible, officers will attempt to monitor and evaluate potential carbon emissions from individual schemes.

Resource implications

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

Financial implications

46. 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 Ward councillors and available budgets may be reallocated to other projects. Revenue costs not covered by maintenance or the contractual liability period will fall on the asset owner. The department will be notified of the likely costs before the schemes proceed, to secure permission to implement the scheme.
47. 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 for the Highways division as a result of approving the proposed allocation.
48. The total expenditure and sources of funding for the scheme will be monitored and reported on as part of the overall Capital Programme.
49. Value for money will be ensured when the contract is procured by following the council's contract standing orders.

Legal implications

50. See supplementary advice given by the Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance in paragraphs 52 to 55 of this report.

Consultation

51. No consultation has taken place and will not take place in the future.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance (CM 02.02.26)

52. The Bermondsey Neighbourhood Community Meeting is being asked to approve various allocation and reallocations of monies as recommended by officers in paragraphs 1 to 3 of this report. The decision maker has the authority to make these decisions in accordance with paragraph 2, Part 3H of the council's constitution.
53. Officers have had due regard to the PSED under section 149 of the 2010 Act at paragraphs 25 to 32 of this report and have concluded that, at this stage, the allocation of funds for the 2026-27 CGS programme including previous years underspend is not considered to have any adverse impacts on persons with protected characteristics.
54. 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 2026-27 CGS programme including previous years underspend is not anticipated to engage or breach the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
55. 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 39 to 44 above.

Strategic Director of Resources (ESL25/132)

56. This report seeks approval for the allocation of **£132,230** of funds (**£127,800 + £4,430 reallocated**) for the 2026–27 Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) programme in the Bermondsey Neighbourhood area from the list of applications set out in Appendix 1.
57. The Strategic Director of Resources notes the resource implications in the report and confirms that the proposed allocations will be contained within the CGS element of the council's capital programme.
58. 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 Tel: 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 Tel: 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 Tel: 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 Bermondsey Neighbourhood Applications 2026-27

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Polivios Polyviou, Head of Highways & Sustainable Transport Policy		
Report Author	Craig Dove, Senior Project Manager		
Version	Final		
Dated	02 February 2026		
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		No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team			13 February 2026

CGS 26-27 Appendix 1

Request ID	Ward	Request Title
2121	North Bermondsey	Millpond Estate Fence Replacement
2180	North Bermondsey	Steps Through Time; A Neighbourhood Narrative of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe
2336	North Bermondsey	Pynfolds Estate Playground improvement
2347	North Bermondsey	Aspinden Garden Update
2374	North Bermondsey	No Fly tipping
2536	North Bermondsey	Dombey House Bin Tidy Up
2689	North Bermondsey	Free cycle storage on the Slippers Place Estate
2918	North Bermondsey	Abbeyfield Play Park
3050	North Bermondsey	Outdoor activity playground equipment for Riverside Primary School
3069	North Bermondsey	Garden of Remembrance upgrade
3178	North Bermondsey	safer walking
3327	North Bermondsey	Greening Pynfolds Estate
3343	North Bermondsey	Further Greening to Prospect House
2271	South Bermondsey	Replanting the Ivy Pollution Barrier
2314	South Bermondsey	Edges & Plants for a Greener Setchell Estate
2349	South Bermondsey	fencing
2407	South Bermondsey	Kissing Gates Safety
2509	South Bermondsey	Galleywall Nature Reserve Access Improvements part 2
2554	South Bermondsey	Playing Fair: Improving Playground Access for Children with Disabilities
2575	South Bermondsey	Bermondsey Spa Gardens - Landscape improvements
2704	South Bermondsey	Bermondsey Spa Gardens fence extension
2758	South Bermondsey	Refreshing Bermondsey Spa Gardens entrances and site improvement
2874	South Bermondsey	Greening Monnow Rd
2879	South Bermondsey	Refreshing Paterson Park planting
2887	South Bermondsey	Bermondsey Spa Gardens refresher
2925	South Bermondsey	Enhancing Paterson Park's, Lynton Road alleyway entrance
3026	South Bermondsey	Rouel Road Revival: Brighter Spaces and Stronger Community
3079	South Bermondsey	Under The Arches
3211	South Bermondsey	New Sand pit
3220	South Bermondsey	Shuttleworth Park Interpretation and Planting
3232	South Bermondsey	Camilla Way safety
3274	South Bermondsey	Neckinger Table Tennis

3311 South Bermondsey	Neckinger Estate Hall flooring
3315 South Bermondsey	Manor/ Rennie TRA Hall heating
3324 South Bermondsey	New Planting for Spa Gardens

Meeting Name:	Bermondsey Neighbourhood Grants Decision Meeting
Date:	11 March 2026
Report title:	Neighbourhood Grants (Neighbourhoods Fund 2026-27) (Bermondsey Neighbourhood)
Ward(s) or groups affected:	North Bermondsey ward, South Bermondsey ward
Classification:	Open
Reason for lateness (if applicable):	Not Applicable
From:	Director of Stronger Neighbourhoods

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Bermondsey Neighbourhood Community Meeting allocates a total of £60,000 of the Neighbourhoods Fund 2026-27 to the list of applications outlined in Appendix 1, subject to this funding being approved in the 2026-27 budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The Neighbourhoods Grant is now part of Southwark Council's new Neighbourhoods Programme, which aims to give local communities more direct influence over funding and local decision-making. Neighbourhoods Fund (NsF) is the revenue element of the pot.
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 annual budget setting process.
4. The purpose of introducing the Neighbourhoods Grant was to give local areas decision making powers over significant amounts of funding, that they could allocate to meet locally determined priorities.
5. Under Part 3H of the Council's Constitution, Neighbourhoods have delegated authority to allocate funding to eligible projects within their areas.
6. The Bermondsey Neighbourhood comprises the North Bermondsey and South Bermondsey wards.
7. The Neighbourhoods Fund is a revenue fund designed to support small-scale, community-led activities, including events, workshops, training, outreach, community development, and other non-capital project delivery.

8. The programme supports activities that directly benefit local communities, strengthen neighbourhood identity, and encourage participation and cohesion across Southwark.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

9. 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 2026.
10. The Neighbourhood Community Meeting will use the criteria set out by cabinet 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).
11. A Neighbourhood may choose to allocate some of their revenue resources to their capital allocations.
12. Subject to the availability of resources, the revenue fund may be used to 'buy' services from the council.
13. As with any executive decision taken by Neighbourhood meetings, this is subject to the council's existing scrutiny arrangements.

Policy framework implications

14. The Neighbourhoods Fund contributes to delivery of the Fairer, Greener, Safer Southwark Council Delivery Plan 2022–2026, particularly commitments relating to community wellbeing, equality, participation and strengthening neighbourhoods.
15. It also supports the aims of the Neighbourhoods Programme to build more

empowered, connected and active communities.

16. The programme enhances local democratic participation through community-informed decision making.

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

Community impact statement

17. The roles and functions of Neighbourhoods programme include the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process. Neighbourhood Community Meetings 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.
18. The Neighbourhoods Fund enables residents and community groups to shape local priorities, strengthening civic participation.
19. The allocation of the 2026-27 Bermondsey Neighbourhood NsF budget will in the main, affect the people living in the Bermondsey Area. However, in making the area a better place to live and improving life chances for local people, the Bermondsey Neighbourhood area NsF activities will have an impact on the whole of Southwark.
20. 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.
21. The application process encourages involvement from both established and emerging community organisations, including those historically underrepresented.

Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement

22. In fulfilling the above objectives that Neighbourhood Community Meetings 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.

23. 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.
 - 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.
24. When undertaking the duties under section 149 the council must ensure:
 - The duty must be fulfilled before the decision in question is enacted;
25. 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.
26. 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.

27. At this stage, the allocation of revenue funding is not anticipated to have any negative impacts on persons with protected characteristics.

Health impact statement

28. While the allocation itself has no direct health implications, funded activities commonly:

- Improve mental wellbeing through social connection
- Support physical activity through community sports and workshops
- Enhance community safety through positive local engagement
- Build skills and confidence through training and volunteer opportunities

Climate change implications

29. The Neighbourhoods Fund is a revenue programme and does not directly support capital infrastructure.
30. However, many community activities funded may deliver indirect environmental benefits, including environmental education, community gardening activities, or low-carbon local events.
31. Applicants are encouraged to consider environmentally sustainable approaches to project delivery.

Resource implications

32. There are no resource implications.

Legal implications

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

Financial implications

34. The Bermondsey Neighbourhood NsF has been allocated a total of £60,000, for 2026-27.
35. It is recommended that Bermondsey Neighbourhood set aside some unallocated funds to prevent an over allocation, as well as to act as a contingency from which urgent or incidental requests can be funded throughout the year.

Consultation

36. 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) (NBC/20260216)

37. This report is recommending that the Bermondsey Neighbourhood Community Meeting approve the allocation of monies from the NsF 2026-27 for the Bermondsey Neighbourhood as specified at Appendix 1.
38. The Local Government Act 2000 ("the 2000 Act") gives the Leader the power to delegate any executive function to area committees. The Neighbourhood Community Meetings are 'area committees' within the meaning of the 2000 Act. The allocation of the neighbourhood fund is an executive function.
39. The delegation can be found in Part 3H of the Constitution, which enables Neighbourhood Community Meetings to approve "the allocation of neighbourhood funds, using the resources and criteria identified by the cabinet". This is therefore a decision that the Neighbourhood Community Meetings is empowered to take. The neighbourhood fund was established in December 2014 by amalgamating the Area Committee Fund and the Cleaner Greener Safer revenue scheme
40. 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.
41. 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.

42. 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.

In allocating funding under the NSF Neighbourhood Community Meetings 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 (ESL25/168)

43. The 2026-27 budget allocation for the Neighbourhoods 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 £60,000 should be awarded to the Bermondsey Neighbourhood.
44. Paragraph 35 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 2026/27 – Funding information	Environment, Sustainability & Leisure, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Georgia Kurowska-Kyffin, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator Tel: 020 7525 1780
Link: https://www.southwark.gov.uk/community-engagement/grants-and-funding/neighbourhood-grants		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Bermondsey Neighbourhood NSF Applications 2026-27

AUDIT TRAIL

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North Bermondsey ward

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2154	Bermondsey Tuition Hub	Half term kids/youth camp	The purpose of the half-term camp is to provide children and young people with a safe, engaging, and supportive environment during the school break, giving them positive activities to enjoy while parents are at work or busy. The camp will offer a wide range of sports and physical activities to promote health and fitness, alongside nutritious lunches and dinners to encourage a balanced diet and healthy lifestyle. We will also run educational and cultural trips to museums and other local attractions, helping young people expand their horizons and develop cultural awareness. A lot of camps are run under the HAF programme during the Christmas, Easter, and Summer breaks, but this is not the case during half-term, which can be a particularly tricky time for families, both logistically and financially. By combining fun, learning, and wellbeing, the camp will not only keep children safe and active but also strengthen community bonds, reduce boredom and antisocial behaviour, and create lasting positive memories for everyone involved. Bermondsey Tuition Hub, which operates from The Charter School Bermondsey and provides tuition lessons for school-age children on weekends, is passionate about supporting local families. These half-term camps are designed to be a not-for-profit initiative, run as a service to the community to ensure that children have access to enriching, safe, and affordable opportunities during the school break. This reflects our ongoing commitment to education, wellbeing, and community development.	£1,000
2474	Holistic Well Women	Community Rest and Wellness project	Community Rest and Wellness project is to support and improve the wellbeing of volunteers and community leaders in the London Borough of Southwark. Currently Southwark has a unique and diverse range of over 1,000 voluntarily groups and volunteers who are serving Southwark communities with passion and real empathy despite the challenges they face. Community Rest and Wellness project wants to	£5,000

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			address and support the mental health and wellbeing of grassroots community leaders and introduce them to a wellbeing practice, community rest support and enhance their health and wellbeing. Keeping Southwark volunteer sector services healthy is vital to keeping Southwark Residents Happy and Healthy. Out comes Community Rest and Resilience Reduce burnout and improve wellbeing Social Connection Offer opportunities to build relations and combat social isolation Practical Support Provide practical assistance, support, and creative health activities Skills Building equip grassroots community leaders with confidence and skills to support their own wellbeing and the wellbeing of the communities they serve Our activities are aimed to connect, restore, build resilience and develop wellbeing practice for themselves, volunteers support one another through peer learning creativity and building resilience for grassroots women volunteer led organisations in Southwark. We are offering a range of creative Health workshops, Health Living Workshops, wellbeing coaching and social and chill out lounge and pop-up wellbeing cafe. Rest and Wellness Away Day/Weekend outside London. Out and about in nature. We will also develop Wellbeing toolkit for Community leaders. All activities are for women groups led groups in Southwark. We would like to focus on small/micro /medium groups has research has revealed that they are under resourced and over worked and need support and are facing real challenges with deliver vital service need in the community due to lack of resources and funding. We will also offer the opportunity volunteers/trustee/or directors to get involved and share skills that promote Health and Wellbeing through peer learning and support.	

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			We will also train wellbeing community ambassadors to support the project The Health and Wellbeing Southwark volunteer led organisation is our goal. Community Rest and Well Being project has been developed to address the issues of over worked and burnout and isolation within community leaders and volunteer groups in Southwark. We aim to connect and collaborate and support each other and groups in Southwark.	
2781	FOUNDATION FOR PAEDIATRIC OSTEOPATHY	Free Specialist Paediatric Osteopathy for Children and Pregnant/Post-natal Women	The Foundation for Paediatric Osteopathy, known as the Osteopathic Centre for Children (OCC) provides specialist paediatric osteopathy for babies, children, teenagers, and perinatal women on a donate-what-you-can basis, ensuring that high-quality osteopathic care is accessible to all, regardless of income. Osteopathy is a gentle, hands-on complementary therapy that supports the body's natural healing, helping to ease a range of physical and emotional conditions. As osteopathy is not available on the NHS, families from lower-income backgrounds are often unable to access this form of support. The OCC is the only charity in London offering specialist paediatric osteopathy free at the point of need, working to make it a trusted, inclusive healthcare option for all families. Our patients include babies with genitourinary, gastrointestinal and orthopaedic conditions; children and young people with disabilities or behavioural disorders such as ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Rett Syndrome, Down Syndrome, and anxiety; and women throughout pregnancy and post-birth recovery. We offer our services free at the point of need and ask for donations only from those who can afford to contribute. It costs our charity £90 to deliver an initial consultation and £45 for each follow-up, but most patients are only able to donate a small amount, if anything at all. We are committed to covering the shortfall for every patient and never turn anyone away who cannot afford to donate. Without our clinic, lower-income families — often those whose child's condition or	£4,500

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			circumstances require longer-term intervention — would be unable to access the care they need. Poverty and poor health are closely linked, and children living in disadvantage are more likely to experience ongoing health issues that require early and sustained support. We believe in the power of early intervention, helping babies and young children build the foundation for lifelong wellness. Families consistently report positive outcomes: at their second appointment, 85% tell us their child's condition has already improved, 97% have confidence in their osteopath, and 98% would recommend our service. Our clinic supports children like Enzo who was born with talipes (clubfoot) on his left side and experienced head asymmetry following a forceps delivery. His mum, Enrica, recalls: "His head was a bit wonky at the back, and he couldn't do much tummy time. At six weeks old, we started weekly casting of his foot and leg, which lasted for at least eight weeks. Then he had a tendon cut, followed by wearing boots and bars 23 hours a day for three months." While this treatment was essential, it also affected Enzo's early mobility and development. Enzo's family turned to the OCC to support his recovery. "Coming to the clinic is helping him get that mobility back in his bones and helping his head to be less wonky." With gentle, specialist osteopathic care, Enzo is regaining mobility, improving his alignment, and continuing to thrive. His story highlights how osteopathy can support babies recovering from intensive early interventions, giving them greater comfort, mobility, and the chance to explore the world on their own terms. Following our recent move into Southwark, we have doubled our clinical capacity from two to four clinic days per week, enabling us to treat up to 3,000 patients and deliver	

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			12,150 treatment sessions each year. We are helping to improve health and wellbeing for families across the Southwark community, particularly those who face barriers to accessing care. A donation of £4,500 would cover the full cost of 100 treatment sessions — equivalent to 50 hours of specialist osteopathic care. This funding will directly bridge the gap between the true cost of treatment and the small donations most families can afford, ensuring that children, young people, and perinatal women continue to receive the care they need and deserve — free at the point of need.	
2799	THE SALMON YOUTH CENTRE IN BERMONDSEY	Adventuring Together Project	The Adventuring Together Project will engage 400 young people aged 6–25 years, including disabled participants, in accessible and inclusive adventure-based activities. The project aims to build confidence, motivation, and essential life skills through non-traditional, high-energy experiences. Participants will: 1. Increase confidence, motivation, and engagement in positive activities. 2. Achieve personal and physical challenges, gaining a sense of accomplishment regardless of prior ability. 3. Develop communication, teamwork, and safe risk-taking skills. 4. Share unique experiences that strengthen relationships and self-esteem. The centre's new indoor ropes course offers exciting opportunities to climb a 12-metre wall, leap from balconies, and swing across the sports hall—providing the thrill of adventure in a safe, supportive environment. Working in partnership with Climbing Tuition, the project will deliver 84 two-hour sessions throughout the year, starting April 2025. Each session will be led by an	£7,380

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			experienced adventure worker who will also train staff, volunteers, and youth leaders to maintain our 100% safety record. Young people will gain accreditations and certifications in adventure activities, with the opportunity to progress towards an AQA in Climbing, promoting achievement and long-term engagement.	
2801	Love North Southwark CIC	Betty's baby bank	We run a free baby bank helping families with clothing prams food milk nappies blankets we have mostly had donations from other families that no longer need these things and give them to families that do we need funding for things we don't get help with Like nappies milk and toiletries there are over 400 families in need in the southwark area we try to help as many as we can our shop in Bermondsey is the first of its kind where it just for children and they needs	£ 8,000
2839	Bermondsey Carnival	Bermondsey Carnival (North Bermondsey Ward)	Bermondsey Carnival is a free entry event taking place in Southwark Park on the bank holiday Monday in August. We use the infrastructure of Rally festival and piggy back the usage and pay a reduced price for the site. We aim for a diverse line up of entertainment and offerings, make it inclusive and encourage local traders to provide food as well stall holders and charities to promote their offerings. Since the new team took over we've seen a three fold increase in attendees from 2023's edition (2700 Attendees). In 2024 we have 5800 people and in 2025 we had 8222 people and that equates to around 40% increase from 2024 to 2025 on year. Benefits: • More than 20 traders are earning additional income on a bank holiday Monday, with some achieving record sales year over year. • Charities and similar organizations are receiving increased exposure to a large number of people in one concentrated area.	£ 2,500

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			• Young local DJs and performers have a platform to showcase their talents. • Young music fans have the opportunity to experience a festival atmosphere that they may not otherwise be able to due to age restrictions. • Free entertainment is a key factor that must be maintained. As the cost of living crisis persists and people are feeling the squeeze from all sides, having access to a well-produced event with high-quality acts at no cost is a rarity these days. It is a unique opportunity that, with the support of the council, can continue to be an important part of the area's calendar. Our free-entry carnival / festival strengthens community spirit, supports local culture and businesses, attracts visitors, provides accessible and enjoyable experiences for everyone for one day. The carnival has a long standing history and evokes memories for the good people of southwark.	
3109	Shad Thames Residents' Association	Cleaner Shad Thames	The project aims to continue to fund additional cleaning via Southwark Council's cleaning contract in the Shad Thames area, ensuring a cleaner environment for residents, local businesses and the thousands of tourists who visit the area. Extra cleaning will address the problem of discarded cigarette ends and other rubbish from takeaway establishments at weekends and bank holidays, in addition to the standard Council cleaning service. The impact is a significantly cleaner, less polluted environment for everyone to enjoy and that visitors should expect in an area of special cultural and historic interest. Visitor numbers continue to grow with substantial growth in the number of visitors to More London/Tower Bridge/Potters Field, new tourist boat stops at Butler's Wharf pier and the opening of a new food hall in the street. Cleaning and facilities for discarding/recycling rubbish responsibly have failed to keep up with the demand. Additional cleaning is essential to maintaining basic cleanliness in Shad Thames and the surrounding area.	£ 5,000

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3208	Unshackle Dumar	Unshackle Dumar: Move & Rise	Unshackle Dumar: Move & Rise is a women-only aerobic fitness programme designed to empower Muslim women across Southwark through movement, confidence, and connection. It provides a safe, welcoming space where women can improve their physical health, mental wellbeing, and sense of belonging — free from the barriers that often prevent them from joining mainstream fitness activities. Building on the success of our previous neighbourhood-funded swimming and wellbeing programme, this next phase focuses on weekly aerobic sessions that bring together women from South Bermondsey, North Bermondsey, Rotherhithe, London Bridge, Old Kent Road, North Walworth, Chaucer, and Surrey Docks. The sessions take place at Cherry Garden Hall in North Bermondsey and are led by a qualified female instructor in a private, culturally sensitive environment. Many of the women we work with face multiple challenges — modesty requirements, language barriers, financial hardship, isolation, and cultural expectations. Some are carers or mothers who rarely find time for themselves. Move & Rise offers them a lifeline: a space to breathe, move, and rediscover joy and confidence in a setting that respects their values and identity. Each one-hour session includes gentle aerobics, stretching, and mindfulness, followed by light refreshments and social time. What begins as exercise often grows into something deeper — women share experiences, build friendships, and support each other through life's challenges. As one participant said: "I came just to exercise, but I found sisters, confidence, and laughter. It made me feel alive again." That single voice captures the purpose of this project — movement that heals, connects, and inspires.	£ 5,000

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			Why the Project Is Needed Across Southwark, Muslim women face barriers that prevent them from accessing mainstream fitness and wellbeing activities. There are few affordable women-only spaces where modesty and faith needs are respected. As a result, many women experience lower activity levels, poor health outcomes, and higher rates of loneliness and anxiety. Our previous project demonstrated that when these barriers are removed, women participate enthusiastically. They show up, they stay, and they thrive. The demand for continuation has been clear — women have repeatedly asked for ongoing weekly sessions so they can maintain the progress they've made, physically and emotionally. Move & Rise directly addresses Southwark's priorities around improving health equity, reducing isolation, and promoting inclusion. It responds to real voices and lived experiences from our community. Aims and Objectives Aim: To improve the physical, emotional, and social wellbeing of Muslim women across Southwark through accessible, culturally appropriate exercise opportunities. Objectives: -Deliver 26 weekly aerobic sessions for up to 30 women across eight Southwark wards. -Promote physical health, confidence, and self-care through movement and friendship. -Reduce isolation and build social connections across neighbourhoods. -Provide safe signposting to services around FGM, domestic abuse, mental health, and women's wellbeing. -Strengthen community cohesion and participation among women often excluded from public life.	

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			Community Benefit At its heart, Move & Rise is about belonging. Many Muslim women in Southwark feel invisible in public and fitness spaces. This project gives them visibility, safety, and pride. The benefits are wide-reaching: -For individuals: better fitness, improved mood, reduced loneliness, and restored self-esteem. -For the community: stronger cross-ward connections, greater understanding between communities, and healthier, happier families. -For Southwark: increased engagement of women in local services, consultations, and neighbourhood life. Through these sessions, women will not only improve their health but also build friendships, strengthen confidence, and begin to see themselves as active members of the Southwark community. FGM Awareness and Signposting Our project offers a safe space where participants can access trusted information and confidential signposting for issues such as FGM, domestic abuse, or mental health challenges. Volunteers will receive basic safeguarding and signposting training so that when sensitive issues arise, women can be guided to professional help quickly and safely. This ensures Move & Rise supports the whole woman — body, mind, and dignity — within a caring and confidential environment. Connecting Women to Southwark's Opportunities Move & Rise also acts as a gateway between Muslim women and the wider community. Many participants have limited access to Southwark's updates, health initiatives, or local	

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			opportunities. Our sessions will help bridge that gap by sharing key information about: -Southwark Council consultations on health, wellbeing, and community safety. -Public health campaigns such as menopause awareness, healthy eating, and vaccination drives. -Volunteering, training, and employment opportunities that empower independence. -Community events, cultural programmes, and local networks that build social inclusion. We will occasionally invite guest speakers — such as local health champions or community officers — to share updates in an informal, friendly way. In this way, each session becomes more than an exercise class; it becomes a doorway into wider community life and civic participation. Sustainability and Legacy After the funded period, the project will continue through a community-led model. Participants will contribute a small voluntary fee (£1–£2 per session) to help sustain the venue and instructor. Volunteers will be trained to support delivery, coordination, and promotion. Long term, our vision is to build a borough-wide women’s wellbeing network, connecting women through exercise, health education, and empowerment. We hope to develop peer mentors — women who began as participants and later lead new sessions, spreading the movement of “rising together” across Southwark. Monitoring and Evaluation. We will measure success through: -Attendance and retention records. -Participant feedback and wellbeing surveys (before and after the project). -Volunteer reflections and instructor reports. -Case studies and testimonials showing individual progress.	

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			Results will be shared with Southwark Council to highlight outcomes, learning, and community impact. Value for Money The total cost of the project is £5,000, which will cover venue hire, a qualified instructor, refreshments, insurance, volunteer expenses, and essential equipment for 26 sessions. Every pound goes directly into delivery, ensuring maximum impact for local women. This equates to just over £160 per participant for six months of exercise, social connection, and empowerment — outstanding value for money given the long-term health and community benefits achieved. Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Unshackle Dumar is founded on equality and dignity. Move & Rise celebrates diversity and inclusion by removing the barriers that often exclude Muslim women from community activities. All sessions are women-only, private, and culturally sensitive, ensuring participants feel comfortable and respected. We welcome women of all backgrounds who prefer a modest, supportive environment. Our volunteers and partners reflect Southwark's diversity, showing how unity and compassion create stronger neighbourhoods. Conclusion Unshackle Dumar: Move & Rise is more than a fitness project — it's a movement for wellbeing, empowerment, and connection. It gives Muslim women a safe place to move, grow, and belong, while linking them to wider Southwark life. Through weekly sessions filled with laughter, movement, and encouragement, women will improve their health, build friendships, and rediscover confidence. Beyond fitness, the project opens doors to information, safeguarding support, and civic participation — helping women feel seen, supported, and valued as part of Southwark's community	

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			fabric. By funding Move & Rise, Southwark Council will be investing not only in women's health but in community transformation. Together, we will ensure that no woman feels isolated or invisible — because when women rise, Southwark rises with them.	
3214	Wrayburn Community Organisation Ltd	Christmas Wreath making workshop	This project will bring tenants and residents together through a creative and inclusive Christmas Wreath Workshop. The aim is to strengthen community connections, promote wellbeing, and ensure that people living in Council homes feel valued and included during the festive season. Participants will have the opportunity to make their own festive wreaths using natural and sustainable materials. The session will be free and open to all ages and abilities, ensuring accessibility for everyone in the community. Community Benefits: Building connections: The workshop will create a welcoming space for neighbours to meet, socialise, and collaborate, helping to reduce loneliness and encourage a sense of belonging. Supporting wellbeing: Creative and hands-on activities are proven to reduce stress, improve mood, and increase confidence. The social nature of the workshop will also support mental wellbeing, particularly during the winter months. Encouraging inclusion: By providing all materials and running the workshop locally, we will remove barriers to participation and ensure everyone — especially Council tenants — can join in. Fostering pride and ownership: Participants will take home a handmade wreath, encouraging pride in their homes and shared spaces while celebrating the festive spirit.	£ 3,500

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			The workshop will provide a relaxed, welcoming space where neighbours can meet, chat, and work together, helping to reduce loneliness and build community spirit. Residents have highlighted that there are limited opportunities for accessible, low-cost creative workshops within the area, particularly those that celebrate the festive season while fostering a sense of connection and belonging. The wreath-making workshop provides an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to come together, learn new skills, and create something meaningful for their homes or to share as gifts. This project also aligns with the community's wider goals as encouraging creativity, sustainability, and wellbeing. Where possible, the workshop will use recycled or locally sourced natural materials, reflecting the community's commitment to environmental awareness.	
3336	Living Bankside	Trotwood House Celebration	Gathering for residents living in and round Trotwood house	£ 1,000
3344	Prospect House - Mazhar	Celebration at Prospect House	Bringing together prospect house residents - connecting through an event with food.	£ 1,000
2163	Love North Southwark CIC	Bermondsey Pantry	Food pantry helping the community with low cost food making life less stressful	£ 8,000

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3270	Henrietta Onyema	Food Bank	The funding will support the ongoing operations of the Gods Kitchen Cupboard, which provides essential food and household items to individuals and families experiencing financial hardship in the Bermondsey area. The grant will enable the food bank to: - Distribute nutritious food parcels to meet increasing local demand. - Strengthen partnerships with local suppliers and community organisations. - Support volunteer recruitment and training to ensure safe, efficient service delivery. Cover essential operating costs such as storage, transportation, and utilities. By addressing food insecurity and supporting vulnerable households, this funding will help improve community wellbeing, reduce social isolation, and promote dignity for those most affected by the cost-of-living crisis.	£4,000
2342	ART IN THE PARK	Printing the Park -Textile Project with Bede House	Using Southwark Park and Aspinden Nature Garden as inspiration we'll hold art sessions outdoors to provide designs that will be used to create a collaborative textile wall hanging which will enhance and be displayed indoors at Bede House. We will use a a variety of techniques such as printing, embroidery, fabric painting, and more. As it's for Bede House, we could also include some beading. We also use a wide variety of artist inspiration from around the world.	£5,000

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			The themes in the artwork designs will also include the produce from the Bede House allotment, which is in Southwark Park, as well as designs from nature including wildlife, plants and textures. Bede House is a charity that works to build the confidence of those with learning difficulties, offers young people exciting activities, helps survivors of domestic abuse and connects the local community. Art in the Park have worked with them on several successful and substantial projects, including large signage for the entrance to Aspinden Nature Garden and some decorated wooden benches. "We have worked with Art in the park previously to design and create a bright piece of art enjoyed by local residents and we would like to do the same for our internal area". (carolebrady@bedehouse.org) Bede House participants always engage really well with our design activities and enjoy the range of high-quality materials and interesting techniques we use such as gel-plate printing, posca pen drawing on leaves, printing using natural materials, and printing on wood. For the art activities in the summer term, outdoor working is really popular and clearly benefits wellbeing. We practise therapeutic art and follow the NHS five ways to wellbeing in carefully designing our sessions. We always create a high quality of artwork which we use for a collaborative final piece. We plan to have a final celebration inviting groups from the local community to see the final textile hanging. Bede House has good relationships with local schools and Art in the Park also has connections in the local area, such as with Rose Court care home and Appleby Blue Alms House. The project beneficiaries would be Bede House clients PWLD and their families and local Southwark residents. Bede House PWLD group has 80 clients using Bede each	

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			week. The Bede House PWLD group range in age from 25 to over 64, with 62 male and 43 female participants. The ethnicities are as follows: White/ British 46, Black/ African 22, Black Caribbean 16, Asian 7, Mixed ethnicity black/ white 7, Irish 2 and Other mixed ethnicity 5. Participants come mainly from the ward, within the Multi Ward Area and borough wide. Bede Youth Club have an age range of 6 to 19+, 43 are male and 38 are female. There is a broad ethnic mix with the largest proportion being White British. Similarly participants come mainly from the ward, within the Multi Ward Area and borough wide.	

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South Bermondsey ward

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2188	Drawing Room	Make & Play – Holiday Programme	Make and Play is a collaborative half-term and holiday programme between Ellen Brown Children's Centre and Drawing Room gallery. It provides a welcoming and creative space for children of all ages and their parents / carers to make and play together under the guidance of experienced artist facilitators. This partnership brings together children and families from different schools across Bermondsey wards and beyond, offering continuity, creativity, and connection for those who might otherwise lack access to enriching activities during school breaks. The collaboration between Ellen Brown Children's Centre and Drawing Room developed naturally through our close proximity and shared values. Drawing Room has long been committed to widening access to high-quality visual arts experiences for local families, with a strong focus on inclusion, participation, and community-led creativity. Ellen Brown Children's Centre, as part of Southwark's Family Hub network, provides trusted, inclusive, and community-based support for families, many of whom face social or financial hardship. Our shared commitment to access and wellbeing forms the foundation of this project. Our recent joint pilot Family Studio, delivered between both sites, demonstrated the strength and potential of this partnership. Being neighbours allowed us to connect with a much broader audience, including families who had never previously visited an art space, and to engage those from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. The pilot showed us that by working together, we can bridge a gap between community support and cultural participation, helping families feel ownership of creative and public spaces in their local area. Drawing Room's after-school art club, run during term time, has proven to be a hugely	£ 5,000

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			successful programme for children from two local primary schools. The club offers consistent creative engagement, a sense of belonging, and opportunities to develop visual literacy, curiosity, and confidence. Children participating in these sessions often describe them as the highlight of their week, a place where they can explore their imagination, work collaboratively, and take pride in their achievements. However, the need for similar opportunities outside of term time has become increasingly clear. During school holidays, many local children and families struggle to find affordable, engaging, and structured activities. Financial constraints, lack of childcare, and limited local options can leave children isolated or reliant on screen-based entertainment. Parents have repeatedly expressed a desire for continuity and connection for their children during these periods, particularly those from low-income households and older children who may spend time unsupervised at home. To meet this need, Make and Play will : Offer two free weekly creative sessions during every school half-term. These sessions will maintain continuity for children already engaged in our after-school clubs while also welcoming new participants of varying ages from across the community. During the summer holidays, we plan to offer up to four artist-led sessions, shared between the two venues. These sessions will build on the success of our trial Family Studio events, which proved that alternating between Drawing Room and Ellen Brown Children's Centre not only widens our reach but deepens community relationships and mutual learning between both organisations. This joint initiative responds directly to the social and economic realities of the Bermondsey area. Around 37% of children in Southwark live in poverty, a figure significantly higher than both London and national averages (Southwark Council, 2023). Family hardship often limits engagement with cultural or creative activities, yet	

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			evidence shows that exposure to the arts from an early age is linked to improved attainment in literacy and numeracy, stronger self-expression, and higher long-term aspirations. According to research by Creative Schools London and the Cultural Learning Alliance (2017), low-income children who engage with the arts in primary school are three times more likely to go on to achieve a degree. Make and Play will therefore offer not only immediate joy and enrichment but also long-term educational and social benefits that extend far beyond the sessions themselves. The programme will alternate between Drawing Room and Ellen Brown Children's Centre, allowing both partners to share costs, skills, and resources. This structure also encourages families to move between the two sites, breaking down perceived barriers to cultural spaces and fostering a stronger sense of local connection and pride. Objectives: - Offer high-quality artist-led provision, ensuring creative and meaningful experiences for children - Reach older children and broaden engagement beyond early years. - Raise awareness of Drawing Room's wider programme, including Family Studio and other family-focused initiatives. - Attract harder-to-reach families through joined-up working - Cross-promote offerings across both our networks to strengthen community ties and increase visibility. - Parents gain a sense of belonging at Drawing Room and access our free exhibitions and library, overcoming the common perception contemporary art venues aren't a place for all. - Blends drawing and making activities with and indoor and outdoor play spaces , for diverse learning experiences where children can experiment, collaborate, and express ideas through art and play.	

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			Benefits to the community: - Creativity supports children's mental health - Confidence building through creative learning and social interaction - Free spaces for those with financial barriers to afterschool provision - Space for children in overcrowded homes - A place for Latch-key children - Employment for diverse local artists and Workshop Assistants - Fostering collaboration between local communities and promoting shared activities that benefit the wider area. "We're so pleased to be partnering with the Ellen Brown Centre, a neighbouring and much valued hub for local families. Together, we're creating a welcoming setting where children and families can connect and enjoy free, high-quality artist led activities during the summer and half-term breaks. Rooted in creativity, our joined-up "Make & Play" programme blends drawing and making activities with and indoor and outdoor play spaces to offer joyful, enriching experiences for children of all ages and their families. With our expertise in arts-led programming and the Ellen Brown Centre's strong ties to the community, this partnership is all about making high quality experiences for parents across Southwark." Amanda Wayne – Programme Manager Drawing Room	
2193	Miss Yixuan Wang	Blue Market Community Voices Project	Blue Bermondsey is a key community for ***"community-oriented regeneration"*** efforts, home to a **wonderfully diverse population**. However, the community still suffers from a **lack of inter-group communication** and an **underutilization of resident voices**. In traditional community events, people often act solely as visitors and attendees, as **these activities often focus on celebrating an established, singular culture more than creatively record and stimulate the dynamic, contemporary culture of its highly diverse population.** Different groups experience social isolation, exhibiting a "hesitation to engage" with opinion sharing, often feeling self-excluded or misunderstood.	£ 8,995

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			The "Blue Market Community Voices Project" is thus built on 20 local residents' micro-narratives we've got from series of creative story-sharing workshops in 2024, aiming to celebrate and archive the diverse contemporary culture of Blue Bermondsey and spark dialogue among neighbors on shared community issues. The project amplifies local voices from the perspective of everyday life, through create three lasting, free-to-access communal resources: - Printed Handbook: The design and distribution of a printed handbook (plan 200 pieces printed). - Digital Assets: The transformation of 14 key stories into AR experiences (3D models, animation, and simple interactions). Crucially, each AR story culminates in an open question related to a shared community issue, designed to prompt reflection. - Hybrid Feedback System: The establishment of five on-site Story Walls where visitors can post their immediate thoughts on sticky notes, the printed handbook with tear-off response pages returned via the BLW postbox, and an online story wall for digital contributions. All outcomes and engagement channels are free and open to every neighbor in Blue Bermondsey for a long term. We will conduct two guided public exhibitions during busy market days to instruct residents on accessing the digital assets and participating in this three-part opinions sharing process. The long-term vision is to preserve the physical Story Walls (Point Signage) as enduring communal assets for sustained interaction (to be placed in the market square or future community cultural spaces), maintain the online story wall as a dynamic community archive, and ensure the location-specific AR content remains permanently open as part of the community's digital infrastructure. This creates a sustainable	

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			participation mechanism driven by neighbor narratives and visual language. Despite the enthusiastic participation and generous contribution from neighbors, and the dedication shown by organizers and local community activists during our initial workshops, we now require funding to fulfill the core commitment and expectation, to assure our participants that their shared experiences are not merely data points, but creative assets amplified and cemented into the lasting cultural fabric of the Community, thereby fostering positive, sustained engagement. ### 2. WHAT WE WILL DO This project is **planned, and managed by Wilbur(Yixuan Wang)** , a professional researcher and PhD Fellow specializing in participatory community research. Yixuan brings three years of **collaborative partnership and field research** experience within the Blue Bermondsey context. The execution is strongly supported by **Big Local Works (BLW)** , our key community partner, who provides operational and administrative backing. **A. Core Action & Content Production** - **Content Foundation:** A series of 2024 story-sharing workshops (funded by Blue BID) successfully engaged **over 30 highly diverse individuals**—including long-term established residents (such as former factory workers), market stallholders, tenants, parents with families, and single people, as well as representatives from **BAME** and **LGBTQ+** communities—to collect 20 rich micro-narratives. - **Artistic Conversion:** We will transform 14 selected oral histories into engaging visual AR content (3D models, tap triggers, and animations).	

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			- Tangible Outputs: We will put five (5) dispersed AR Story Point installations for two days, and print 200 copies of the community story handbook (featuring all 20 narratives). B. Quantifiable Targets - Exhibition Scale: Five (5) AR Story Point installations, running for a total period of two (2) days. - Participation Goal: Anticipating 200 unique interactions with the AR content. - Feedback Collection Goal: Anticipating collecting a minimum of 100 new stories or feedback responses (via the online platform and physical notes). 3. METHODOLOGY & DELIVER EXCELLENCE A. Deep Engagement The project is strategically necessary because the community faces a lack of inter-group communication and underutilization of resident voices. Our AR/Hybrid approach ensures the funding delivers maximum impact by: - Civic Tech Accessibility: The use of WebAR (no app download/registration, can access by audiences' mobile phones) ensures maximum accessibility for seniors and those unfamiliar with digital tools, directly addressing the digital divide. - Truthful Insight: The artistic, immersive nature of the AR is designed to trigger genuine emotional responses, yielding insights into the small, everyday community concern and interests that matter most to local residents. - Actionable Feedback: The collected feedback and narrative themes will provide specific, actionable insights for community partners like BLW and the BID. This	

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			valuable data will directly inform the **planning of future themed workshops, services, and community activities**, ensuring they are highly relevant and responsive to the genuine, current concerns and interests of the neighborhood. **B. Interactive and Inclusive Design** **Core Inclusivity Strategy:** **We strive to welcome everyone, regardless of age, gender, culture, mobility, sexuality, or economic status.** We actively engage special needs care to ensure the project reaches marginalized groups. - **Hybrid Feedback Mechanism:** At five dispersed points across The Blue Market, we will establish engaging **physical Story Point Signage**. Participants trigger the AR experience, which culminates in a prompting question related to the story's underlying theme. **This feedback system offers three parallel channels:** 1) physical sticky notes on the Story Walls (for immediate, collective viewing); 2) tear-off response pages in the printed handbooks (returned to the BLW postbox); and 3) the permanently open-access online story wall (supporting multi-media contributions). - **Handbooks as Bridge:** The **200 printed handbooks** ensure content longevity and encourage ongoing family engagement via tear-off response pages returned to the BLW postbox. **C. Staff Training** We will hire and train **three additional local community members** to serve as **Engagement Guides** on-site, alongside the BLW staff member and the Project Lead. Training includes:	

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			- Proactively addressing digital hesitation and providing one-on-one technology guidance. - Skilled discussion prompting and providing inclusive assistance (e.g., writing help). - Introducing the printed handbook as a "Family Bridge" tool for private discussion. D. Support & Long-Term Sustainability - Sustainability: The Lead Researcher commits to collaboratively maintaining the online page with BLW for a minimum of two (2) years post-funding, ensuring its value as a dynamic digital archive. - Report and Future Planning: The final output includes a Summary and Analysis Brief. This brief will synthesize the narrative themes and collected resident feedback to provide specific, practical references for planning future community activities and local services. (This valuable summary will also include findings relevant for the Thoroughwoods Building cultural plans.) - Local Economic: We hope this initiative can indirect benefit to small businesses by enhancing inter-understanding and increased foot traffic. 4. BUDGET IN BRIEF A. Revenue Creative Direction: £2166.3 B. Producing (lasting community assets) Technical Development: £3356.8 (revenue but also long-lasting digital production)	

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			Handbook (design & printing & publishing & delivery): £2590 Storywalls (Tripod easel stand + paper board + Printing): £250 **C. Activity** Materials: £878.54 Staff Training + Revenue: £1420 IN TOTAL: £10661.64	
2269	MILLWALL COMMUNITY TRUST	Kicks Community Football @ Ellen Brown APG	Our Kicks programme aims to inspire local young people to achieve their potential and improve their wellbeing; working together with the community and partners to build a stronger, safer and more inclusive community in South Bermondsey where young people have regular open access opportunities available to them. Millwall Community Trust will deliver a youth-focused community football & engagement programme of diversionary activities where young people from the ages of 8 to 15 can take part in free weekly football sessions at the Ellen Brown Adventure Playground facility and gain coaching experience alongside support to access other sporting and youth activities delivered across the area. Using the reach and appeal of the Millwall Football Club brand, the Kicks programme will positively contribute towards the social challenges and diverse population of South Bermondsey and help inspire young people to reach their full potential whilst providing an expansive set of activities to keep young people engaged during community hours where it is shown that anti-social behaviour is an issue amongst young people in the area.	£ 2,000

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			The project will provide young people with the opportunity to attend structured, open accessed football and youth engagement sessions for 40 weeks of the year which take place in a safe environment. We will engage with approximately 15-30 local children and young people at each session. Through Kicks we also have a specific aim to break down barriers and ensure that all young people feel comfortable being part of our programme. As such we look to deliver specific interventions as and where required to provide further engagement opportunities for any groups which are under-represented from within the community. This will include the development of female only sessions, events and tournaments. Through the Kicks project we will also deliver a range of healthy lifestyle workshops designed to help the young people be more resilient and understand how they can keep themselves healthy and safe We will engage with approximately 30-40 vulnerable and at-risk children and young people at each session, which will take place a couple of times across the delivery year. Young people will be referred on to the programme by local schools, our partners within the community and local authority as well as via family members and self-referral..	
2908	London Borough of Southwark	Raising awareness for nesting season	We would like to fund a campaign/project where we work with Southwarks Comms team to create posters informing the community/park users to why we don't cut hedges during nesting season. Every nesting season, us in Parks North as-well as our contractor have people complaining about why hedges/shrubs aren't being cut, and believe raising awareness would be beneficial also to inform park users that aren't as vocal. Hedge cutting during the nesting season to prevent the destruction of active bird nests, which is illegal under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, and the practise helps protect the local bird population by protecting their habitat during a prime season.	£1,000

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			Locations: Tanner St Park, Southwark Park, Bermondsey Spa Gardens, Durands Wharf, King Georges Field, King Stairs Gardens, Mayflower Park, Paterson Park	
2408	Longfield TRA	Longfield Fun Day	We do a BBQ, Cakes, Sweets and Juice. We also have bouncy Castle and other inflatables for the kids. It will benefit the community by bringing them together and making new friends.	£ 3,000
2431	UNITY MUSIC ARTS TEAM CIC	Let's Make Music & Dance at The Blue Market 2026	This small scale community free event is to proudly support the local residents and traders. The live music and salsa dance is widely appreciated by the local residents and will also become an annual tribute to the late Mr Russell Dryden . Russell was passionate in supporting community events and we would like to keep his legacy alive. Music is a universal language and really does help bring the community together in a harmonious fashion. In 2026 I wish to bring a mixed programme which will include a locally based community choir , pop/folk covers acoustic guitar vocalist , light jazz crooning and salsa dancing participation slots. Due to the risk of any residents complaining who live directly above the Blue Market , these events are tailored to suit the outdoor performance space , they not heavy or loud and will be presented on an summer Saturday between 12noon and 16.00. The Blue Market is growing in popularity and attracting a mixed demographic . Unity Music Arts Team CIC i (UMAT) s a non profit grassroots organisation proudly supporting aspiring and seasoned music talent and community enrichment. Furthermore we are proud to support diversity and inclusion.	£ 500

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			The funding application of £500.00 would help towards equipment set up, licensed event security , advertising material and the artist programme.	
2457	Rouel Blue Garden Club	Rouel Community Garden Summer Events	The Rouel Community Garden was opened in May 2025. Since then we have built up the garden, with the help of Southwark Council, to 31 beds, directly involving more than 70 people, including ploholders and their family members and colleagues. We have a waiting List of 20 local residents. . We are currently involved in several projects, including running Mural workshops in the Blue Market Place which have been attended by more than 150 people, including many children and young people from the local area. Spa School for Autistic children bring a group weekly to use one of our communal plots. We had a stall with BOST at the Rouel Community Fair in September to support local talent. Please see the attached history of the Rouel Community Garden We are asking for funding for our Summer Events 2026-2027 1. To build two more raised beds in the Community Garden to make the total up to 33. This would enable us to take two local residents from our Waiting List of 20 people, and also retain a communal bed reserved to use for our sessions that are open to local residents. 2. For an artist, Frog Morris, to paint a mural of "Wildlife in the Community Garden" on the square end of the container shed in the Community Garden. We plan to hold a further three public workshops in the Blue Market and Rouel Community Garden looking at the wild life - insects - butterflies, bees, damsel flies, dragon flies. In and around the pond - pond skaters, snails, newts, frogs, water beetles, damselfly larvae.	£ 2,855

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			And then painting/drawing pictures of them, and, from photographs, other wildlife we may not see during the day - such as foxes, squirrels, crows, magpies, wood pigeons, sparrows, etc. 3. For a further six gardening sessions, open to local residents in the Community Garden, one each in April, May, June, August, September. These would cover:- Planting and potting seeds and plug plants in the container and communal beds. Learning about composting - what to compost and why, going through all the stages of composting. Vertical cultivation - how to grow as many fruits/veg as possible on an upright stand. How to feed plants through the year. Pruning, tying up, pinching out - how to look after bushy and climbing plants and make sure they don't take over your garden/patio/plot. Wormeries - how to create a successful wormery and keep it going. Keeping plants going by harvesting and cutting/picking flowers and fruits. taking cuttings and the successful propagation of these.	
2482	TREES FOR BERMONDSEY	Orchard Celebrations, Events and Workshops	Trees for Bermondsey and the Rouel Blue Garden Club host "The Bermondsey Wassail" in the Rouel Road Estate Community Orchard which brings the estate and the wider community together to celebrate the orchard's trees with a lantern-lit procession and music and song. We host a number of other events in the orchard for adults, families and schoolchildren including a summer picnic, storytelling sessions, art and nature workshops as well as regular planting and maintenance events which bring the community together to learn green skills and keep healthy. This grant will enable us to continue to deliver all of these things and more. See attachment for examples.	£ 1,200

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2524	SPRING COMMUNITY HUB	Thrive - Youth and Community programme	Thrive - Spring Community Hub will deliver a vibrant, inclusive Youth and Community programme to ensure local young people have access to creative, supportive, and inspiring activities. Our approach is youth-led and community-informed, ensuring every session is relevant, engaging, and accessible to all. Provisional Timetable 1. Creative Arts & Wellbeing Art, music, and drama workshops Mindfulness, relaxation, and self-expression sessions Guest artists and creative showcases 2. Sports & Active Play Football, basketball, dance, and fitness challenges Outdoor games and team-building activities Inclusive, non-competitive options for all abilities 3. Skills for Life & Social Action Cooking and healthy eating workshops Digital skills, coding, and creative media Volunteering, youth-led social action, and youth voice forums Programme Features Inclusive & Diverse: Activities cater to the varied backgrounds, interests, and abilities of local young people (ages 11–18). Expected Outcomes	£ 4,174

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			Increased engagement in positive activities and reduction in risk-taking behaviours Improved wellbeing, confidence, and resilience Enhanced creative, physical, and life skills Stronger youth voice and community participation New friendships and reduced social isolation Ensure all local young people have access to creative, supportive, and inspiring activities. Promote wellbeing, confidence, and resilience through arts, sports, and skills development. Foster inclusion, belonging, and positive relationships among young people from diverse backgrounds. Empower young people to shape the programme, express their voices, and lead community projects. Support the development of practical life skills and healthy lifestyles. Reduce isolation and risk-taking by providing safe, engaging alternatives. Local young people (ages 11–18), especially those at risk of isolation, low confidence, or limited access to enrichment Indirect beneficiaries: families, schools, and the wider community	
2533	SPRING COMMUNITY HUB	Working Parents Holiday Activity Camps	In-work poverty remains a serious issue in Southwark, where 43% of children live in poverty even though most have working parents (End Child Poverty Coalition, 2023). During school holidays, families lose access to free school meals and affordable childcare, leaving many to choose between paying for childcare or covering essential bills. A local parent recently shared: "I had to leave my daughter with neighbours some days because I couldn't afford holiday clubs, even though I was working. The camp gave us peace of mind and gave	£ 4,850

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			my child a happy, safe summer.” Our Solution: Working Parents Holiday Activity Camps offer safe, affordable childcare from 8am–6pm, plus healthy, culturally appropriate meals for children aged 4–11. We prioritise families in low-paid or insecure work, ensuring children are nourished, active, and socially engaged throughout the summer. Case Study: Fatima, a hospital cleaner and mother of two, struggled to find affordable care for her children aged 5 and 9 during the holidays. With our camp, her children enjoyed daily meals, creative activities, and new friendships, while Fatima was able to keep working without risking her job. Impact: Over 60 children aged 4–11 each summer gain access to safe care and two nutritious meals daily. 92% of parents report reduced stress and greater ability to maintain employment. Children demonstrate improved wellbeing, confidence, and reduced loneliness. Average holiday childcare in London: £158/week per child (Coram, 2024). 29% of UK parents struggled to afford food during holidays (Food Foundation, 2023). 43% of children in Southwark live in poverty after housing costs (End Child Poverty Coalition, 2023). References: Joseph Rowntree Foundation (2024), End Child Poverty Coalition (2023), Coram Family and Childcare (2024), The Food Foundation (2023)	

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			We want to see equality in our communities and be a vehicle for positive and lasting change in our clients so that they never need a food bank again. We address underlying causes of food insecurity through providing wraparound services, for example, Holiday Activity Clubs, Afterschool Clubs, Advice & Advocacy and immigration advice. We select families on a first come, first served basis once eligibility criteria have been met. Criteria include being in in-work poverty, identified through claiming in-work benefits. Across all our services, about 75% of our beneficiaries are from BAME groups and 38% are refugees and migrants, many with no recourse to public funds. We had 30 attendees. We will use a range of methods to measure the impact and achievements of the project, both formal and informal. At the start and end of the project, those who attend will complete questionnaires which will help us to monitor distance travelled and progress made providing us with valuable evidence for our monitoring and evaluation work. We will also speak to participants, volunteers, staff and referral partners to help us collate case studies.	
2564	Power2 Ltd	Power2 Rediscover	Power2 Rediscover is Power2's programme of trusted adult support for children and young people struggling with their mental wellbeing and school engagement. Power2 Rediscover supports young people aged 11-18 facing challenges at pivotal moments in their lives, helping them take positive steps forward. They may need support for a variety of reasons: • Poor wellbeing	£ 20,741

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			• Low self-esteem • Emotionally based school avoidance • Disengaged from school and learning • At risk of exclusion • Involved in risky behaviour Through intensive one-to-one mentoring, Power2 Rediscover equips children and young people with practical and emotional strategies to help them cope, to feel happier in their lives, and to succeed in education and beyond. We'll be working in collaboration with City of London Academy (COLA) Southwark, located in Bermondsey, whose pastoral staff will refer 20 young people to the programme. They'll identify those facing significant mental health and wellbeing challenges and requiring additional support to engage with and benefit from education. We've worked at COLA Southwark since 2014 and have been delivering this programme there since 2020 – however funding challenges put its continued delivery in jeopardy, hence we're applying for this funding. Participants must meet the following criteria: • From a disadvantaged background – in receipt of free school meals and/or in contact with social services, including being in care of the local authority or being supported by a social worker • Experiencing social, emotional or mental health (SEMH) challenges • Disengaged from education, which may include poor attendance or being at risk of exclusion 47.4% of pupils at COLA Southwark are in receipt of free school meals, significantly higher than the national average and reflecting the deprived area in which the school is	

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			based. Young people from the most deprived areas are 4.5 times more likely to experience a mental health condition than their more affluent peers, which is why we target our support at schools like COLA Southwark. Each young person identified and referred to the programme will receive intensive 1:1 support from a Power2 facilitator - 20 young people in total. Every young person's intervention is fully bespoke to their needs and goals, co-developed with them using the Outcomes Star, but common themes and topics include: • Mental health and wellbeing including helping participants develop positive routines, healthy habits and sleeping patterns. • Developing coping techniques and identifying sources of further support in the school and community • Tackling feelings of loneliness and isolation by making sure young people know there is someone out there for them and have the tools to build and sustain positive relationships. • Practical and emotional support for engaging with school and learning • Identifying personal strengths and challenges, finding ways to maximise those strengths to tackle challenges • Planning for the future by setting goals and aspirations for both the long and short term and, crucially, providing young people with the tools they need to actively work towards them. Support will be provided over ten weekly sessions, each lasting an hour, and is scaffolded by the Power2 Rediscover workbook, itself co-created by children and young people with lived experience of poor mental wellbeing and educational disengagement. At the end of the programme, the young person will receive a	

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			certificate of achievement to celebrate their progress. The programme will be delivered in a quiet, confidential location within COLA Southwark by a Power2 facilitator, part of a 12-strong team already active across London, including in Southwark. All of our facilitators receive intensive training and hold Level 3 Youth Work and Level 2 Counselling Skills qualifications as a minimum. We've delivered this programme since 2020 across London, including in schools across Southwark. As such, we have robust plans in place to mitigate risks and obstacles: • Safer recruitment practices, with all staff DBS-checked and trained in safeguarding as well as conflict resolution and de-escalation. • Facilitators work closely with school staff to understand and address external barriers to young people's engagement. • While participants receive 10 weekly sessions of support, we allow up to 15 weeks for this to take place; this is due to high levels of absenteeism among young people already disengaged from education. • We've developed a resource bank of activities, puzzles and games that build rapport, engage young people and serve as conversation starters. • Facilitators are trained in a range of communication methods and take a personalised approach that ensures support is tailored to each young person's needs. Having someone solely focused on them helps the young person feel listened to, valued, and understood. This improves their self-worth and builds their belief that progress is possible. Reflecting on their experience with Power2 Rediscover, one participant shared: "I feel less sad and angry. I can see my life slowly changing for the best."	

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			Participating young people will improve their mental health and wellbeing through intensive 1:1 support from their Power2 facilitator that gives them someone to talk to about their challenges and ambitions. As well as short-term improvements, the programme promotes sustained positive change through improved mental health resilience. Participants will: • Gain self-esteem and confidence through identifying their strengths and interests • Recognise and understand their own mental health triggers • Develop effective coping strategies • Establish positive routines and healthy habits • Become better equipped to seek help in the future The project develops young people so they can succeed in education and beyond, and reduce the inequalities in educational outcomes for those from disadvantaged backgrounds and low-income households. Positive change in wellbeing, along with the practical and emotional support they receive for engaging with school and learning, result in improved attitudes to education and relationships with teachers and peers. Over time, this leads to: • sustained re-engagement for the remainder of their school career • improved aspirations for the future • better attainment • reduced risk of becoming NEET. The programme's outcomes support a reduced likelihood of involvement in youth violence, by reducing exclusion risk and increasing educational engagement (therefore the probability teens stay in formal education), and supporting young people to think	

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			positively about their aspirations for the future. We anticipate that improvements will be experienced gradually over the 10-week programme and then – thanks for the tools and resilience developed during their project – sustained by participants in the long term. The positive changes made by participating young people will benefit their wider community. Improved mental wellbeing will lead to fewer instances of externalising (disruptive/aggressive) behaviour, creating a better classroom environment and enhancing the ability of all young people to benefit from education. Improved wellbeing leads to improved relationships with family, peers and teachers. A reduction in vulnerability to involvement in youth violence makes the local community a safer place to live for all residents. We monitor outcomes and measure success via: • Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale • Outcomes Star • Baseline and post-intervention questionnaires about each young person completed by the referrer • Informal feedback in mid-point and end-of-project review meeting with Virtual School headteacher and pastoral staff The KPIs we'll be monitoring in terms of outcomes are as follows: • The number of young people taking part and completing the 10-week intervention (20 young people to be recruited via COLA Southwark, matching agreed referral criteria above) • % of participants improving their wellbeing (85% improved last year on Power2 Rediscover programmes nationally) • % of participants improving their self-confidence (80% improved last year)	

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			• % of participants improving their engagement/attitude towards education and/or making improved educational programmes (80% improved last year)	
2585	SPRING COMMUNITY HUB	Thrive Advice and Advocacy - Bermondsey	Thrive is a holistic, two-tiered Advice and Advocacy programme delivered by Spring Community Hub. The initiative is designed to empower local people—both young people and adults—to overcome barriers and achieve personal, educational, and professional growth. By integrating employment, confidence, business, and soft skills with wellbeing and community support, the programme nurtures the whole person and builds lasting pathways to independence. Programme Structure Tier 1: Future Ready (Under 18s) Confidence & Communication: Workshops on self-esteem, public speaking, teamwork, and self-advocacy. Employability Skills: CV writing, interview practice, job search strategies, and digital literacy. Entrepreneurship & Innovation: Introduction to business/development, social enterprise, and creative problem-solving. Wellbeing & Resilience: Mindfulness, stress management, and healthy lifestyle habits. Mentoring & Peer Support: Access to role models, group projects, and peer learning circles. Tier 2: Pathways to Progress (Ages 18+) Personalised Advice & Advocacy: 1:1 sessions on employment rights, welfare, housing,	£ 5,000

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			and navigating complex systems. Workplace & Life Confidence: Assertiveness, conflict resolution, professional communication, and self-advocacy. Business Start-Up Support: Workshops on business planning, budgeting, marketing, and social enterprise. Holistic Wellbeing: Stress management, nutrition, financial wellbeing, and access to Spring's wraparound services. Networking & Community Engagement: Group sessions, guest speakers, volunteering, and community projects. Project Aims: Empower individuals to make informed choices about their lives, rights, and opportunities. Promote personal growth, confidence, and purpose through tailored advice and advocacy. Foster a sense of belonging and community connection for all participants. Support access to essential services (housing, employment, benefits, education, wellbeing). Build practical life skills—including problem-solving, communication, and navigating systems. Encourage active participation and engagement in community life. Reduce isolation and barriers to inclusion by providing a welcoming, supportive environment. Champion equality, diversity, and respect in all aspects of the programme. Beneficiaries:	

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			Local residents of all ages seeking support, guidance, or connection—especially those facing barriers such as low income, unemployment, migration, social isolation, or life transitions. Individuals and families who want to improve their wellbeing, skills, or access to opportunities. People experiencing challenges with housing, employment, benefits, or navigating local services. Community members seeking a sense of belonging, purpose, and growth—including those new to the area or feeling disconnected. Indirect beneficiaries: The wider community, as individuals become more confident, engaged, and resilient. Monitoring/Evaluations: Pre/post participant surveys measuring changes in confidence, wellbeing, skills, and access to services. Attendance and engagement tracking for all sessions, workshops, and events. Case studies and participant stories collected to illustrate personal and family journeys, challenges overcome, and successes achieved. Monitoring of family and community involvement (e.g., participation in workshops, events, volunteering, and peer support). Feedback mechanisms including regular check-ins, suggestion boxes, and group reflection sessions to adapt and improve the programme. Tracking of referrals and successful access to essential services (e.g., housing, employment, benefits, education, health).	

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			Analysis of inclusion and diversity, ensuring reach across language groups, backgrounds, and family types.	
2685	Harris Federation	Support our Bermondsey community with a Community Hub	We are seeking funding to enhance our existing Community Hub, which provides essential items and facilities for students and their families. It serves the local community of Harris Academy Bermondsey. Families here are facing significant challenges including homelessness, poverty, and displacement. According to recent data, nearly half (49.7%) of students at this school are eligible for Free School meals. These families have an income less than £7400 yearly, which is insufficient to cover essentials like toiletries, school uniform, or stationery. Many children wear the same clothes for days due to limited laundry access and arrive at school hungry and unable to concentrate and engage. These issues are particularly pronounced in a girls' school setting, where access to clean clothing, sanitary products, and personal hygiene items is essential for comfort, dignity and wellbeing. Without these essentials, students struggle not only academically but also socially. We launched our Community Hubs across Harris academies last winter in response to this urgent need. The hubs currently provide: • Essential items: coats, shoes, school uniforms, books and food parcels. • Swap shop and dry food bank: run by PTA and volunteers. • Support for parents and carers: through signposting and community engagement. These efforts have been supported by dedicated volunteers from the school community as well as partnerships with Morrisons, In Kind Direct, St Olave's Foundation, and	£10,000

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			individual donors to provide products for the hub. However, demand has been overwhelming, and we now seek to expand our provision to meet the growing needs of our community. With Neighbourhood Grants funding, we aim to: • Introduce laundry facilities: washing machines to support hygiene and dignity. • Provide food parcels and dry food. • Offer warm winter clothing like coats. • Create a safe, welcoming space: where families can access resources, build community, and feel supported. This is not just about meeting basic needs. We believe this is about restoring dignity, enabling access to education and helping every child thrive. Our ethos is rooted in the belief that supporting our communities is a duty and a matter of basic human rights. We see children coming to school hungry, in ill-fitting clothes, and without the tools they need to learn. Their parents are doing all they can, but the cost-of-living crisis means their efforts often fall short. The Community Hub is a vital part of our response. With your support, we can scale this initiative to ensure no child is left behind and that every family in our community has access to the essentials (and the opportunities) they deserve.	
2837	Bermondsey Carnival	Bermondsey Carnival (South Bermondsey Ward)	Bermondsey Carnival is a free entry event taking place in Southwark Park on the bank holiday Monday in August. We use the infrastructure of Rally festival and piggy back the usage and pay a reduced price for the site. We aim for a diverse line up of entertainment and offerings, make it inclusive and encourage local traders to provide food as well stall holders and charities to promote their offerings.	£ 2,500

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			Since the new team took over we've seen a three fold increase in attendees from 2023's edition (2700 Attendees). In 2024 we have 5800 people and in 2025 we had 8222 people and that equates to around 40% increase from 2024 to 2025 on year. Benefits: • More than 20 traders are earning additional income on a bank holiday Monday, with some achieving record sales year over year. • Charities and similar organizations are receiving increased exposure to a large number of people in one concentrated area. • Young local DJs and performers have a platform to showcase their talents. • Young music fans have the opportunity to experience a festival atmosphere that they may not otherwise be able to due to age restrictions. • Free entertainment is a key factor that must be maintained. As the cost of living crisis persists and people are feeling the squeeze from all sides, having access to a well-produced event with high-quality acts at no cost is a rarity these days. It is a unique opportunity that, with the support of the council, can continue to be an important part of the area's calendar. Our free-entry carnival / festival strengthens community spirit, supports local culture and businesses, attracts visitors, provides accessible and enjoyable experiences for everyone for one day. The carnival has a long standing history and evokes memories for the good people of southwark.	
2858	Big Local Works	Welfare Benefits information and support for North Southwark	Big Local Works (BLW) is seeking support from Southwark Council to continue and strengthen our Welfare Benefits Support Service, a trusted and essential source of local advice and advocacy for residents in North Southwark who are experiencing financial hardship or navigating the complexities of the welfare system.	£ 11,870

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			Over the past 8 years, the service has become a lifeline for local people who are struggling to access benefits, particularly following the closure of local advice and employment services. Our community-based model ensures that support is available close to home, without the barriers of distance, digital exclusion, or bureaucracy. What the Project Does: The Welfare Benefits Support Service offers free, one-to-one advice and practical assistance to residents across North Southwark, helping them secure the income they are entitled to and avoid falling into poverty. Support includes: - Benefit entitlement checks and form completion - Support with appeals and tribunals - Guidance for DWP assessments - Advice on housing, council tax, disability benefits, and related welfare issues - Family appointments to explore training, employment, and well-being support We help residents claim and maintain essential benefits such as Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment (PIP), Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), Disability Living Allowance (DLA), and Council Tax Reduction. Our experienced staff work closely with clients to understand their circumstances, advocate on their behalf, and challenge unfair decisions. Many residents we support face barriers such as language difficulties, poor digital access, or health issues, which can make navigating welfare systems overwhelming. Once clients' immediate financial crises are addressed, we offer a progression route into skills development and employment support, helping people gain confidence and	

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			independence. Our mentoring programme connects residents to training and job opportunities, providing practical guidance that promotes long-term stability and inclusion. Why the Service Matters - North Southwark continues to face high levels of poverty and inequality. Many wards rank among the most deprived neighbourhoods in the country, with low household incomes and high living costs. Residents report feeling cut off from local services and regeneration benefits. At the same time, the absence of local Jobcentres and the increasing digitalisation of welfare systems have left many people unable to access support when they need it most. This has created significant demand for trusted, face-to-face advice within the community. Our service directly addresses these gaps by providing accessible, local, and personalised support that helps residents stabilise their income, avoid debt and eviction, and improve their wellbeing. Without this intervention, many would face severe financial distress and social isolation. Benefits to the Community The project delivers both immediate and long-term benefits for residents and the wider community: Preventing Poverty and Hardship – By helping residents secure their rightful benefits, we prevent homelessness, hunger, and unmanageable debt Improving Mental Health and Wellbeing – Financial security reduces stress, anxiety, and social isolation. Many clients report improved confidence and hope after engaging	

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			with our service. Building Pathways to Employment – Once stable, residents are supported into skills training and work, contributing to a stronger and more inclusive local economy. Strengthening Community Networks – We work closely with local partners, including Southwark Council, housing associations, schools, GP surgeries, and community groups to create joined-up support that residents can rely on. Generating Local Insight – By engaging directly with residents, we gather valuable information on the challenges facing low-income households. With this information, we can help the Council target future interventions effectively. Conclusion: With continued support from Southwark Council Neighbourhood funding, Big Local Works can maintain and expand this trusted service, ensuring that vulnerable residents in North Southwark have the tools, confidence, and opportunities they need to achieve financial stability and independence. By investing in this project, the Council will be strengthening local resilience, promoting inclusion, and ensuring that all residents—especially those most at risk—can participate fully in the social and economic life of their community. CASE STUDIES to demonstrate the need and impact of our support Sandra's story Sandra, a full-time carer for her daughter with severe mental health issues, was referred to our charity by South London Maudsley Hospital. She was struggling financially and sought assistance from	

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			Southwark Council's Emergency Hardship Fund for essential household items. Our team conducted a benefits assessment for Sandra, who had been receiving Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) for about 10 years. We discovered that she was incorrectly placed in the contributory-based ESA group, causing her to miss out on additional premiums. After contacting the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), Sandra received £23,000 in owed benefits. We also introduced her to the Personal Independence Payment, a non-means-tested benefit for people with disabilities and health-related issues. Sandra is now receiving the correct benefits and is no longer struggling like she was before. "We don't know where we would be without Big Local Works. You have never let us down and always been there for us when we felt like giving up"	
2964	Bermondsey Community Kitchen	Winter Warmth Program	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	£ 9,000

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			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. 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 fulfill 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.	
3019	TOWER HAMLETS YOUTH SPORT FOUNDATION	Platform Cricket Hubs: Bermondsey Bees	Over a number of years, we have established Platform Cricket Hubs in across Southwark, with the aim of: - Providing children in all wards/neighbourhoods with a realistically accessible route into cricket - Increasing the number of children from disadvantaged and ethnic minority backgrounds accessing cricket - Improving personal development, physical health, mental wellbeing and social cohesion through cricket We believe cricket can play a unique role in supporting young people in Southwark	£ 1,800

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			because it: - Holds an historic/traditional appeal to people from multiple cultural and religious backgrounds - Has a pace/format that allows for greater socialisation than most sports - Features roles that suit a range of personality and body types - Supports respect, sportsmanship, bravery, determination, concentration, patience, resilience, analysis and cooperation Our model has two main parts: - PARTNERSHIP WITH AND DELIVERY IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS (not funded through this grant) which allows us to directly connect with all children in a given area, presenting a positive experience of sport/cricket. - PROACTIVE TRANSITION INTO COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION through working with schools to identify those who will benefit most and removing the main barriers to participation – distance, cost, awareness and a lack of confidence; our “pop up” cricket clubs take place in local community facilities and/or parks and focus on improving physical health, mental wellbeing and social cohesion through cricket, but also with a range of core skill development, problem-solving, team-building, cross-curricular and multi-sport activities. Our Bermondsey Hub will: - Incorporate Boutcher, Grange, Riverside, St James, St Joseph's (George Row) and Tower Bridge Primary Schools - Focuses on children living in the London Bridge & West Bermondsey, North Bermondsey and South Bermondsey Wards of Southwark - Runs indoor sessions at Harris Academy Bermondsey	

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			- Runs outdoor sessions at Southwark Park We are requesting £1,800 to support the coaching of the community sessions for this hub (suggested split of £600 per ward, split between London Bridge & West Bermondsey, North Bermondsey and South Bermondsey). The coaching will be delivered by experienced, level 2 coaches with enhanced DBS Checks. The outputs we will measure progress against are: - OUTCOME 1: More young people physically active through cricket (Consent Forms & Registers) - OUTCOME 2: More young people from Ethnic minority backgrounds participating in cricket (Consent Forms) - OUTCOME 3: More young people from disadvantaged backgrounds participating in cricket (Consent Forms) - OUTCOME 4: Young people demonstrating improvements in physical health (Questionnaire, Multi-Stage Fitness Test) - OUTCOME 5: Young people demonstrating improvements in mental wellbeing (Questionnaire, Warwick-Edinburgh Test) - OUTCOME 6: Improvements in community and social cohesion (Questionnaire) - OUTCOME 7: More people coaching/officiating/volunteering (Registers) We expect to reach:	

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			- 250 children via school activity - Bringing a minimum of 25 into regular community participation	
3038	Musical Mayhem London CIC	Musical Mayhem Bursary Fund - Appleby Blue	Appleby Blue Project Description and Community Benefits Musical Mayhem London CIC is an inclusive performing-arts organisation that has been inspiring local families for more than a decade. Formerly a sole-trader business, we became a Community Interest Company to strengthen our social mission and ensure every child, regardless of background, can access the confidence, creativity, and community that performing arts provide At Appleby Blue intergenerational residence, we will deliver two weekly morning classes for under-fives and their parents/carers, alongside an after-school musical-theatre programme for primary-age children. These joyful sessions bring together local families and older residents through music, movement, and play, helping to reduce isolation, support early development, and build lasting social connections. Demand for our new after-school programme has already exceeded expectations, with many families requesting funding support. Through this project we aim to make 50% of all places at Appleby Blue fully or partly funded, aligning with our wider company goal of 30% bursary provision across all venues. In addition, we will partner with three local primary schools near Appleby Blue, providing two full free days of Musical Mayhem Experience workshops for each school. Every pupil, from nursery to Year 6, will take part in a lively, inclusive musical-theatre session, reaching up to 1,800 children and giving them a free opportunity to experience performing arts.	£8,829

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			Once a connection has been made with each school, we continue to nurture it by offering our free karaoke stall for school fairs and community events, as well as free class vouchers for raffle prizes, helping schools raise funds while giving families another way to access the arts. This approach builds meaningful, long-term relationships that extend the reach of the project far beyond the classroom. The project will strengthen community cohesion by: Bringing together families, residents, and schools in creative collaboration; Providing affordable, inclusive arts activities that support wellbeing and child development; Building confidence, communication, and friendship skills; and Offering a safe, joyful environment where everyone feels part of the same community family. Budget Summary - Appleby Blue We are requesting £8,829 from the Southwark Neighbourhood Fund to deliver this programme of classes and outreach. <table><tr><td>Activity</td><td>Total Annual Cost</td><td>% Funded</td><td>Funded Amount</td></tr><tr><td>Under-5s morning sessions (12 spaces)</td><td>£4,752</td><td>75%</td><td>£3,564</td></tr><tr><td>After-school sessions (10 spaces)</td><td>£4,680</td><td>75%</td><td>£3,510</td></tr><tr><td>School outreach – 3 schools (£585 per school × 3)</td><td>£1,755</td><td>100%</td><td>£1,755</td></tr></table> Total requested £8,829 This funding will directly support hundreds of subsidised participation places each year, ensuring that our sessions at Appleby Blue continues to thrive as a welcoming,	Activity	Total Annual Cost	% Funded	Funded Amount	Under-5s morning sessions (12 spaces)	£4,752	75%	£3,564	After-school sessions (10 spaces)	£4,680	75%	£3,510	School outreach – 3 schools (£585 per school × 3)	£1,755	100%	£1,755	
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			intergenerational hub for creativity, confidence, and connection within the Southwark community.	
3104	Manor Estate Community meals	Manor estate community meals	We are applying for a second year of funding. The benefit of the community meals is that residents who are struggling financially get a wholesome meal. Those that are isolated get a chance to meet their neighbours. The meals are celebration of our diverse community, which is especially important with the rise of the far right. the meals help to bridge the intergeneration divide. It is now easier for adults to talk to youngsters about low level ASB. The meals are a way of giving a voice to those not heard. Our welfare state is complex and may residents cannot gain the advice they need or access to decision-makers. The meals are an opportunity to connect residents, especially young people with decision-makers. Attached are photos of previous events. one Having established the meals we want to gain more long-term benefit. We would like to use the meals to do micro-consultation about what residents like about Bermondsey and what they would like to change, to feed into the Council's work on a Neighbourhood plan. It also allows an opportunity to open a dialogue with younger people about the threats they face and how they can be supported. Having established	£1,000

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3114	Miss Jasmine Kuti-Smith	Freedom Project	The Freedom Project aims to achieve the key principles of belonging, community building through the performing and visual arts. The intention is to use my skills and knowledge as a visual artist and spatial designer to tackle the key issues of social isolation, food poverty, nature education and connection and mental wellbeing and health. This would be a site-specific project in the local neighbourhood to encourage supporting and addressing the key issues listed above. As an individual freelance artist, I am applying under the public art category and intend to produce an interactive experience for the community to enjoy as a experience in nature, a living sculpture. Inspiration from this project would be taken from the Lost garden of Heligan in Cornwall created by Sue Hill and artist who has taught and mentored me. the aim of this project is socially driven and with a not-for-profit focused outcome for the benefit of my local neighbourhood. As an artist who has graduated from on the world leading arts institutes (University of the Arts London) and having studied set design, spatial design, scenography and site specific art I would like to use my knowledge and skills to give back to the community. The Freedom project would bring people together in real space, with nature, helping to rebuild community and to reconnect with nature. I am therefore applying for funding to develop an installation/public art piece to be experienced in a chosen space local to me, this project may involve a period of activity to make this particular space accessible to the neighbours and to producer a permanent living sculpture and site specific experience for locals to enjoy. The project would need to be carried out on behalf of the designer/artist (myself).	£ 1,600
3341	Grow London CIC	Galleywall Nature Reserve Community Engagement 2025	We want to increase public access to and engagement with the nature reserve so that local residents can benefit from this important natural resource. A recent report by Friends of the Earth on access to green space shows that the neighbourhood around Galleywall Nature Reserve falls into the worst category of green space deprivation with only 1m2 public green space per resident, so in this context its vitally important that a space like the nature reserve is accessible to the local community.	£ 3,000

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			The funding would cover staff costs to provide a basic level of regular weekly opening hours, along with some materials for open days. The funding would also allow us to properly promote the space and its weekly program of activities to local residents by funding graphic design, printing costs for posters and fliers, and a website update. The benefits to to the local community from this program would be increased access to nature, increased educational opportunities through events and training, increased health and wellbeing and increased awareness of wildlife and conservation. The nature reserve would benefit from improved environmental management. Possibly activities the fund could support – nature exploration sessions for adults and children to learn about the sites birds, planting a medicine garden, social prescribing sessions working in partnership with local gp practices, school visits, fun days. We will also be applying to North Southwark Environment trust for £2500 to cover the full cost of funding 1 opening day a week in 2026 for a total project cost of £5500. Receiving funding for Southwark Neighbourhoods fund would strenghten our application to North Southwark Environment trust by demonstrating part-funding for the project.	
3352	Bizzie Bodies CIC	STEAM CLUB	TECH CLUB WEEKLY SESSIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN STEAM Project Summary The Tech Club Weekly Sessions for Young People will provide a year-long, after-school programme of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) learning for 15 young participants aged 7 TO 16.	£ 5,000

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			Through engaging weekly sessions in coding, robotics, food technology, green technology, and practical science, the club will inspire creativity, develop digital and scientific literacy, and build essential life skills such as teamwork and problem-solving. This community-based project directly supports the ambitions of Southwark 2030, which envisions a fairer, greener and more connected borough where everyone can live a good life*. It also embodies the values of Southwark Stands Together, the borough's pledge to embed equality, inclusion, and anti-racism into community life. The club will provide a safe, inclusive and encouraging environment that opens access to modern technologies for all young people, particularly those who face social or financial barriers to participation. Sessions will be hands-on, practical and creative, helping participants build both technical skills and confidence. By the end of the year, young people will have designed real projects—games, robots, eco-devices, and food-science experiments—while also learning teamwork, communication, and resilience. The programme culminates in a community showcase celebrating their achievements and inspiring others to get involved. . Background and Evidence of Need Across Southwark, young people grow up in a rapidly changing world shaped by technology and innovation. However, access to high-quality, hands-on STEAM learning remains uneven. Many families cannot afford extracurricular clubs or the digital equipment needed for creative experimentation. Teachers report that while pupils show strong interest in science and computing, they lack the opportunities to apply these skills practically. The Southwark 2030 Strategy identifies the need for a fair, green, and thriving borough	

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			where every child has the chance to succeed*. It calls for investment in young people's skills, creativity and wellbeing—particularly through digital inclusion and sustainable innovation. The Tech Club responds directly to this call by giving children and teenagers from all backgrounds a place to explore technology, science and creativity after school. Moreover, the **Southwark Stands Together** framework highlights persistent inequalities and under-representation in education and employment. The Tech Club addresses these gaps by **actively recruiting girls and young people from minority and disadvantaged communities**, ensuring equal access to future-focused learning. Representation among mentors and facilitators will reflect Southwark's diversity, modelling inclusion and equity in practice. Beyond educational need, there is a pressing social one. Many young people lack structured, positive activities after school. The club provides a constructive, engaging environment that reduces isolation, builds friendships, and fosters a sense of belonging—values that echo Southwark 2030's commitment to stronger communities. By offering free or low-cost participation, the programme ensures that every child, regardless of background can access opportunity and hope for the future. It meets both local and borough-wide priorities for equality, inclusion, and sustainable skills development. Project Aims and Objectives Overall Aim: To empower young people aged 10–16 with essential digital, scientific and creative	

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			skills through weekly, community-based STEAM sessions, fostering confidence, inclusion and sustainable innovation in line with Southwark 2030 and Southwark Stands Together. Specific Objectives: 1. Develop digital and scientific literacy through coding, robotics, and practical experimentation. 2. Promote sustainability and innovation*aligning with Southwark 2030's "green" priority, by exploring renewable energy and eco-tech solutions. 3. Encourage creativity and problem-solving by integrating art, design and science into every activity. 4. Foster inclusion and representation supporting Southwark Stands Together's vision of equity and opportunity for all. 5. Build teamwork, leadership and confidence through collaborative challenges. 6. Inspire future pathways in education, apprenticeships and creative industries. Expected Outcomes: Increased confidence and competence using technology. Positive attitudes toward sustainability and community problem-solving. Visible participation of under-represented groups in STEAM. Stronger community links through family engagement and public showcases. Project Description and Delivery Plan The Tech Club Weekly Sessions will run throughout the academic year, offering 36	

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			sessions of 90 minutes each. Every session combines short lessons with practical, team-based projects. Session format: 10 min – Welcome and recap 15 min – Mini-lesson or demonstration 50 min – Hands-on creation and teamwork * 10 min – Reflection and feedback * 5 min – Next steps and tidy-up The year is organised into six thematic 6-week blocks. Coding and Game Design Participants will learn fundamental coding through Scratch and MakeCode, creating mini-games and interactive stories. They will understand loops, logic and debugging, building confidence in computational thinking. Robotics and Engineering Using microcontrollers such as micro:bit, young people will design and build simple robots or control systems. Projects will include line-following vehicles and automated sensors, linking digital logic to physical design. Green Technology and Sustainability This block directly supports **Southwark 2030's "green" objective**, encouraging participants to use technology for environmental good—designing solar cookers,	

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			moisture monitors, or small energy-saving devices. Discussions will connect local sustainability issues with global challenges. Food Technology and the Science of Cooking Participants explore the chemistry and creativity of food: emulsions, fermentation, nutrition and innovation. Activities teach measurement, observation and safety while highlighting health and environmental awareness. Science and Maker Innovation This module nurtures creativity across engineering and science. Projects like paper circuits, rubber-band cars and egg-drop experiments teach design thinking and resilience. Community Showcase Participants form small teams to design a final project in their favourite strand. The year concludes with a community showcase attended by families, volunteers and local partners, celebrating achievement and building civic pride—echoing Southwark 2030's vision of stronger neighbourhoods. Delivery Model Sessions will be led by a qualified STEAM educator supported by volunteers. The approach will be experiential, inclusive and flexible to different learning styles. All facilitators will be DBS-checked and trained in safeguarding and equality, in line with **Southwark Stands Together's inclusive standards. Accessibility and Inclusion	

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			The club will: Welcome young people of all abilities. Offer low or no-cost participation to ensure fairness. Represent Southwark's diverse community in staffing and role models. Provide adapted materials for different learning needs. Encourage girls and under-represented groups in STEAM. This inclusive approach mirrors the borough's **anti-racism and equality objectives**, ensuring every participant feels seen, valued and supported. Expected Outcomes and Impact Educational Outcomes Improved digital literacy, coding and scientific understanding. Broader knowledge of sustainability and innovation. Real-world problem-solving and design experience. Skills transferable to schoolwork and future study. Personal and Social Outcomes Greater self-confidence, communication and leadership. Enhanced teamwork and empathy through collaboration. A safe and positive space for young people to express creativity. Increased motivation and aspirations for the future.	

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			Community Outcomes Stronger local connections through shared activities and showcases. Parents and residents engaged in celebrating youth achievement. Local volunteers trained and empowered to deliver future sessions. Contribution to Southwark 2030's vision of connected, inclusive communities. Long-Term Impact Participants will leave the club as confident digital citizens who understand sustainability and community contribution. Over time, alumni will mentor new participants, creating a cycle of learning and leadership. By embedding inclusion and fairness, the Tech Club helps realise the **Southwark Stands Together pledge**: breaking barriers, promoting opportunity and enabling every young person to fulfil their potential. Monitoring and Evaluation Monitoring and evaluation will ensure accountability, learning and improvement. Data and tools: Baseline and end-of-programme surveys tracking changes in confidence, skills and aspirations. Attendance and engagement records. Facilitator observations and participant journals. Parent and volunteer feedback.	

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			Evidence from showcases (photos, videos, participant presentations). Indicators of success: 80% consistent attendance. Measurable improvement in digital confidence. Positive feedback from participants and families. Visible representation of diverse groups in leadership and participation. Clear alignment with borough outcomes on inclusion and opportunity. Findings will be summarised in an end-of-year report shared with local stakeholders and Southwark Council partners. Learning will also be used to refine future programming and to demonstrate contribution to Southwark 2030 performance goals on youth empowerment and lifelong learning. Sustainability and Future Plans The Tech Club is built for long-term community benefit. Its design reflects **Southwark 2030's call for local, community-led initiatives** that give residents ownership and voice. Volunteer Development: By training local volunteers and alumni, the club ensures skills and knowledge remain in the community. Over time, young leaders will co-facilitate sessions, fostering peer mentoring and leadership.	

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Ref.	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
			Partnerships: Collaboration with schools, colleges and local organisations will sustain momentum, share resources and open pathways for participants into further learning. Partnerships with local businesses and creative industries will provide mentoring and real-world links to employment—fulfilling the 2030 goal of building a fair and thriving economy Community Ownership: Annual showcases will celebrate success, attract new members, and strengthen community pride. Families will be encouraged to volunteer, building multi-generational engagement and a sense of belonging that aligns with Southwark Stands Together's commitment to unity and shared purpose. Resource Re-use: Equipment purchased for robotics, coding and science will be reused annually, reducing waste and promoting sustainability. Each cohort will inherit tools and materials, creating continuity and stewardship. Legacy Within three years, the Tech Club aims to expand to multiple age groups and neighbourhood hubs, offering advanced pathways in coding, design and innovation. All learning materials and session plans will be made open-source, enabling replication across Southwark and contributing to borough-wide youth development. Safeguarding and Inclusion The wellbeing and safety of all participants will remain paramount. All facilitators and volunteers will complete DBS checks and safeguarding training, and	

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			clear policies will be in place for risk assessment, data protection, and incident reporting. The club will embody Southwark Stands Together's inclusive ethos by: Ensuring activities reflect cultural diversity and equality of opportunity. Celebrating difference through inclusive examples, imagery and role models. Establishing ground rules of respect, kindness and collaboration. Providing a safe environment where all voices are heard. Regular parental communication will include updates, consent for photographs, and invitations to participate in club activities. Through its inclusive structure and positive culture, the Tech Club will become a beacon for anti-racist, inclusive community learning** within the borough. The Tech Club Weekly Sessions for Young People** embodies the spirit of Southwark 2030 and *Southwark Stands Together. It is fair, green, inclusive and community-driven. By providing accessible, engaging after-school STEAM training, the project equips 15 young people each year with vital skills for the future—coding, creativity, critical thinking and collaboration. It offers a pathway from curiosity to capability and from participation to leadership. In doing so, it contributes to a fairer Southwark where opportunity is shared; a greener Southwark where sustainability is understood; and a stronger Southwark, where community connection thrives. It also strengthens the borough's anti-racism and equality commitments ensuring that every child can participate fully in shaping tomorrow's world.	

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Ref.	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
			The Tech Club turns aspiration into action. It gives our young people the space, support and inspiration to build, explore and innovate—together.	
3354 (application withdrawn)	Living Bankside	Folajimi Day	Remembering and celebrating Folajimi on Folajimi Day and promoting his selfless legacy	£ 5,000
3357	Bizzie Bodies CIC	TECH SOUTHWARK	FAMILY COMMUNITY STEAM, AI AND DIGITAL INCLUSION EVENTS 1. Project Summary The Family Community STEAM, AI and Digital Inclusion Events will bring together children, parents, carers, and residents for a series of five community learning festivals during school holidays across the year. Each five-day event will offer engaging, hands-on activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics, Artificial Intelligence and Digital Inclusion. Families will explore coding, robotics, AI-powered creativity, food technology, green tech and digital skills — learning together through discovery and play. These free or low-cost events will open up access to technology, creativity, and sustainability for everyone, regardless of background or ability. The programme contributes directly to Southwark 2030's vision of a fairer, greener and more connected borough where everyone can live a good life, and embodies Southwark Stands Together's commitment to inclusion, equality and representation. By the end of the year, hundreds of local residents will have learned new digital and	£ 5,000

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			scientific skills, strengthened family relationships, and built pride in their community. Each event will finish with a Family Science and Innovation Showcase, celebrating what families have achieved together and inspiring future participation. 2. Background and Evidence of Need Across Southwark, families consistently identify the need for accessible, affordable learning and recreation during school holidays. Many parents wish to help their children engage with digital tools and science but lack confidence, equipment or opportunities. The digital divide remains a concern: some households have limited internet access or devices, leaving both adults and young people at risk of exclusion in an increasingly online world. The rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) also presents both opportunity and challenge — while AI tools can enhance creativity and learning, families need guidance and safe spaces to explore them responsibly. The Southwark 2030 Strategy prioritises fairness, opportunity, and sustainability. It calls for investment in digital inclusion, community learning and green innovation. The borough aims to ensure no one is left behind as technology transforms daily life. The Southwark Stands Together initiative commits the borough to tackling inequalities and ensuring every resident, regardless of ethnicity, income or background, can access opportunity and feel they belong. The Family Community STEAM, AI and Digital Inclusion Events answer these needs directly by: Giving families equal access to technology and AI education.	

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Ref.	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
			Promoting sustainability and creativity through practical science and design. Creating inclusive spaces where cultural diversity and collaboration are celebrated. Providing safe digital environments where families learn about online safety, AI ethics and digital wellbeing. Local consultations show parents are eager for family-friendly, community-based science events that are both fun and educational. Children are naturally curious about AI, robotics, and science experiments but rarely get the chance to explore these with their families. By embedding AI, coding, science, and sustainability in community festivals, this project turns the ambitions of Southwark 2030 and Southwark Stands Together into everyday learning opportunities. 3. Project Aims and Objectives Overall Aim: To empower Southwark families through inclusive, hands-on experiences in STEAM, AI and digital technology — building skills, confidence, and community connections in line with Southwark 2030 and Southwark Stands Together. Specific Objectives: Promote digital inclusion by providing families with free access to devices, internet and guided learning in coding, AI tools, and digital creativity. Increase science literacy through fun experiments that connect to real-life issues such as food, health, and the environment.	

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			Build understanding of AI — what it is, how it works, and how to use it responsibly and creatively. Encourage sustainability and innovation, aligning with Southwark 2030's green priorities. Strengthen family relationships through shared learning and teamwork. Champion diversity and representation, advancing Southwark Stands Together's commitment to equality. Outcomes: Families gain practical skills in coding, AI, robotics and science. Parents report greater confidence using technology. Children show increased curiosity, teamwork and problem-solving. Communities become more connected through shared learning experiences. Local volunteers and mentors develop new leadership skills. 4. Project Description and Delivery Plan Programme Overview The project will run five separate five-day events across the year, coinciding with school holidays (February half-term, Easter, summer, October half-term, and December). Each event will welcome approximately 20–30 participants per day, combining children, parents and carers. Each day runs 10 a.m.–3 p.m. and includes: Morning: Practical STEAM or AI workshop	

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			Lunch & Social Time: Shared meal to encourage connection Afternoon: Creative or design challenge and reflection Event Themes 1. AI & Digital Discovery Week (February) Families learn how AI powers everyday life — from voice assistants to image generators. Activities include: “How AI Thinks” experiments (pattern recognition, logic puzzles) Creating digital art using AI tools safely Coding chatbots with guided templates Family discussion: ethics, bias and fairness in AI This week directly supports Southwark 2030’s “Fair Future” goal, ensuring residents understand and benefit from emerging technologies rather than being excluded by them. 2. Family Food & Science Festival (Easter) Exploring the chemistry of cooking and the science of nutrition: Fun experiments: yeast, fermentation, emulsions Safe cooking and hygiene Designing “smart recipes” using spreadsheets or AI meal planners Discussing sustainable eating and food waste Supports good health, wellbeing, and green living under Southwark 2030. 3. Green Tech Summer Lab (July/August)	

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			Families explore technology for a sustainable future Building simple solar ovens and mini wind turbines Using sensors to monitor soil moisture or temperature Designing eco-inventions in small teams Coding micro:bit data loggers to record environmental data Encourages practical action for Southwark 2030's green ambitions while teaching digital skills. 4. Robotics, Coding & Maker Week (October) Hands-on engineering for all ages: Building and programming simple robots or mechanical devices Coding motion and light patterns Team challenges ("Rescue Robot" or "Rubbish Sorter") Introduction to AI-controlled movement Links directly to Southwark's goal of digital opportunity for every resident. 5. Winter Wonder Tech & Science Fair (December) Celebration of creativity and community: Families design light displays using circuits Create digital animations or AI-generated festive scene Science experiments themed on colour, snow and temperature Final Community Showcase — a public exhibition of projects and performances Brings together all the year's learning in a joyful, inclusive event promoting connection, belonging and pride.	

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			Facilitation and Approach Delivery Team: Qualified STEAM educators, supported by local volunteers and digital mentors. Pedagogy: “Learn by doing” — hands-on, curiosity-driven activities adaptable for all ages. Accessibility: Step-by-step guides, visual aids and bilingual resources. Inclusion: Representation of Southwark’s diversity among facilitators and materials. Safeguarding: DBS-checked staff, risk assessments, allergy-aware Food Tech sessions. Each event creates an environment where families learn together, share ideas, and see technology as something they can shape — not something that happens to them. 5. Expected Outcomes and Impact Educational Outcomes Improved understanding of AI and its responsible use. Increased digital literacy for both adults and children. Practical experience of coding, robotics, and applied science. Familiarity with online safety, data ethics, and sustainability. Family & Social Outcomes Strengthened relationships through shared activities. Parents gain confidence supporting children’s learning. Reduced isolation, especially among single parents or newcomers.	

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			Families discover new friendships and networks. Community Outcomes Celebration of Southwark's cultural diversity through collaborative learning. Development of local volunteers and digital champions More residents equipped to participate in the digital economy. Promotion of sustainability and innovation across the borough. Strategic Alignment Southwark 2030 Fair: Removing barriers to learning; equal access to digital tools. Green: Families building eco-devices and understanding environmental science. Connected: Community showcases linking residents, schools, and organisations. Learning Borough: Fostering lifelong learning for all ages. Southwark Stands Together Equality: Inclusive participation from all ethnic and social backgrounds. Anti-racism in action: Diverse role models and fair representation. Belonging: Families working side by side, celebrating difference. These events transform borough strategies into lived experiences of fairness, learning and unity. 6. Monitoring and Evaluation A clear evaluation framework will capture both quantitative and qualitative outcomes. Data Collection	

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Ref.	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
			Registration records (age, postcode, ethnicity, disability) to track inclusivity. Pre- and post-event surveys on confidence, digital skills and sense of belonging. Facilitator observations of teamwork, creativity and engagement. Feedback walls and digital forms during showcases. Parent interviews and testimonials. Success Indicators 80% of participants report improved confidence using digital tools. 70% of families indicate greater interest in science and technology. 90% say the events strengthened family connection. Evidence of ongoing engagement (e.g., families joining local clubs or volunteering). An annual Impact Report will be shared with Southwark Council and community partners, demonstrating contribution to Southwark 2030 outcomes and Southwark Stands Together goals. 7. Sustainability and Legacy The Family Community STEAM, AI and Digital Inclusion Events are designed for longevity and community ownership. Volunteer Development: Parents and young adults will receive training as community digital mentors, ensuring skills remain local. Over time, volunteers can lead parts of sessions, supporting sustainability.	

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			Partnerships: Collaboration with local schools, libraries, and tech organisations will strengthen reach and share resources. Local businesses may provide equipment or mentors as part of corporate social responsibility. Resource Re-use and Environment: All devices and kits (micro:bits, laptops, craft materials) will be reused. Science and AI projects will incorporate recycling, upcycling and low-waste principles, reflecting Southwark 2030's sustainability goals. Digital Legacy: A simple online hub will store tutorials, AI safety guides and family project ideas. Families can continue learning from home, improving digital inclusion long after each event. Community Growth: Each year will culminate in a borough-wide Family STEAM & AI Fair, showcasing projects from all five events. This celebration will inspire new families to join and create a cycle of learning, inclusion, and community pride. 8. Safeguarding and Inclusion Safeguarding is fundamental. All facilitators and volunteers will be: Enhanced DBS-checked and safeguarding trained.	

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			Briefed on first aid, risk management and digital safety. Required to follow a clear code of conduct. Inclusion measures include: Gender-balanced facilitation teams and diverse mentors. Activities accessible for different abilities and learning styles. Culturally responsive content celebrating Southwark's communities. Translation support and visual guides for non-English speakers. Safe digital practice — teaching families how to protect data and use AI responsibly. This framework upholds Southwark Stands Together's values: equality, respect and opportunity for all. 9. Conclusion The Family Community STEAM, AI and Digital Inclusion Events offer a bold, inclusive vision for community learning. They bring science, creativity, and digital opportunity to the heart of Southwark's neighbourhoods — empowering families to learn, connect and innovate together. Through five vibrant holiday festivals, residents will explore the worlds of science, sustainability and artificial intelligence, discovering that technology and creativity belong to everyone. Children will gain inspiration for the future; parents will gain confidence and pride; communities will grow stronger and more connected. This initiative makes Southwark 2030 and Southwark Stands Together real — transforming policy into practice.	

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			It delivers fairness through digital inclusion, nurtures green thinking through sustainable science, and celebrates togetherness through shared learning. The result is a borough where families learn side by side, technology serves community, and every resident can take part in shaping a fairer, smarter and more connected Southwark.	

Meeting Name:	Bermondsey Neighbourhood Community Meeting
Date:	11 th March 2026
Report title:	Devolved Highways Budget 2026-27: Capital Funding Allocation (Bermondsey Neighbourhood)
Ward(s) or groups affected:	North Bermondsey and South Bermondsey
Classification:	Open
Reason for lateness (if applicable):	N/A
From:	Head of Highways & Sustainable Transport Policy

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Bermondsey Neighbourhood Community Meeting:

1. Approves the reallocation of £3,095 comprising of underspent funds carried forward from previous years underspend, current-year programme underspend and project cancellations within the current programme to the 2026-27 DHB budget for Bermondsey Neighbourhood;
2. Approves the allocation of £76,190 for the 2026-27 Devolved Highways Budget ("DHB") programme from the programmed capital expenditure over the ten-year period 2019-20 to 2028-29, as well as the funds reallocated under (1), to the list of applications set out in Appendix 1 of this report within the Bermondsey Neighbourhood ("Funded Projects");
3. Notes the total available funds for allocation by the Bermondsey Neighbourhood in the 2026-27 financial year is £79,285.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. Bermondsey Neighbourhood Community Meeting has the authority to approve the allocation of funds for the DHB programme to projects within the Bermondsey Neighbourhood area using the resources and criteria identified by Cabinet, pursuant to Part 3H of the council's constitution.
5. The Bermondsey Neighbourhood area is made up of North Bermondsey ward and South Bermondsey 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. Funding is allocated to Neighbourhood areas based on a per councillor

calculation.¹

8. The DHB programme is allocated £800,000 each year from the total annual non-principal road investment programme to be spent by Neighbourhood areas on their priorities for highway renewal and maintenance that may not be prioritised as part of the borough-wide programme.
9. The scope of the DHB 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:
 - Footway and carriageway resurfacing.
 - Traffic calming.
 - Localised repairs.
 - Accessibility improvements.
 - Footway buildouts.
 - Cycle hangars.
10. The DHB programme is one of three programmes where funding is allocated through the Neighbourhood Community Meetings.
11. The additional programmes are the Neighbourhoods Fund which funds revenue activity and the Cleaner, Greener, Safer programme which funds project ideas from local organisations and individuals who live or work in Southwark, which improve their local area.
12. The application process for funding was revised this year so that a single application form was used for all three programmes. Once applications were received, officers reviewed and allocated them to the appropriate programme
13. This combined process is known as the Neighbourhood Grants.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

14. There is £76,190 available for the 2026-27 DHB programme for new projects in the Bermondsey Neighbourhood area.
15. There is £3,095 in additional funding from previous years' underspend, current programme underspend and current programme project cancellations.

Policy framework implications

16. The DHB 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

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](#)

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.

17. 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

18. As part of the application process the local community is able to propose ideas for projects to be funded by the DHB programme. This has a positive impact in terms of the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process.
19. An explicit objective within Neighbourhood Community areas 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 DHB programme is an important tool in achieving community participation.
20. 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.
21. Officers 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

22. The Public Sector Equality Duty ("PSED") is set out at section 149 of the 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 people 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.
23. The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

24. Ideas for DHB projects come from the local community, the majority via a simple project nomination form available in electronic 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.
25. 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 be addressed by specific targeted outreach.
26. Decisions on funding are agreed by ward councillors with specific consideration given to the needs of individual wards and feedback from the community. Funding for DHB projects is equal across all wards ensuring that the opportunity is the same for all parts of the borough.
27. At this stage, no specific projects have been funded so the allocation of funds for the DHB 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.
28. Officers will also look at the range of areas where grants are allocated, gather information for analysis where possible and look at how the council can improve allocation in relation to specific needs across the borough.
29. A process of continuous improvement is in place to ensure that officers improve data collection and analysis in the future and use this to reach groups identified as missing or hard to reach.

Health impact statement

30. There are no direct health implications as a result of the allocation of funds for the DHB programme. However, the following health benefits are expected from the Funded Projects based on the types of projects normally funded via the DHB Programme.
31. 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.
32. Increased ownership over community public realm – this helps people within the community join together around a project, supporting connected and cohesive communities.
33. 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:
 1. improve mental wellbeing by increasing access to the outdoors and nature, improve mental and physical wellbeing by improving street

- space and encouraging active travel;
- 2. improved access to affordable and secure cycle parking which should contribute to less congestion and air pollution locally;
- 3. tree planting and green spaces may help to reduce or disperse air pollution, supporting people's physical health; and
- 4. improved street lighting can improve safety and reduce the chances of crime or anti-social behaviour.

Climate change implications

- 34. The allocation of funds for the DHB 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 align with the themes set out within the Climate Action Plan which was adopted in September 2025.
- 35. Specific actions addressed by projects funded via the DHB programme include:
 - Action 11: Encourage sustainable transport options to reduce emissions from vehicles
 - Action 14: Plant and maintain more trees
 - Action 15: Enhance our streets and green spaces to increase biodiversity
 - Action 21: Work with residents, local groups and partners to support climate friendly behaviours.
 - Action 24: Collaborate with our communities and partners to take climate action and improve resilience
- 36. By allocating the funds to the Funded Projects, the council is investing in community-led projects that reduce carbon emissions 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 facilities through this scheme will help residents' transition towards active travel, reducing their reliance on motor vehicles.
- 38. These types of projects are common across all Neighbourhood areas.
- 39. With all DHB spending decisions, potential carbon impact is considered 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. 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 2026-27 DHB programme.²
42. All professional fees related to the project are also treated as the capital costs of the project.
43. The total expenditure and sources of funding for the scheme will be monitored and reported as part of the overall Capital Programme.

Consultation

44. No consultation has taken place and will not take place in the future.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance (CM 24.02.26)

45. Bermondsey Neighbourhood Community Meeting has the delegated authority to approve the allocation of funds for the DHB programme to projects within the Bermondsey Neighbourhood under Part 3H of the council's constitution.
46. The Bermondsey Neighbourhood Community Meeting 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. At this stage, no specific projects are being funded so the allocation of funds for the DHB Programme is not considered by the report author to have any adverse effects.
47. 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 climate change implications section above.

Strategic Director of Resources (CAP25/098)

48. The Strategic Director of Resources (SDR) notes the recommendation to the Bermondsey Neighbourhood Community Meeting to approve the reallocation of £3,095 from previous years' underspend, current programme underspend

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

and project cancellations to the 2026–27 Devolved Highways Budget (DHB) for the Bermondsey Neighbourhood.

49. The SDR further notes the recommendation to approve £76,190 from the programmed capital expenditure within the council's ten-year capital programme (2019–20 to 2028–29) for the 2026–27 DHB programme, in order to support delivery of the projects set out in Appendix 1.
50. The SDR also notes that the total available funding for allocation by the Bermondsey Neighbourhood in 2026–27 is £79,285, and confirms that this funding is contained within the existing approved capital programme.
51. Officers' time and any associated costs required to implement these recommendations will be managed within existing departmental budgets and do not create additional revenue pressures.

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, Sustainability and Leisure / 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, Sustainability and Leisure / 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, Sustainability and Leisure / Highways 160 Tooley Street	Tobias Allen 020 7525 3197
Link: Streets for People strategy 2023-30 by Southwark Council - Issue		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	All Bermondsey Neighbourhood Applications 2026-27
Appendix 2	Bermondsey Neighbourhood funding

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Dr Polyvios Polyviou, Head of Highways and Sustainable Transport Policy		
Report Author	Tobias Allen, Transport Projects Engineer		
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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		No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team			TBC

Appendix 1

Bermondsey Neighbourhood Area

Devolved Highways Capital Investment programme 2026/27: Applications

Reference	Proposal Name	Ward	Programme
2294	George Row Planting Beds	North Bermondsey	Highways
2540	Farthing Alley Improvements	North Bermondsey	Highways
2917	Jamaica Road Pocket Park	North Bermondsey	Highways
2923	Greening Farthing Alley	North Bermondsey	Highways
3350	Build-outs for Trees and SUDS	South Bermondsey	Highways

Appendix 2
Unalloacted 2026/27 Devolved Highways Funding
Bermondsey Neighbourhood

Ward	Unallocated Funding
North Bermondsey	£0
South Bermondsey	£3,095
Total	£3,095

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