

Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood Community Meeting

Tuesday 10 March 2026

6.00 pm

Blackfriars Settlement, 1 Rushworth St, London SE1 0RB

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

Althea Loderick

Chief Executive

Date: 2 March 2026



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Date: 2 March 2026

Meeting Name:	Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood Community Meeting
Date:	10 March 2026
Report title:	Cleaner Greener Safer 2026-27: Capital Funding Allocation (Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood)
Ward(s) or groups affected:	St George, Borough and Bankside, Chaucer, London Bridge and West Bermondsey
Classification:	Open
Reason for lateness (if applicable):	N/A
From:	Head of Highways & Sustainable Transport Policy

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood Community Meeting:

1. Approves the reallocation of £52,856 comprising 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 Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood;
2. Approves the allocation of funds of £234,400 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 Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood (“Funded Projects”);
3. Notes the total available funds for allocation by the Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood in the 2026-27 financial year is £ 287,156.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood Community Meeting has the authority to approve the allocation of funds for the CGS programme to projects within the Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood area using the resources and criteria identified by Cabinet, pursuant to Part 3H of the council’s constitution.
5. The Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood area is made up of St George ward, Borough and Bankside ward, Chaucer ward and London Bridge and West 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

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 that have been funded include:
 - Parks, community gardens, landscaping, tree planting, and wildlife areas;
 - Children’s playgrounds, youth facilities, ball courts, and cycle tracks;
 - Lighting, security measures, pavements, streets, and tackling ‘grot spots;’ and Grants to local groups to self-deliver projects.
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 £234,300 available for the 2026-27 CGS programme for new projects in the Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood area.
15. There is £ 52,856 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

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

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

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

area cleaner, greener or safer. Proposals with revenue costs, including salaries, costs for events, festivals, workshops or other one-off events are not eligible for CGS programme funding. CCTV proposals and internal improvements to housing, property and works on schools where there is no access to the public are also not eligible. Works on private property are not eligible unless there is a long-term guarantee of public access or a demonstrable public benefit.

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 from 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 Borough and London Bridge 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 (ESL25/133)

56. This report seeks approval for the allocation of **£287,156** of funds (**£234,300 new allocation + £52,856 reallocated**) for the 2026–27 Cleaner Greener Safer (CGS) programme in the Borough and London Bridge 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 Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood Applications 2026-27

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Polyvios 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
2048	Borough & Bankside
2062	Borough & Bankside
2189	Borough & Bankside
2191	Borough & Bankside
2402	Borough & Bankside
2679	Borough & Bankside
2700	Borough & Bankside
2707	Borough & Bankside
2893	Borough & Bankside
2922	Borough & Bankside
2938	Borough & Bankside
3009	Borough & Bankside
3068	Borough & Bankside
3087	Borough & Bankside
3138	Borough & Bankside
3195	Borough & Bankside
3218	Borough & Bankside
3221	Borough & Bankside
3302	Borough & Bankside
3362	Borough & Bankside
2305	Chaucer
2424	Chaucer
2441	Chaucer
2747	Chaucer
2753	Chaucer
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3083	Chaucer
3084	Chaucer
3088	Chaucer
3095	Chaucer
3130	Chaucer
3151	Chaucer
3217	Chaucer

3330 Chaucer
3381 Chaucer
2099 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
2205 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
2207 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
2345 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
2467 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
2572 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
2629 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
2641 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
2691 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
2777 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
2852 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
2909 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
3073 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
3182 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
3205 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
3215 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
3244 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
3282 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
3290 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
3318 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
3335 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
3570 London Bridge & West Bermondsey
2093 St. George's
2440 St. George's
2471 St. George's
2501 St. George's
2756 St. George's
3225 St. George's
3237 St. George's

Request Title

The Bittern House Raised Beds Project
 Turning the Disused Washroom at Lant House into a Community Room
 Safe & Colourful Resurfacing of the Playground Opposite Lant House
 Restoration and Greening of the Sheds Opposite Lant House
 Redman House Greening and Biodiversity Project
 Perkins Square Playground Makeover
 Lant Estate Cleaner's Room Refurbishment
 Lant Estate TRA Office and Meeting Room
 Safe Garden community grow Project
 Garden on Surrey Row/Blackfriars Road
 Southwark Street Stories, Art on our Streets.
 Bittern House Rain Garden and Community Herb Project
 Improvements and repairs for Mint Street Park stage
 Mint St Park improvement project
 Renewing the Lant House Community playground equipment for babies and toddlers
 Cathedral/Minerva Square Greening
 Courage Garden Top Up
 Lant House Community Gym (indoor)
 Pattison and Babington House Greening
 Cleaning & Greening Gatehouse Square
 Allotment Entrance gate extension and boundary improvement
 Alice Street Alleyway Security Gate (SE1)
 Interpretation board for St George's Churchyard
 Eliminate hedge between two playgrounds in Tabard Gardens
 Hankey Place Gardens derelict hut removal
 Huberd House Bike shed
 Rockingham Estate Fruit and Biodiversity Planting
 Rockingham Estate Sustainable Water Storage System
 REPLACEMENT OF OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENTS
 Brotherhood Peace Garden (London)
 Refreshing Falmouth Road Park
 Long Lane Playground planting refresh
 Greening of Haddonhall TMO
 Regeneration of Tabard Gardens Playground
 Installation of a bicycle storage unit
 HADDONHALL ESTATE PATHWAY REPAIR AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
 Recycling Bin Storage Area
 RENOVATION OF HADDONHALL COMMUNITY ROOM
 Installation of Parking Bollards at Tabard House
 REPAIRS AND RESURFACING OF THE ROADS WITHIN HADDONHALL ESTATE
 Refreshing Planters at Tabard, Huberd, Rochester, and Harbledown Houses
 IMPROVEMENT OF THE DISUSED BALL COURT AREA ON HADDONHALL ESTATE
 Play for All: Revitalising the Tabard Park Playground
 Albert Barnes House Backyard Gate Repair and Replace
 Smiling Coast Limited - Southwark Greening & Community Garden Transformation Project

Improving Swan Street Dog Park
Sheffield stands for Rockingham estate
Helping hands - physical items only (see also 3573 community beach trip revenue app)
Tooley Street Blooms
Greener and Safer 2 Fair Street and St Olaves Estates (lighting and greening)
Kipling Wildlife Area
Interpretation Board for Christys' Walk
A Quieter Life Please - Phase One
Security (Tanner House)
Dog Turd Alley to Happy Valley
Queen Elizabeth Gardens Information Board
A Little Bit of Green
Community garden gates for the Snowfields estate SE1 3SX
Greening Our Estates – Building Community through Shared Gardening
Smartening up our estate entrance
Playground Challenge- Part 2!
Bananas About Kipling
Kipling Roof Garden Workshop
Greener Together: Snowfields School and Estates Sustainability Project
Two Towers TMC Community Gardens and Bicycle Storage Project - garden only (see also 3570)
St Olaves Estate Greening
Greening of Tanner House
Fatmata Kamara Community Project: From Grot Spots to Green Havens in Southwark SE1 3QU
Two Towers TMC Community Gardens and Bicycle Storage Project - Bicycle Storage Only (see also 3282)
Cooper Close environmental improvements
Diversity Garden Rebuild
Reducing Anti Social Behaviour and Drug Dealing through improved lighting and layout in St George's Garden Pocket
Webber and Quentin Playspace and Locker Estate Investment
Traffic calming barriers
All Things Bright And Beautiful Community Garden
Reducing fly tipping through installing fencing

: Park

Meeting Name:	Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood Community Meeting
Date:	10 March 2026
Report title:	Allocation of Neighbourhood Grants 2026-27 (Neighbourhoods Fund)
Ward(s) or groups affected:	Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood area including: Borough and Bankside ward Chaucer ward London Bridge and West Bermondsey ward St Georges ward
Classification:	Open
Reason for lateness (if applicable):	N/A
From:	Director of Stronger Neighbourhoods

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood Community Meeting allocates a total of £110,000 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 grant.
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 Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood comprises the Borough and Bankside, Chaucer, London Bridge and West Bermondsey and St Georges 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 Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood NsF budget will in the main, affect the people living in the Borough and London Bridge Area. However, in making the area a better place to live and improving life chances for local people, the Borough and London Bridge 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 Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood NsF has been allocated a total of £110,000 for 2026-27.
35. It is recommended that Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood set aside some unallocated funds in order to prevent an over allocation of funds, as well as to act as a contingency from which urgent or incidental requests can be funded throughout the year.

Consultation

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/20260210)

37. This report is recommending that the Neighbourhood meeting approve the allocation of monies from the NsF 2026-27 for the Borough and London Bridge 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.
43. 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 (ESL25/161)

44. 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 £110,000 should be awarded to the Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood Community.
45. 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
Allocation of Neighbourhoods Fund 2025-26	Environment, Sustainability & Leisure. 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Danielle Simpson, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator 0207 525 1876
Neighbourhoods Fund 2026/27 – Funding information	Environment, Sustainability & Leisure, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH (attach web link)	Danielle Simpson, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator 0207 525 1876

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood NsF Applications 2026-27

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Forid Ahmed, Neighbourhoods Manager
Report Author	Danielle Simpson, Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood Co-ordinator
Version	Draft
Dated	4 th 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 Finance	Yes	Yes
Strategic Director of Environment, Sustainability & Leisure	No	No
Cabinet member		
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team		23 rd February 2025

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2063	The Lant and Bittern Streets TRA	Lant & Bittern Streets TRA Community Events Programme 2026	<p>Executive Summary</p> <p>The Lant & Bittern Streets TRA is applying to the Neighbourhoods Fund to deliver two major resident-led community events in 2026:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. June 2026 – Community Garden Party 2. December 2026 – Christmas Wreath-Making and Festive Celebration <p>These events will bring residents together across all four blocks of the estate (Lant, Bittern, Trundle, and Redman Houses), promote social connection, and provide opportunities for creativity, wellbeing, and celebration. Funding is requested to cover food, drink, marquee and equipment hire, live music, and wreath-making materials. These events will directly benefit over 300 residents, strengthen community ties, and promote wellbeing, creativity, and estate pride. They represent excellent value for money and a practical step towards Southwark Council's 2030 vision of thriving, resilient neighbourhoods</p> <p>Project Background and Need</p> <p>The Lant Estate is home to a diverse population including families with young children, older residents, and working adults. While the TRA has been very active in improving the estate, residents have limited opportunities to come together socially on a large scale.</p> <p>In 2025, the TRA organised its first ever Mayor's Community Weekend Celebration. This event, held in the Lant House garden, included live Irish</p>	10000

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			<p>music, planting workshops with Bankside Open Spaces Trust, and food and refreshments provided by local partners such as Gail's Bakery and The Libertine. The event was a resounding success and demonstrated residents' strong appetite for high-quality, inclusive community activities.</p> <p>Residents have since asked for these celebrations to continue on a regular basis. The Neighbourhoods Fund will enable the TRA to provide two annual events in 2026, ensuring the community feels included, valued, and proud of where they live.</p> <p>Project Details</p> <p>June 2026 – Community Garden Party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Lant House Garden and surrounding outdoor spaces. • Activities: Live music, shared food and drink, planting demonstrations, children's activities, and opportunities for residents to socialise across generations. • Infrastructure: Marquee, tables, chairs, sound system, and decorations. • Attendance: 150–200 residents expected. <p>December 2026 – Christmas Wreath-Making and Festive Celebration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Lant House Garden with marquee cover and heating. • Activities: Guided wreath-making workshops using natural and sustainable materials, festive refreshments, decorations, and music. 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure: Marquee, craft materials, tables, chairs, and lighting. • Attendance: 100–150 residents expected. <p>Community Engagement and Support</p> <p>The project has strong support across the estate and from local stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRA: The Lant & Bittern Streets TRA has formally endorsed this proposal and will lead delivery. • Residents: Feedback at meetings has been very positive, with residents asking specifically for both a summer and a winter celebration. • Council Officers: On an estate walkabout, Jemma Dixon (Resident Services Officer) and Myles (Head of Maintenance) showed enthusiasm for the TRA's ideas and recognised the value of events in building community wellbeing. • Local Councillors: Cllr Irina von Wiese, Cllr David Watson, and Cllr Victor Chamberlain have all expressed their support for this programme and for the TRA's wider work in improving the estate. <p>This breadth of support ensures the project is resident-led, achievable, and welcomed at both community and institutional levels.</p> <p>Benefits to the Community</p> <p>The two events will deliver a wide range of benefits:</p>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social cohesion: Residents will meet and form connections across age groups and cultural backgrounds. • Creativity and learning: Wreath-making workshops will provide hands-on skills using natural materials. • Wellbeing: Celebratory events with music and food will improve morale, pride, and mental health. • Inclusivity: Free activities and refreshments will ensure participation from all income levels. • Empowerment: The TRA will strengthen its ability to deliver large-scale community initiatives. <p>Expected outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 300 total attendees across the two events. • Increased TRA membership and volunteer participation. • Strong intergenerational involvement. • Positive feedback from residents in post-event surveys. <p>Alignment with Southwark 2030 Goals</p> <p>This project directly supports Southwark’s 2030 priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thriving Communities: Builds neighbourly connection and estate pride. 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Wellbeing: Encourages participation in music, craft, and outdoor celebration. • Resident Empowerment: Demonstrates residents leading their own community programme. • Sustainability: Uses natural wreath-making materials and promotes low-waste, environmentally aware activities. <p>Delivery Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March–April 2026: Funding released, planning meetings held. TRA sub-committee established. • May 2026: Confirm suppliers, performers, and marquee hire. Publicise summer event. • June 2026: Deliver Community Garden Party. Collect resident feedback. • July–October 2026: Review lessons learned, prepare for winter event. • November 2026: Order wreath-making materials, confirm marquee hire. Promote festive event. • December 2026: Deliver Christmas Wreath-Making and Festive Celebration. Collect feedback and evaluate. <p>Risk Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bad weather: Marquee hire and heating for December. 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low attendance: Strong promotion via posters, TRA meetings, Instagram, and WhatsApp. • Budget overrun: Competitive quotes, volunteer support, contingency fund. • Health and safety: Risk assessments, stewarding, and first aid provision. <p>Monitoring and Evaluation</p> <p>Success will be measured through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance numbers at both events. • Resident feedback surveys. • Increased participation in TRA activities. • Reports to councillors and Southwark Council. <p>Indicators of success:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150+ attendees at June event, 100+ at December event. • 80% of survey respondents report feeling more connected to neighbours. • Increase in TRA membership and volunteer engagement. <p>Conclusion</p> <p>The Neighbourhoods Fund offers a vital opportunity to sustain and expand</p>	

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			<p>the success of recent TRA-led community initiatives. With this funding, the Lant & Bittern Streets TRA will deliver two inclusive, creative, and joyful events in 2026: a summer garden party and a winter wreath-making celebration.</p> <p>The TRA, with strong support from residents, councillors, and officers, is well-placed to deliver these events. Funding will ensure they are safe, professional, and inclusive, providing long-lasting benefit for the Lant Estate.</p>	
2232	THE CATHEDRAL AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF SAINT SAVIOUR AND SAINT MARY OVERIE, SOUTHWARK	Southwark Cathedral community literacy hub	<p>Each year, Southwark Cathedral spotlights a different social-justice theme, which we aim to explore through a range of inclusive public and community events and activities. To coincide with the UK's National Year of Reading in 2026, next year the theme is going to be literacy.</p> <p>The Year of Reading was prompted by an alarming decline in reading for pleasure among both adults and young people in the UK: 18% of adults in England have 'very poor literacy skills', meaning they can struggle to read information from or on unfamiliar sources and topics. The consequences of this for individuals' lives can be disastrous, with low literacy correlating very strongly with both poverty and crime: two-thirds of prisoners in England and Wales have low literacy (that's four times the national average for adults). High literacy levels and reading for pleasure, in contrast, correlate strongly with cognitive progress, social and emotional wellbeing and positive social mobility.</p> <p>To promote and pursue our literacy theme, We plan to set up a free-to-access, open-to-all literacy hub that will enable the public to benefit from and enjoy a range of literacy-themed programming such as talks, story-walks, workshops, readings and performances including costumed interpretation, puppetry and story-telling.</p>	40000

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			<p>If we are successful in fundraising, the hub will deliver a year-long programme of accessible, participatory, creative and curriculum-supporting activities catering for school and community audiences (including potentially home-educating families and people with experience of the criminal justice system). Activities will engage participants about – but not be restricted to – the cathedral, its traditions, history and role, and the neighbourhood’s rich cultural, theatrical and literary heritage (which encompasses Shakespeare and his contemporary Elizabethan/Jacobean dramatists; Geoffrey Chaucher and his contemporary John Gower and the Canterbury Tales, and Charles Dickens). We also plan to deliver an inaugural children’s literature festival and use the hub to support it.</p> <p>To deliver this programme, we would coordinate with the Cathedral Learning Centre and partner with other literacy, drama, story-telling and heritage providers and venues in Bankside and the wider borough. We have initiated exploratory contact and communication with potential partners with a view to that end. Some of these partners would be organisations we have successfully collaborated with when delivering previous learning and heritage activities at the cathedral, which include the Southwark Heritage Centre and the Old Operating Theatre; but we also hope to initiate new partnerships. And the National Literacy Trust and the Open University’s Centre for Literacy and Social Justice have both indicated a desire to work with us on literacy activities more broadly across the year.</p> <p>The hub would include a new activity zone within the cathedral with soft-furnishing seating, books and activities including trails and play-based resources. We will create an area that is family-friendly and welcoming for all members of the community – no matter their age, faith, identity or status – where visitors will be able to browse, read or talk about books and enjoy drama, spoken-word and story-telling and author talks, readings and</p>	

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			<p>signing events, and which could also be used for early-years participatory activities involving our music team.</p> <p>Because the cathedral is an active place of worship with a crowded schedule of religious services, is open to everybody for free every day of the year (welcoming approximately 250,000 visitors annually in the process), and is also used for a variety of commercial purposes – including film shoots, third-party concerts and corporate events, it is essential that this zone and its fixtures and furnishings can be easily installed and moved in and out of place to work around our varied schedules of activity. This may require commissioning bespoke fittings that can work in our heritage space.</p> <p>While the potential budget for the programme is still highly speculative, we currently anticipate spending approximately £25,000 on resources and activities for the project, with those figures not including staff and organisational costs. A more detailed and precise budget will be available later in the autumn.</p>	
2234	LONDON LGBTQ1+ COMMUNITY CENTRE	A new LGBTQ+ home in Southwark	<p>ABOUT US The London LGBTQ+ Community Centre is a lifeline for London's queer community. In December 2021 we opened our first physical space in London's bankside.</p> <p>Our mission is to provide London with a sober, intersectional, intergenerational community centre and café where all LGBTQ+ people are welcome, supported, can build connections and can flourish.</p> <p>We run a one-stop shop for the entire community with intersectionality at</p>	49942

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			<p>the heart of our ethos. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A staffed hub where people find out about other services in London and be signposted towards them. Through this, we facilitate the growth of the LGBTQ+ sector in London as a whole. - A community cafe with affordable prices (£1) and a pay-it-forward system to address poverty in our community. - Free or pay-what-you-can services, events + activities tapping into the community's physical, mental and social wellbeing run by LGBTQ+ individuals, organisations + grassroots groups. <p>"We desperately need more queer owned led run venues like the Centre - it comes back to the safety and comfort and sort of supporting your own community."</p> <p>ABOUT OUR PROJECT</p> <p>Since we opened our Hopton St Centre in December 2021, we have run a consistent programme of events, offering an average of 30 events/week and our calendar gets full three to four months in advance. Consequently, we turn down about 15 people/week who want to organise an event or book the space. Thus, our need for additional space has been evident since day one.</p> <p>Last summer, we partnered with The Trampery, a purpose-led B Corp organisation that runs co-working spaces and studios in London, to jointly launch Chroma, London's newest LGBTQ+ cultural space in Bankside Yards. A 5,000 sq ft venue set across two railway arches that will include an LGBTQ+ café, a day community programme we will manage, a theater for LGBTQ+ emerging artists to do residencies and a co-working space for LGBTQ+ owned/led organisations. This collaboration will make our expansion feasible as we can use the space for free, with the exception of</p>	

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			<p>covering the increased staffing costs that our expansion will require. Thanks to Chroma, we will be able to run events we cannot host at Hopton St (e.g. performing arts), free up the calendar at Hopton St (e.g. more support-based services, new activities), try out a different business model (e.g. long-term courses, sponsored programme, increased space hire capacity), and explore new ways to collaborate with local cultural institutions (e.g. National Theatre, Shakespeare Globe).</p> <p>We are expecting to open Chroma in the late Spring of 2026.</p> <p>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8-week courses running quarterly on script writing, singing, acting/performing, dance, life drawing - all courses will work towards and 'end of year' performance for our annual fundraising event - weekly one-off workshops: an opportunity for folks to test out activities before deciding to enrol on the courses. This will also allow us to try out sessions, develop relationships with facilitators and new partners to expand our courses offer year on year <p>Our sessions will give LGBTQ+ Londoners the opportunity to try out activities in a safer space. Their creative paths could continue through Chroma's residency programme. Through collaborations with local partners like the BFI, we will increase access and representation for LGBTQ+ folks.</p> <p>Moving some of our activities from Hopton Street to Chroma (e.g. writing courses, improv), will allow us to host more support-based services and meet ups at the Centre. We are currently seeking funding for programmes for which demand is increasing but calendar available is limited like:</p>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drops ins and support for asylum seekers - Drops ins and meet ups around housing rights - More recurrent meet ups for different sections within the community - Activities for LGBTQ+ families - More one-day events / festivals like Older Queer Women day or Makers' Markets <p>BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY Thanks to Chroma we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - welcome 100 more visitors/week, around 5,000 / year at Chroma + 13,000 at Hopton Street - host 51 additional one-off sessions/year - run x4 8-week courses/quarter <p>All in all, it will develop our reputation, strengthening our position in the city to be able to influence change and build community.</p> <p>Chroma's beneficiaries & impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LGBTQ+ folks who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * want to foster their creativity * are seeking community through the arts * want to try out new art-based activities in a safer, affordable space - LGBTQ+ artists seeking to gain experience in running workshops and classes - The wider LGBTQ+ community as our Hopton Street space is freed up for new activities and services <p>As we do at our current space, we will collect feedback regularly and meet facilitators on a 1:1 basis. Our feedback focuses on how the Centre is impacting people's wellbeing and sense of belonging, which help us reiterate the need for our space and activities.</p>	

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			<p>In 2024/25 we carried out our third research project focusing on the Centre's impact on the Community's wellbeing. After three years open, we wanted to know if we were achieving our mission and what areas we should improve. The goal at Chroma will be to create a space that is as welcoming, warm and safe as our current space at Hopton Street. A proper extension of what some call 'A wholesome queer living room'.</p> <p>In line with our Hopton Street desired outcomes, we will aim to see that: 1) 70% of visitors experience an increase in their physical, mental and social wellbeing 2) 80% of community members feel an increased sense of belonging</p> <p>"You need space that isn't commercialised, that isn't your work, that isn't your home, and where you can have these, like, organic encounters with people, where you might meet the same people over and over again, [...] in that way [you] build community"</p> <p>"It's a space of solace"</p> <p>"My mental health is so much better. I don't feel isolated anymore. I'd been so disconnected from the queer community for so long it felt like I was back in the closet"</p> <p>"The most important change I have experienced as a result of visiting the Centre is more joy!!"</p>	
2262	PECKHAM A.B.C	Boxing and Fitness in the community	The project has already been successful in bringing people of all ages from the community in to one space to work together and socialize through boxing sessions run by our club. Our ages range from 17-70 years of age at present and with funding and continued support from neighbourhood funds we can continue to do our work.	7500

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			The funding supports from 3-6 hour sessions per week for a whole year where people come into a safe space and are supported to their needs the community sessions help people build relationships between each other, welcome people who are new in the area and are extremely diverse. We help people in the community both mentally and physically to become stronger. It ranges from work with weights through to technique in boxing, pad work and bag work.	
2315	Bread Ahead Bakery	Baking Belonging — Empowering Care-Experienced Young People Through Community Baking Classes	<p>Project Overview</p> <p>In the heart of Borough Market stands Bread Ahead — a world-class bakery and teaching kitchen that has become a beacon of hope for care-experienced young people in Southwark. For many, stepping into Bread Ahead was the first time they felt truly equal. Not a charity case. Not a statistic. Just young people with talent, curiosity, and dreams — welcomed into a space that treats them with dignity and excellence.</p> <p>Bread Ahead has previously opened its doors to our young people, offering baking classes that go far beyond flour and dough. These sessions have been life-changing. They've provided not only top-tier culinary training from expert bakers, but also a rare and precious sense of belonging. In a space that's clean, professional, and inspiring, our young people have found community, confidence, and joy.</p> <p>But Bread Ahead cannot sustain these exclusive classes alone. Without financial support, this opportunity — one that has already proven its power to uplift and transform — will disappear.</p> <p>Why Baking Matters — Especially for Care-Experienced Young People</p> <p>Baking is more than a skill. It's a tool for healing, empowerment, and</p>	12000

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			<p>connection — especially for young people who have grown up in care. Here's why:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="938 533 1420 560">1. Baking Builds Confidence and Control <p>Care-experienced young people often grow up in environments where decisions are made for them, not by them. Baking flips that dynamic. It's a process they can own — from measuring ingredients to mastering techniques. Each loaf, cake, or pastry is a small triumph, a visible and delicious result of their effort. This builds self-esteem and a sense of agency that ripples into other areas of life.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="938 810 1491 837">2. It's a Safe Space for Identity and Expression <p>Many care-experienced young people feel the need to hide their background in public settings. They worry about being asked intrusive questions or being judged. In Bread Ahead's exclusive classes, they can drop that guard. They're surrounded by peers who understand, in a space that welcomes them without labels. Baking becomes a medium for self-expression — a way to communicate joy, culture, and creativity without words.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="938 1118 1644 1145">3. It Teaches Real-Life Skills That Translate to Employment <p>Baking is a vocational skill. These classes offer professional-level instruction from expert bakers, using industry-standard equipment. For care-experienced young people — who often miss out on enrichment opportunities — this is a chance to gain employable skills in hospitality, food service, and entrepreneurship. It's not just flour and sugar; it's a pathway to independence.</p>	

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			<p>4. It Fosters Community and Belonging</p> <p>Isolation is a common experience for young people in care. Baking classes create community. They offer a shared activity, a rhythm, a reason to gather. Participants bond over recipes, celebrate each other's successes, and build friendships in a space that feels safe and affirming. For many, it's the first time they've felt truly part of something.</p> <p>5. It's Therapeutic</p> <p>The act of baking — mixing, kneading, waiting, creating — is inherently calming. It offers structure, focus, and a sensory experience that can reduce anxiety and improve mental wellbeing. For care-experienced young people, who may carry trauma or stress, baking is a gentle and joyful form of healing.</p> <p>Why Funding Is Essential</p> <p>Historically, care-experienced young people have been offered "opportunities" in spaces that reinforce their marginalisation: run-down community centres, under-equipped kitchens, environments that feel second-rate. These settings send a message — intentional or not — that they are less than. Bread Ahead flips that narrative. It says: you deserve the best.</p> <p>These baking classes offer more than skills. They offer sanctuary. A place where young people can express themselves, let go of their worries, and learn real-life competencies that are often inaccessible to those in care. They don't have to explain who's picking them up. They don't have to hide their story. They can simply be.</p>	

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			<p>Bread Ahead is ready to continue offering exclusive, high-quality baking classes to care-experienced young people in Southwark. But they need help. With your support, we can ensure that these young people have consistent access to a space that nurtures their potential, protects their identity, and celebrates their creativity.</p> <p>Your Investment Will Enable:</p> <p>Regular baking classes tailored to care-experienced young people</p> <p>Access to a professional kitchen and expert instructors</p> <p>A safe, exclusive environment where young people can thrive</p> <p>Ingredients and equipment that reflect the quality they deserve</p> <p>This is not a luxury. It's a lifeline. It's a chance to give care-experienced young people the dignity, opportunity, and joy they've been denied for too long.</p> <p>By funding this project, you're not just supporting baking classes — you're investing in equity, healing, and hope.</p>	
2337	BANKSIDE OPEN SPACES TRUST	Gather & Grow: Seasonal Celebrations in Borough & Bankside	<p>BOST are applying for 3 events:</p> <p>Free Easter Egg Hunt for Local Children and Families</p> <p>We are seeking funding to deliver a free Easter Egg Hunt for children from local schools and their families, hosted in Red Cross Garden and Marlborough Sports Garden (MSG). This fun, seasonal event will offer children the chance to explore nature, solve clues, and enjoy a joyful afternoon outdoors in two of Bankside's most cherished green spaces.</p>	3720

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			<p>The Easter Egg Hunt will be designed to be inclusive and engaging, encouraging physical activity, curiosity, and creativity. This event seeks to create a welcoming atmosphere for families to relax and connect.</p> <p>We will be reaching local primary school children and their parents or carers, especially those who may not otherwise have access to safe, green spaces or free community events.</p> <p>With the aim to introduce families to the work of Bankside Open Spaces Trust (BOST) and encourage ongoing engagement with our gardens and programmes. By creating a positive first experience, we hope to build lasting relationships with local families and foster a sense of community ownership and pride in these shared spaces.</p> <p>This event supports BOST's mission to make urban nature accessible, enjoyable, and meaningful for everyone. With your support, we can deliver a memorable, inclusive celebration that brings joy to children, strengthens family bonds, and deepens community connections.</p> <p>Red Cross Garden 140th Anniversary Celebration</p> <p>In June 2026, Bankside Open Spaces Trust (BOST) will host a special event to mark two major anniversaries at Red Cross Garden: 140 years since its founding by pioneering social reformer Octavia Hill, and 20 years since its restoration by BOST. This historic garden, nestled in the heart of Borough and Bankside, is a cherished green space and a living legacy of Hill's vision for social housing, community wellbeing, and access to nature.</p> <p>Our celebration will be a vibrant summer fete, recreating the spirit of the original 1886 garden opening. The event will feature maypole dancing,</p>	

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			<p>garden games, refreshments, and craft activities inspired by the garden's wildlife and flowers. The Friends of Red Cross Garden will host a stall sharing oral histories and engaging visitors with the life and work of Octavia Hill, who also co-founded the National Trust and initiated the Army Cadets and occupational health in the adjacent hall.</p> <p>This event will honour both the Victorian origins and the modern revival of Red Cross Garden, recognising the community members who helped restore it after decades of decline. It will offer a free, inclusive afternoon of entertainment for local families, bringing together around 150 people to celebrate the garden's role as a model for urban green space and social cohesion.</p> <p>We hope to welcome HRH Princess Anne to join the celebration, recognising her longstanding support for community and heritage initiatives and her previous visit to the opening of Red Cross Garden. Her presence would highlight the enduring importance of Octavia Hill's legacy and BOST's work in preserving and activating green spaces for all.</p> <p>Funding will enable us to deliver a joyful, meaningful event that connects past and present, and strengthens community pride in this unique and historic space.</p> <p>Winter Warmer at Redcross Garden: Combating Isolation Through Community Celebration</p> <p>The Winter Warmer is a heartwarming festive event held at Redcross Garden, designed to bring joy, connection, and comfort to those who may otherwise spend the season alone. Featuring live music, warm food, creative crafts, and sparkling Christmas lights, the event creates a welcoming space for adults in our community—particularly those facing</p>	

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			<p>loneliness, isolation, or hardship during the holidays.</p> <p>While the event is primarily aimed at adults, we thoughtfully provide activities for children to ensure parents and carers can attend and fully participate. For many of our service users, this is the only festive gathering they will experience, making it a vital opportunity to foster belonging, uplift spirits, and build community resilience.</p> <p>By supporting the Winter Warmer, funders will help us create a safe, inclusive celebration that reaches those most in need of connection during one of the most emotionally challenging times of the year.</p>	
2353	BANKSIDE OPEN SPACES TRUST	Inclusive Sports Coaching	<p>This project is to support children from low-income households and those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities to participate in regular coached sports sessions during term-time at Marlborough Sports Garden. This will help those who are marginalised to create a basis for healthy and active lifestyles in an area affected by health inequalities, cramped living and a lack of public open space.</p> <p>We are requesting funding towards our programme of free coached sports activities, afterschool and coached SEND sports mornings for children aged 5-11, at Marlborough Sports Garden (MSG).</p> <p>During term-time April-October, we run afterschool sports activities for ages 5-11. These are free to all coached sports sessions with equipment supplied, running three days per week; two days are reserved for free play onsite.</p> <p>MSG is in an urban environment with a lack of open space and a saturation of cheap fast-food outlets. Local children are particularly affected by poverty (child poverty rate 43%) and obesity (c.40% of children age 11 are overweight or obese).</p>	7119

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			<p>We engage those who find it difficult to access provision elsewhere because of cost or accessibility to encourage a more active, healthy lifestyle long-term.</p> <p>Previous surveys with afterschool and holiday camp participants consistently show improvements in health and wellbeing indicators such as levels of regular exercise, skills, friendships and confidence; all of which contribute to lasting change.</p> <p>Schools feedback about the SEND participant's experience shows how valuable taking part is:</p> <p>One child with Autism Spectrum disorder (ASD) who was described as "very reserved when trying new things" and needing "a lot of encouragement and attention" to participate in group activities before taking part afterschool, learned how to play beach tennis including scoring, taking turns and sharing in a group setting.</p> <p>The mother of another child with ASD who attends free play afterschool said "[MSG's] a fantastic place for [my son] to learn how to get along with others, take turns and to feel a sense of belonging."</p> <p>We have run afterschool programmes since 2019 and since then have consulted with pupils from eight local primary schools on the offer. The sports we offer each year reflects feedback from consultations and participant surveys. Funding is becoming harder to secure and we are now in a position where we need to apply to the Neighbourhood Fund to help continue to run free coached sports to the same amount of young people who have previously participated.</p>	

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			<p>Despite good general attendance, in 2021 we identified that children with additional needs including behavioural challenges and SEND were underrepresented at MSG. We then worked with two local schools to pay for teaching assistants to accompany children with additional needs who otherwise would have been unable to attend afterschool.</p> <p>In 2023, we consulted schools on a dedicated regular SEND offer, which led to SEND mornings. "The morning sessions worked really well for us as it was accessible, inclusive and the sessions were short which suited the focus of this cohort." Teacher at Snowsfields.</p> <p>MSG is a public space, however whilst SEND mornings and afterschool sports are taking place, it is closed to the public to ensure safety. As described, sessions are run by experienced qualified coaches in each sport such as Deuce Beach Tennis, Sideout, Surrey Cricket Foundation, London Southbank University, Samba Soccer Schools, Girls United, UK Wallball, London Basketball Association, Empower CIC and Coach Daxa. SEND mornings are delivered by coaches from Ballers Academy.</p> <p>The programme is managed by our Sports Manager who is himself a qualified volleyball coach and is experienced at leading groups with SEND.</p> <p>We have also created a network of local schools with whom we work to ensure children who would benefit the most from our programmes, are encouraged and supported to attend. SEND pupils from Snowsfields Primary attend the SEND mornings alongside pupils from St Joseph's Primary, and afterschool with pupils from Tower Bridge Primary School.</p> <p>Our Sports Manager will oversee these programmes with management support from the Head of Sport and Development.</p>	

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			<p>The Sports Manager runs the consultations and surveys, he contracts all the coaches and organises the logistics as well as participant booking and registration, set up and clearing the site.</p> <p>We use afterschool participant surveys to capture feedback on the quality of the sessions and coaching, levels of enjoyment and how supported children feel and to capture health and wellbeing outcomes and use afterschool parent and carer surveys to understand their sense of how enjoyable and impactful the programme has been for their child/children. We also gather feedback from SEND morning participants with the support of coaches and teachers to understand if they enjoyed the sessions and felt supported. and gather feedback from teachers about how SEND mornings and SEND afterschool participation has impacted the children who took part. We will work with schools for referrals and collect demographic data to ensure we are reaching target groups and diverse participants. We will collate the demographic information and survey results into charts and reports to share with stakeholders including funders.</p> <p>Expert coaches will run nine sports each week: touch rugby, beach tennis, beach volleyball, roller-skating to music and free-skating, netball, football (with a girls only session) cricket, Basketball, Wall Ball. Each year around 270 children attend across 18 weeks, around 20 of whom have SEND. To support a high-quality and impactful experience for the children with additional needs, the sports are adapted and we pay teaching assistants from two schools to accompany and support the children at the sessions. During the same period, we run two (one per school) 30-minute morning sessions of coached multi-skills every week for up to 10 children per session with SEND who are better suited to attending shorter, dedicated sessions.</p>	

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2371	BANKSIDE OPEN SPACES TRUST	Growing Together: Volunteer Support for Community Gardening	<p>Our community gardening programme brings people together to nurture green spaces, build relationships, and promote wellbeing. Volunteers are central to this work, contributing their time to maintain parks and gardens, support events, and engage with other volunteers and people from the community.</p> <p>We currently run five weekly gardening groups and one monthly group, each welcoming up to 10 participants. These groups provide regular opportunities for local community to connect with nature, learn gardening skills, and contribute to the care of community green spaces. In addition to these sessions, our volunteer wardens open and steward Crossbones Graveyard, Garden of Remembrance, ensuring public access to this unique heritage site and helping preserve an important part of local history.</p> <p>We also deliver a Community Engagement Programme that co-designs and facilitates tailored activities for individuals who face additional barriers to volunteering and accessing green spaces. This includes refugees and asylum seekers, people experiencing homelessness, individuals with mental health challenges, and those with autism and/or learning disabilities. These sessions are adapted to meet the specific needs of each group, fostering inclusion, wellbeing, and a sense of belonging. They have the aim of integrating them into the mainstream community volunteering sessions building a more inclusive, compassionate, and resilient community, promoting meaningful connections, breaking down stereotypes and creating a richer, more human-centred experience for all.</p> <p>We are seeking funding to support essential volunteer-related expenses, including travel, meals, training, social engagement activities, and volunteer coordination. These costs have become increasingly challenging to cover due to the rising cost of living, despite the generous contributions</p>	6500

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			<p>of our current funders. In an effort to make travel reimbursement more accessible and equitable, we are revising our expense claim process. As a result, we anticipate an increase in travel-related costs and are requesting additional support to ensure continued volunteer participation and wellbeing.</p> <p>This funding will help us make the programme more inclusive and sustainable, ensuring volunteers are supported and valued.</p>	
2476	Southwark St Tenants Association	Southwark Street Peabody Estate 150th Anniversary Celebration	<p>Our application presents a unique opportunity to secure funding for a grand celebration, marking the 150th anniversary of the Southwark Street Peabody Estate. The proposed project, scheduled for June 2026, will engage residents and the wider SE1 community through a trio of interconnected initiatives: a community festival, heritage walking tours, and the production of commemorative publications, including a practical job board website. This milestone provides a rare chance to celebrate our rich social history, strengthen community bonds, and build local pride for future generations.</p> <p>As a practical outcome, we propose a showcase of skills that creates an environment reminiscent of the Victorian craftspeople—the first residents of our estate. We propose delivering crafts workshops in calligraphy, leatherwork, embroidery, and more. These workshops delivered as part of the 21st June Festivities will not only celebrate our residents' unique skills but will also have a practical output: our website, se1tenant.co.uk, will become a local job board for craftspeople and residents offering creative services but also more day essential help such as dog walking, cleaning, and freebies. This is our vision for contributing to a more localised, circular economy for Bankside. With the help of Southwark Council Neighbourhood Fund, we will tap into and develop our residents' skills while drawing on the</p>	6960

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			<p>heritage we are so proud of.</p> <p>Project Overview The Southwark Street Peabody Estate has been home to working-class families for 150 years, representing a significant chapter in South London's social housing history. To mark this milestone, we propose a multi-faceted celebration that honours our past, celebrates our present, and builds community cohesion for the future. The event will be a lasting legacy of our community's strength. It will be put together by estate residents with significant support from local organisations such as Better Bankside and Bankside Assembly (co-ordinated by Living Bankside), utilising the estate grounds as our venue.</p> <p>Programme Components 1. Community Festival A free, family-friendly festival will be held on the estate in June 2026, expected to attract 200-300 attendees, including residents, local community members, and visitors. The festival will feature: *Cultural workshops (flag-making, face-painting, calligraphy, reparative/creative embroidery) led by resident artisans *Live music and entertainment showcasing local resident talent *Stalls promoting cultural exchange, led by residents and local vendors *Historical displays and informative panels *Period-inspired decorations, including replica Victorian street lighting *Interactive activities for all ages</p> <p>This festival will foster community pride and intergenerational connections while providing an accessible cultural experience.</p> <p>2. Heritage Walking Tours We will combine the event with professionally guided 75–90-minute</p>	

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			<p>walking tours on the Victorian heritage of SE1, connecting the Peabody Estate with other historic landmarks, including the Welsh Chapel, Copperfield Gallery, Ragged School and Menier Chocolate Factory. Tours will feature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Trained guides in period-appropriate costume *Professionally designed route maps and information pamphlets *Focus on working-class social history and urban development *Interactive activities and photo opportunities <p>Tours will run on multiple dates leading up to and during the festival, making local history accessible to diverse audiences while promoting community heritage tourism.</p> <p>3. Commemorative Publications, Plaque, Website and Digital Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *To create lasting materials, we will produce: *A 32-page commemorative magazine (200 copies) featuring resident stories, historical research, local journalism, and artistic contributions *Informational posters (50 copies) were displayed throughout the estate, highlighting notable residents and historical milestones. *A dedicated website and social media presence with digital content including video/audio interviews, historical photographs, as well as a local service board and a freebies exchange platform. *Tour pamphlets (100 copies) serving as informative keepsakes <p>These materials will be distributed free at the festival and tours, with additional copies available for schools, libraries, and community organisations. Digital content will ensure accessibility for younger audiences and preserve the project's legacy online, at a website which our TA will keep up for years to come.</p> <p>Metal wall plaque to commemorate 150 years of the estate celebrations</p>	

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			<p>funded by Southwark Council Neighbourhood Fund</p> <p>Expected Outcomes</p> <p>This project will deliver tangible benefits for the Peabody Estate community and the wider SE1 area:</p> <p>Enhanced community cohesion and local pride among 200-300 direct participants</p> <p>Preserved heritage through high-quality digital and print archives</p> <p>Strengthened partnerships between local community groups, creatives and craftspeople and business organisations</p> <p>Increased awareness of working-class history and social housing heritage</p> <p>Lasting educational resources for schools and community groups</p> <p>Template for future community-led heritage celebrations</p> <p>Positive media coverage promoting the area and its history</p> <p>Project Timeline</p> <p>November 2025: Secure funding and finalise project team December 2025: Begin content collection for magazine and website; commission designs February 2026: Recruit and train tour guides; book vendors and entertainment</p>	

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			<p>March 2026: Finalise festival logistics; launch marketing campaign</p> <p>April-May 2026: Walking tours begin; distribute posters and promotional materials</p> <p>June 2026: Main festival event</p> <p>July 2026: Project evaluation and distribution of legacy materials</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>The 150th anniversary of the Southwark Street Peabody Estate represents a unique opportunity to celebrate, preserve, and share the rich heritage of our community as well as promote local skill sharing and circular economy for the area. Through this thoughtfully designed programme of activities, we will create meaningful experiences for residents and visitors while producing lasting legacy for the future. This project embodies the values of community, heritage, and social pride that have defined our estate for a century and a half. We respectfully request funding of £6960 to bring this significant community milestone to life.</p>	
2506	Mint Street Music Festival CIC	Mint Street Music Festival 2026	<p>Mint Street Music Festival has been ‘family friendly and free’ since 2014. For 2026 we want to keep it family friendly by ensuring we have a good line-up of children’s entertainment and a well signposted children’s area. We are able to make a cost-effective offering whilst supporting local community groups by paying performers from the festival to give taster sessions for children. We also want to keep the session free for participating children.</p> <p>The line-up we have in mind is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Boppin’ Bunnies, sing-along with classical instruments for children aged 0-5 (double session with two performers) (£150); - Hula for Kids with London School of Hula ‘Ori (LSHO (£75); - Polynesian Drumming with the drummers from LSHO (£75); - African drumming and circus skills with Henri and Albert (£75); 	500

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			<p>- Introduction to Equadorian dance for kids with Warmis UK (£75); -. Signage for the Children's Area (£50). In 2024 we hosted Boppin' Bunnies, Hula for Kids and Polynesian Drumming. Whilst these workshops were popular, there were some complaints that we did not have signage for the children's area so we want to correct that this year.</p> <p>In our 12 years of putting on the festival, audience feedback often highlights the welcoming, community-focussed aspect of the festival. Offering entertainment for children is a key part of this.</p> <p>These workshops are an entry point into appreciating the diverse cultures in the local area and also a key opportunity for groups to reach out to the local community for children to take part in their activities over the summer holidays.</p> <p>We also give the groups we work with an ongoing boost by introducing them to local schools and community groups and by sharing information about them on social media (a benefit beyond what is paid for by this grant).</p>	
2620	Satsuma Neighbour	Satsuma Neighbour Community Event	<p>We are a newly incorporated CIC, we are trying to raise funds to bring together autistic people , people with learning disabilities, and their families to organise a conference in Southwark around suitable housing provision for people who may be able to live with a degree of independence. Those who have low support needs and who may not necessarily qualify for social care. We intend the event to include representatives from the council, Homes England, the GLA, the NHS, housing associations, developers, and architects who specialise in neuroinclusive design and planning.</p> <p>We want to examine and show the profound need for change and</p>	5000

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			<p>innovative, person-centred thinking in this area. This is an issue around inclusion that is largely invisible, as families discover when their adult child leaves education and they find that all the focus on independence ends. We will bring people together from across all Southwark's diverse communities, who have been voiceless and powerless when it comes to how they will live independent lives, in a home of their own.</p> <p>The event will be an opportunity for people to socialise, network; and have their voices heard.</p> <p>Our ultimate goal is to create supportive housing communities where this 'invisible ' group may build independence and live 'gloriously ordinary' lives.</p> <p>We will organise research and events to bring people together to ensure their voices are heard because no-one is thinking about where people from this group will live for the vast majority of their lives.</p> <p>We will advocate for real and tangible change- safe, people- centred housing and community spaces that are genuinely neuroinclusive.</p> <p>The founder of our CIC is an autistic woman and all three directors are parents of autistic young people, who have been involved in charity and volunteering work for many years.</p>	
2654	Residents' Association of Borough Market Neighbourhood	Borough Market Residents' Association Professional Advice Support	<p>We are a group of residents living in the Borough Market area who have for many years been</p> <p>volunteering our time to maintain our quality of life by actively engaging with multiple council</p> <p>departments (Highways, Licensing, Environment), Borough Market, Better</p>	4200

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			<p>Bankside, and other stakeholders to address planning applications, licensing variations, and regulatory compliance issues affecting residents’ quality of life.</p> <p>We advocate for the approximately 350 residents living in and around Borough Market, within the Borough and Bankside Ward, and we became constituted as The Residents’ Association of Borough Market Neighbourhood (RABMN) in January 2025.</p> <p>The unprecedented scale and complexity of development and commercial activity in our area demands occasional specialised technical expertise in planning law, licensing regulations, environmental health, and public safety. Our committed volunteers lack the professional and financial resources to adequately and continually scrutinise technical submissions, navigate complex regulatory frameworks, or propose evidence-based solutions that protect residential amenity while supporting the area’s economic vitality.</p> <p>We have previously put in our own money to fund professional advice and</p>	

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			<p>expertise; however it is not sustainable to do this long term.</p> <p>We seek grant funding of £4,200 to secure professional consultation services for 12 months. This funding will support us to engage constructively with stakeholders, propose balanced solutions, and ensure that residential wellbeing remains central to the area's sustainable future. This investment will strengthen community cohesion, support informed planning decisions, and help maintain the residential character essential to a thriving, balanced neighbourhood.</p>	
3006	Mint Street Music Festival CIC	Eco Art Club Spring After-School Club at Marlborough Sports Garden	<p>From the week of 13th of April to the week of 18th May, MSMF CIC will run six Eco Art sessions after school at Marlborough Sports Garden. Bankside Open Spaces Trust have agreed to provide free space under a shelter and to help advertise the sessions in local schools. Families with primary school aged children will be able to sign up for the free sessions, with up to 12 children participating.</p> <p>The themes for each week are as follows: 1) 'Our Thames, our plastic' – learning about Thames wildlife and the impact of plastic pollution; 2) Earth Day – thinking about the earth from the perspective of a Gingko Biloba, the 1000 year tree; 3) Elderflowers and Cleavers (National Hedgerows Week) 4) Wildflowers and Butterflies (No Mow May)</p>	450

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			<p>5) Snails and Slugs 6) Bees, Wasps and Hoverflies (World Bee Day) Six classes, £75 each = £450</p> <p>These themes have been honed in Eco Art Club sessions running in local primary schools since 2022. The classes at Charles Dickens Primary School have been very popular (regularly oversubscribed), as have the sessions at Robert Browning Primary School. The themes reflect the local environment in or within walking distance of SE1 to encourage children to think about and make art relating to their place in the ecosystem.</p> <p>The Thames is nearby, contains more wildlife than most people realise but is deeply affected by the plastic use of Londoners; The Ginkgo Biloba trees in Marlborough Sports Garden are a great way of thinking about deep time and our wishes for the future, up to 1000 years ahead; Hedgerows grow in Southwark and we'll be learning about hedgerow plants and animals; Wildflowers and Butterflies, Snails and Slugs, and Bees, Wasps and Hoverflies can all be found in Marlborough Sports Garden.</p> <p>Each week the children will make a piece of art relating to the theme, using natural, recycled or biodegradable materials as much as possible. The art they take home will also spark conversations within families, helping to connect families with the ecosystem of their local area.</p>	
3061	The Neurodiversity Family Hub C.I.C.	Tiny Tribe Play group (0-5 years old)	<p>Our project is called "Tiny Tribe" and one review from a parent named Lonnie, left in October 2025 on Google review, says "Me and my son attend the Tiny Tribe playgroup every Wednesday morning and it's absolutely brilliant. My son always has the best time and we really do recommend it 😊 The workers are lovely and always make you feel welcome." Feedback like this reminds us why our work matters.</p> <p>"Tiny Tribe" is an inclusive community playgroup based in SE1, created to bring together parents, carers, and young children aged 0–5 in a safe, welcoming and understanding environment. We have been running for two years and have become a trusted, much-loved part of our local community.</p>	7117

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			<p>Our aim is simple: to help families connect, play, and grow together while promoting understanding and inclusion, especially around neurodiversity. We believe that every family deserves a place to belong and every child, neurodiverse or not, deserves to be celebrated for who they are. Tiny Tribe provides that space for connection and care, where laughter, mess, and learning happen side by side and where friendships are formed. We meet weekly and each session brings together around 18 children and 12 carers (around 25 to 30 people each week). Over the course of a year, we reach about 70 families, or roughly 140 people. Our activities are joyful and varied: messy play with paint, playdough, and sensory materials; outdoor play in all weathers; story and song circles that encourage communication and confidence; and relaxed social time for parents and carers with tea and coffee. On regular basis we invite guest experts such as the Breastfeeding Network or child development professionals to lead discussions on behaviour, early learning, and parental wellbeing - It includes : Speech and Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist and one of our staff has been trained by Southwark Council in Positive Behavioural Support. These sessions give parents a chance to learn, ask questions, and feel supported in a friendly and non-judgemental space. Our main team leader, Susan, is an early years professional with more than 20 years of experience in supporting both neurodiverse and neurotypical children. She also hold a qualified certification in Mindfulness for parents and children. We design our sessions to be inclusive and accessible for everyone, with sensory-friendly materials, calm spaces, and flexible activities that meet a range of developmental needs. We also understand that inclusion starts with relationships. By welcoming both neurotypical and neurodiverse families together, we create natural opportunities for understanding and acceptance. Currently around 70% of our families are neurotypical and 30% are neurodiverse. This balance helps children learn empathy from a young age and helps parents see the shared joys and challenges of raising children, whatever their abilities.</p>	

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			<p>Our playgroup serves families from across Southwark, with 46% living in Borough/Bankside ward, 31% in London Bridge/Bermondsey ward, 15% Chaucer ward and 8% in Elephant and Castle ward. We are proud to represent the diversity of our community, welcoming families from Black, Mixed Afro-Caribbean and White, White British, Turkish, Eastern European, Latin American, Irish, Bangladeshi and Asian backgrounds. Tiny Tribe reflects the multicultural reality of our neighbourhood — a place where many languages are spoken, different parenting styles are respected, and everyone is valued.</p> <p>Our impact: One of our parents, Sandra, moved to SE1 some years ago from Continental Europe and married in England. She now has a two-year-old daughter (mix background) while pregnant with her second child. She had not joined any playgroups. A neighbour told her about Tiny Tribe and she decided to give it a try. From the first visit she felt welcome. She found people to talk to, children for her son to play with, and a sense of belonging she hadn't realised she was missing. Over the following months, on our advices, she began exploring more of her local area — visiting Surrey Dock Farm, the John Harvard Library reading time, and other community activities like Coin Street. She told us, "Tiny Tribe helped me find my place here. It opened my world. I found friends, and my daughter is happy." Her story is not unique; it is repeated in different ways every week.</p> <p>Another mother who attended our sessions was quietly struggling with postnatal depression. Through the support of our team and other parents, she began to talk about how she was feeling and we later referred her for further help. She said, "Tiny Tribe was the one place I didn't feel judged." This is exactly what we aim to provide — a non-judgemental, caring environment where families can be themselves, seek help if needed, and know they're not alone. Tiny Tribe is also a space where children learn social and emotional skills naturally through play. Beyond individual families, Tiny Tribe strengthens the wider community. Parents who meet through the group often stay in touch outside the sessions. We are part of</p>	

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			<p>a local ecosystem of care that helps families thrive. The benefits of Tiny Tribe ripple outward. Children who grow up in inclusive play environments carry that acceptance into nursery and school, helping create kinder and more understanding classrooms. Parents who gain confidence and friendships are more likely to get involved in their communities. Families who understand neurodiversity early on help break down stigma and build empathy. Over time, this leads to a stronger, more cohesive society where everyone feels valued. We measure success through attendance records, parent feedback, stories like Sandra's, and observation of children's development and confidence. But beyond numbers, what matters most are the smiles, the laughter, and the words we hear again and again: "We feel welcome here."</p> <p>The Southwark Neighbourhoods Grant will allow us to continue and strengthen this work. Funding will help cover venue hire, inclusive play resources, consultants, craft materials and refreshments. Every pound goes directly into creating an environment where local families can thrive together.</p>	
3080	Christchurch	Christ Church Community Hubs	<p>Christ Church is working towards becoming a vital hub serving all members of the local community. We currently have 3 weekly hubs which we run in collaboration with local charities -</p> <p>Monday - Learning support Hub - Collaboration with St Mungo's, Beam, Kinera - This weekly session is for those who have experienced homelessness or long-term unemployment, are back into accommodation and/or work but need ongoing learning and life admin support. A learning community that seeks to build the confidence of its members whilst helping them gain access to new training and development.</p> <p>Wednesday - The Workers Centre - Collaboration with Citizens UK and English for Action - Our newest hub seeks to be a community for low paid and vulnerably employed workers locally. A pilot project by Citizens, we are looking to combine community listening and organising practices with helping people meet immediate needs through benefit and housing advice,</p>	30000

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			<p>play group, English classes, signposting and referrals. This is a very new hub running along community listening principals, as such, we're still not sure what it will develop into as we seek to listen to the community and respond to their needs.</p> <p>Thursday - The Pilgrims Rest - Collaboration with St Mungo's, NHS, Kinera, St Giles Trust, Beam, Bounce Back, CGL, The Peoples Recovery Project etc. - An outreach hub seeking to serve members of the homeless community through the building of relationships, support and advice, access to medical services, arts and culture engagement, cooking programmes. We currently welcome between 30-50 Pilgrims a week and host 15-20 staff and volunteers from multiple charities and organisations. The church does not charge anything for the use of space or staff costs, and indeed, is currently covering most of the running costs from its small and rapidly diminishing mission fund. The hope is to be able to cover the running of these hubs so that they might continue to grow into sustainable services which serve those most in need in our community.</p> <p>All of our work is explicitly non-proselytising/evangelistic and we make this absolutely clear at all times. The Parish church belongs to all people of the parish, regardless of their faith or beliefs, and exists to serve them.</p>	
3085	The Neurodiversity Family Hub C.I.C.	My Junior Tribe & Young Leaders	<p>Junior Tribe has been running for two years and is an inclusive after-school programme that brings together two connected groups within our community:</p> <p>1 - Neurodiverse Children aged 5–10 years old - and their parents, carers, siblings and friends - looking for a safe, fun, and understanding space to play, learn, and make friends.</p> <p>2 - Young neurodiverse/autistic adults (18+) who volunteer as Junior Tribe Young Leaders, gaining valuable work experience, confidence, and employability skills.</p> <p>Based at Mint Street Adventure Playground, Junior Tribe offers a unique combination of inclusive play and supported youth volunteering. The closest similar club is based in Peckham (ie: More than 20mn away by</p>	5805

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			<p>bus). Our trained and professional staff provide an environment where children can be happy in a caring community. Activities include art, imaginative play, sensory and small-motor activities, and access to the playground for children aged 8 and over. Children are also encouraged to share their own ideas for activities, building ownership and confidence. The Young Leaders programme runs in parallel, offering neurodiverse/autistic young people structured volunteer opportunities. They receive mentoring, help with interview preparation, references, and guidance to build their CVs and confidence while supporting the younger children's sessions.</p> <p>Who we support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Around 50% of the children have high or complex needs, many attending specialist schools. - Some are non-verbal or require one-to-one support. - Many families (50%) are single parents or from cultural backgrounds where neurodiversity is less accepted, often leading to isolation. - Parents and carers attend too, using the space to relax, talk, and connect with others who understand their experiences. - Our Young Leaders Volunteer Programme offers autistic young people aged 18+ meaningful roles in a supportive environment (started as a Pilot last May - we aim to continue it). - They are from Borough, London Bridge, Chaucer and Elephant and Castle <p>Community Benefits:</p> <p>1- Safe and inclusive play: Many children cannot access mainstream playgrounds or after-school clubs due to their needs. Junior Tribe offers a rare, safe environment where they can play freely, socialise, and build friendships — giving them the same experiences as their peers.</p> <p>2 - Reducing isolation for families: Junior Tribe is also a support network for parents and carers, particularly</p>	

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			<p>mothers raising neurodiverse children alone. The group helps them build friendships, share advice, and reduce loneliness.</p> <p>3 - Cultural inclusion and awareness: For families from backgrounds where neurodiversity carries stigma, Junior Tribe offers an accepting, judgement-free community. This builds confidence and understanding, fostering wider cultural inclusion in Southwark.</p> <p>4- Pathways for autistic young adults: In our Young Leaders Volunteer Programme autistic young people aged 18+ gain skills in teamwork, communication, and youth engagement, while improving their CVs and confidence. Four local young people have already completed placements, and we plan to expand this successful model. Volunteers commit to at least 3 months (12 sessions), ensuring consistent personal growth and impact.</p> <p>5 - Information and local connections: We actively share details about Southwark's Local Offer and other community services, helping families access further support and advice.</p>	
3123	BLACKFRIARS SETTLEMENT	Gather : Repair, Reuse and Reconnect in Southwark	<p>Our new project Gather Sewing is a new community wellbeing and creative learning project at Blackfriars Settlement's (BFS) SE1 hub, developed in partnership with four designer makers working in this industry. It will bring together local residents especially women, refugees, older adults, and those experiencing social isolation, to learn sewing skills from industry professionals to, build confidence, and connect through creativity. The programme has been deigned following consultation with existing BFS members and through pilots engaging community members and local business employees..</p> <p>The project will offer small group sessions combining practical sewing, repair and upcycling with social connection and wellbeing support. Participants will produce personal and community-based items (e.g. reusable shopping bags, aprons, or repair projects) while developing</p>	5750

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			<p>transferable skills that build confidence, independence, and progression into volunteering, training, or employment. The pilot project will run from February 2026, hosted at Blackfriars' creative sewing space, with partner designer makers leading sessions supported by volunteers. We will host a maker and repair event in the 2nd quarter of 2025, targeting outreach at other partners and through networks to bring new community members of BFS together.</p> <p>Aims and Outcomes</p> <p>To use creative activity as a route to improved wellbeing, confidence, and community connection in the Blackfriars neighbourhood. Gather will support people to come together and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn practical sewing and design skills and open pathways into work, training, and enterprise • Build confidence and wellbeing where creativity imagination and self-expression will be nurtured • Repair, upcycle, and create sustainable items • Build a supportive, inclusive community <p>Model</p> <p>We need to make programmes more sustainable, and we want to pilot and develop the model for paid-for classes for companies, with 100% of profits reinvested into free classes for people on low incomes or living with mental health needs. This way, we help the community grow and connect through an ongoing programme rather than just a short term funded project. This funding will be to test community classes, seed fund equipment, while we pilot an enterprise model alongside it to identify if we can make this a more self-sustaining model for the community.</p> <p>Expected outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40+ residents participate in regular creative sewing sessions. 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80% report improved wellbeing, reduced isolation, and new friendships. • 20 participants gain confidence to volunteer, join further learning, or explore local employment. • At least 2 participants supported to co-facilitate or mentor in future Gather programmes. • A Community “Make, Repair & Share” event to bring 50 people together <p>How it Meets Neighbourhood Grants Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Builds stronger, more connected communities - Brings residents of different ages and backgrounds together in an inclusive, creative space. • Improves wellbeing and resilience - Promotes mental wellbeing through social connection, creativity, and skill-building. • Encourages volunteering and participation - Provides structured roles for local volunteers, peer mentors, and former participants. • Improves local environment / sustainability - Encourages reuse and repair, reducing waste through upcycling and textile mending. • Supports inclusion and accessibility - Offers free participation, accessible location, and volunteer support. <p>From our first public pilot</p> <p>"It was a mindful activity as you had to concentrate, so it has wellbeing benefits that I didn't expect"</p> <p>"It was great to get together with such a mixed bunch of people that you might not usually meet"</p> <p>"We had a skill at the end of the session and felt empowered and excited about sewing, it was something I never thought about doing"</p>	

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			There was lots of interest in what next. "If this was learning from one session, imagine what we can do"	
3137	Bankside FC	Bankside FC	<p>This is a new independent football club for SE1. The club is now run independently by local young adults carrying on the legacy from Living Bankside</p> <p>It would be local football club which would allow a mix of old and young people to stay active through playing football on a regular basis whilst also being able to socialise and meet new people on the team</p>	5000
3141	Plateful cafe	Plateful Café at Blackfriars - Pilot Community Meals and Events	<p>1. Project Summary</p> <p>This proposal seeks to pilot a partnership between Plateful Café and Blackfriars Settlement to host a series of community cooking and shared meal events and develop a small-scale events catering offer. Activities will be based in the newly equipped Blackfriars Café kitchen and community hall in SE1.</p> <p>The project will bring local residents together around food that is healthy, affordable, and sustainably sourced, while also testing opportunities to generate income and employment through community and corporate catering.</p> <p>2. Background and Need</p> <p>Many local residents face barriers to accessing nutritious, freshly prepared meals or opportunities to share food socially. Meanwhile, community organisations and local employers increasingly seek ethical, local catering solutions aligned with sustainability values.</p> <p>Referred through Community Southwark's Premises Project, this</p>	5000

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			<p>collaboration builds on Plateful Café's experience in community food and hospitality working with refugees and asylum seekers, and Blackfriars Settlement's long history of social inclusion and skills development. Together, we aim to establish a socially-driven food and catering model rooted in community benefit.</p> <p>3. Project Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot a series of 3–4 community meals and cooking events bringing together local residents of different ages and backgrounds. • Test a small-scale events catering offer for community and local corporate clients using Blackfriars' new kitchen. • Promote sustainable food practices – reducing food waste, sourcing locally, and encouraging plant-based menus. • Build community capacity and confidence through volunteering and participation in food preparation and event hosting. • Gather learning to inform the development of a joint food enterprise at Blackfriars Settlement <p>4. Activities and Timeline</p> <p>Month 1 - Project setup and menu planning Develop menus, source local ingredients</p> <p>Month 2 - Community meal #2, #3 and Corporate catering taster Themed meals (e.g. "Waste Not Feast", "Neighbourhood Harvest"), and test offer for local employers and partners</p> <p>Month 3 - Evaluation and next steps Collect feedback, develop business plan for café/ catering enterprise</p> <p>5. Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50+ local residents engaged in shared meals and cooking activities. • 10 volunteers gaining experience in hospitality and event support. • At least 1–2 local corporate clients trialling sustainable catering options. • Improved community wellbeing and connection through food and shared 	

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			<p>experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A tested model for future Blackfriars Café development. <p>7. Sustainability and Legacy</p> <p>This pilot will provide the foundation for a longer-term community café and social catering enterprise based at Blackfriars Settlement. It will contribute to Southwark's Cleaner Greener priorities by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing food waste and promoting sustainable food choices. • Strengthening local partnerships and community connection. • Creating inclusive opportunities for learning and employment in the food sector. <p>Following the pilot, the partners will seek to scale the programme through local fundraising, earned income from catering, and social investment.</p> <p>8. Partnership Support</p> <p>This project is supported by Blackfriars Settlement, who will host the pilot activities and provide use of their kitchen, café space, and community networks. The collaboration was initiated through a referral from Alex at Community Southwark's Premises Project.</p>	
3185	Living Bankside	Borough and Bankside Planning and Licensing	<p>The funding will pay for organising responses to planning and licensing matters in collaboration with and support ward Cllrs to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - organise and or support engagement on planning & licensing issues and to coordinate a sophisticated response to particular developments/ applications. - organise and or support engagement to advocate the strategic needs and desires of local residents and people in regeneration. <p>This engagement will then be used to engage decision makers proactively before proposed plans are brought forward by developers.</p>	10000

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3186	Living Bankside	Borough and Bankside Events	<p>The project will include the delivery of a number of Living Bankside events across the year which will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - promote a sense of belonging - inspire activism and volunteering - improve health and wellbeing - connect and bridge divides - promote diversity and inclusion <p>The funding will go towards events such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Celebrating Borough and Bankside History and Heritage - Pride in Southwark - Living Bankside @ - The Great Get Together SE1 (Borough and Bankside element) - The Jo Cox Way 	10000
3189	Living Bankside	Living Bankside Academy Celebration (Borough & Bankside, London Bridge and West Bermondsey, Chaucer and St Georges Ward)	<p>An award-winning 7-8 week (Paid) Summer programme aimed at 16–19-year-olds with an introduction to the business world and life skills. The funding will pay for the celebration event costs including refreshments etc and the student expenses (travel and food) for the 20+ workshops</p> <p>The Our Futures Programme is Living Bankside Academy's flagship programme, going into its year 5th in 2026. It provides diverse opportunities for young people aged 16 to 19 from Southwark, and the surrounding areas (from various backgrounds including those severely disadvantaged such as looked after children) to develop a growth mindset for learning and success. Businesses and organisations donate their time in kind to carry out the theme of the project brief, and the young people gain a practical understanding of the working world. Local, National and International businesses/organisations participate in the programme to provide training sessions/workshops which: Showcase their fields of expertise in relation to the theme; and to help develop a number of key skills and fundamentals, including: Public Speaking, Teamwork, Negotiation, Resilience, Project Management, Event</p>	10000

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3226	Bankside Village	Bankside Village (Park Street Estate) Get Together	2-3 gatherings in Courage Gardens to celebrate the estate and get together as well as learn about Courage Gardens and how to get involved.	3000
3256	London Bridge Islamic Centre	Grand Iftar	An annual community event held in partnership with Southwark Cathedral to celebrate the spirit of Ramadan and bring together people of all faiths and backgrounds. It provides a space for residents and community representatives to share a meal together after sunset promoting unity, understanding and respect across cultures. Its aim is to strengthen interfaith relationships and reduce social isolation.	5000
3271	The Neurodiversity Family Hub C.I.C.	Parent Connect: Supporting Parents and Carers of Neurodiverse Children	<p>“The coffee mornings are so beneficial for me. The journey of our SEND children can be quite lonely, and being able to meet with other parents who are going through similar paths—especially in mainstream schools—enables me to relate. Coffee mornings are a positive environment, and the impact of them has been really important for me in maintaining my mental health and wellbeing.”</p> <p>— Monique, mother of two autistic daughters</p> <p>Programme Summary Established two years ago, Parent Connect is a weekly community support programme designed to reduce isolation and build confidence among parents and carers of children with neurodiversity (diagnosed or not). Each week of the month offers a different activity, so families can join what suits their needs or enjoy the full cycle of connection, learning, and wellbeing: Week 1: ☕ Coffee Connect – informal coffee mornings where parents and carers meet for tea or coffee, share experiences, exchange advice, and build friendships in a relaxed, non-judgmental space. Average attendance: 10–15 parents/carers per session (supporting 54 families)</p>	5496

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			<p>Week 2: 🧠 Wisdom and Wonder – online “lunch-and-learn” sessions with guest speakers and peer-led discussions on behaviour, wellbeing, sensory needs, and parenting strategies. Parents can also suggest topics and share their own expertise. When running - average attendance: 12–18 participants online (due to lack of funding this is paused)</p> <p>Week 3: 👨‍👩‍👧 Family Connect (at Bethwin Adventure Playground) – a Sunday gathering for whole families to connect, learn, and play together in an inclusive environment. Average attendance: 25–35 people (families and children).</p> <p>Children’s Circle: gentle, sensory-friendly activities that support self-regulation, making friends, and building confidence through play, stories, and movement.</p> <p>Adults’ Circle: a supportive discussion group for parents/carers exploring emotional regulation, managing meltdowns, creating routines, and self-care.</p> <p>After Circle Time, families enjoy our Free Play Zone with active games, a quiet art and craft area, and optional group games.</p> <p>“Since my daughter was diagnosed with ASD three years ago, we’ve really struggled to find community and support, both in terms of what she needs and what we need as parents—there’s very little support once you have the diagnosis. Attending Family Connect has been a gamechanger for us. It allows my daughter to connect with other kids in a way she struggles to at school, to do so without inhibition or fear of judgment, and supports us in connecting with other parents and sharing experiences and tips on parenting with neurodiversity. Since attending Family Connect we feel less alone in the journey of navigating special needs in education, healthcare, and society. I’m grateful for the downtime and conversation, and I stay connected with other parents outside of the facilitated sessions, which is so important.”</p>	

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			<p>— Marie, mother of two children (one autistic daughter)</p> <p>Week 4: ♀ Walk and Talk – a community walking group of parents and carers of neurodiverse children that combines gentle exercise with relaxed conversation, perfect for those who find it easier to open up while moving. Average attendance: 8-10 participants per walk.</p> <p>“It was a wonderful walk. Truly recommend.”— Mandy, mother of two children, one of whom is an autistic boy</p> <p>Aims and Outcomes Parent Connect helps families to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Build supportive peer networks and reduce loneliness 2) Improve emotional wellbeing and resilience 3) Increase understanding of neurodiversity and practical parenting strategies 4) Strengthen family relationships and community belonging 5) Support the mental health of parents and carers through shared experience <p>Funding Will Support</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) External facilitators and guest experts for all sessions 2) Venue hire, refreshments, and materials 3) Sensory and visual aids to ensure accessibility 4) Coordination and communication (e.g. newsletters, flyers, online group moderation) <p>Impact</p> <p>Parent Connect provides a lifeline for parents and carers of neurodiverse children—a place to share, learn, and grow together. By offering varied</p>	

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			<p>weekly sessions, we ensure there's something for everyone: connection, knowledge, laughter, and understanding.</p> <p>Through community, inclusion, and compassion, we build resilience not only for parents but for entire families navigating the neurodiverse journey.</p>	
3304	Pattison and Babington House	Pattison and Babington House Celebration	2 gatherings across the year to celebrate Pattison and Babington House and get residents together.	1500
2819	LATIN AMERICAN DISABLED PEOPLES PROJECT	Health, Wellbeing and Mental Health Support Project for Southwark Residence	<p>To improve physical and Mental Health and Wellbeing reduce social isolation, improve community integration, and enhance the mental health and wellbeing of disabled and non-disabled Latin American people in the borough of Southwark by providing one-to-one practical support and Health promotion activity and health checks</p> <p>The Latin American Disabled People's Project (LADPP) seeks funding to strengthen the Wellbeing & Mental Health of Spanish and Portuguese-speaking disabled and non-disabled individuals in Southwark, with a special focus on older adults and vulnerable people.</p> <p>The Latin American people based in Southwark are experiencing great difficulties accessing Wellbeing and Mental Health services due to different factors such as language barriers , lack of information and support, lack of confidence, Isolation as well as the difficulties accessing to medical treatment</p> <p>Particularly, Older adults and vulnerable people is letting behind as the majority of them are suffering from social exclusion and isolation some of them do not even have families neither friend to ask for support</p>	7314

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			<p>Through this project we want to continue improving their physical and Mental Health and Wellbeing reduce social isolation, improve community integration, and enhance the mental health and wellbeing of disabled and non-disabled Latin American people in the borough of Southwark by providing one-to-one practical support and Health promotion activity and health checks.</p> <p>This will help us to advice and address their health and mental health and wellbeing needs offering a one to one support to help user to build a health Work Plan aims to meet their needs and access health and mental health support and healthcare services. This will ensure that all residents have equal access to life opportunities and can meet their basic needs.</p> <p>We also will help then to track progress and implement the necessary chages according to their needs. This also will help to build more confidence and play an active part in the management of their physical and mental health difficulties.</p> <p>The project aims to deliver:</p> <p>1- One days drop-in services with a mental health support worker delivering health checks to help user to identify their health and mental health needs and build a health work plan.</p> <p>2- To deliver 6 work shops in areas of health care and how to access NHS services as well as how to access disability welfare, social services support, other service and welfare to meet their needs.</p> <p>3- 12 session to deliver 5 breathing exercise session and 5 yoga class and 5 Alternative workshop therapy session and 5 health management health session to help user to managing progress.</p>	

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			<p>4-To deliver 30 one-to-one counselling support sessions to those cases more in need of mental health support</p> <p>5-One monthly Social and Well-being Sessions aims to improve mental well-being, and allow user to engage in safe and inclusive social settings.</p> <p>The project will be deliver and assisted by one staff member and one mental health conceller and two volunteers and will be supervise by the Community Development & Project Director that will be responsible to report progress and the impact of the project to the Management Committee member and the neighbourhood program.</p>	
3285	Conservation Area Advisory Group	Promotion of Southwark's heritage and local list by CAAG	<p>This project seeks to enhance and promote the celebration of our Heritage so it doesnt become ignored and lost. Our heritage is at risk.</p> <p>Southwark covers one of the oldest areas in the history of London going back before Roman times often which is buried underground and forms part of the Archaeology work by Southwark. However, it also has many structures above ground that are important buildings and other artefacts from the past with some being over 500 years or more in age such as Southwark Cathedral parts of which still exist from the 1400s and the George Inn which was first established around 1542 and rebuilt in 1677.</p> <p>Southwark's Conservation Areas Advisory Group advises and works with the Council on celebrating this important above ground heritage. In particular it seeks to protect the remaining buildings and structures that still exist from harmful development through regular input on planning applications - particularly in the Conservation Areas - but including important heritage that sits outside of these.</p> <p>Southwark has 48 Conservation Areas and over 1200 buildings on a Local</p>	3000

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			<p>List, as well as over 1000 on the national list managed by Historic England (ie Grade 1 or II listed). To show the interest from the public and other groups in Southwark's Heritage, in developing the local list, 11 August 2022 and 30 November 2022, over 2,500 responses were received across the consultation periods, including over 350 public nominations.</p> <p>People are deeply interested in their local architecture and history and the work heritage groups do trying to preserve this, is good for people's health and well-being. This is directly referred to in the Southwark Heritage SPD "Research has shown that the historic environment can contribute to positive social benefits, providing the foundation for positive growth, promoting social cohesion and contributing positively to physical and mental health wellbeing." pg2</p> <p>But not enough is being done to celebrate and protect our heritage. Despite the policies of the Southwark Plan 2022 and Heritage SPD (2021) which clearly set out the requirement to protect this heritage (ref P20, P21 and P26) Developers have been gradually undermining these policies through the planning system and obtaining permission to either remove or harm them through overshadowing or facading.</p> <p>This project seeks to promote Southwark's rich above ground heritage by providing greater visibility of the Southwark CAAG group, and promoting heritage protection.</p> <p>The project consists of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expanding the Southwark CAAG website and design refresh (approx £1000) including update and linking to the local list and Historic England lists to celebrate our amazing buildings with images etc as well as CAAG branding update and promotion materials prep (for social media) 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Links to other heritage groups in Southwark and how to contact them - Bringing together a way to see the rich catalog of heritage statements prepared by various developments - Centralising a database of Southwark's history boards accessible from the CAAG website - Establishing and Launching a Southwark CAAG heritage newsletter/blog/podcast - Working with the council on how to encourage younger people to get involved in CAAG - Providing a centralised register of walking history tours sponsored by CAAG - A series of CA and lowline celebration events (2x per year) with a view to establishing a Southwark Heritage Celebration Day - (approx £1500) utilising historic photography and promotion of information and books about Southwark's heritage. <p>Some of this will require the Council to do some activities (like updating the information on the Southwark website and providing a link to CAAG's website). Other parts of the project will be delivered by CAAG members and volunteers.</p>	

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			<p>The community will benefit from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - learning and development in terms of greater visibility of its heritage buildings and information about them as well as the diversity of the various communities that built them - community engagement and involvement as a way to contact and contribute to CAAG's important activities in protecting these structures - climate change and healthy streets by helping the climate change agenda and sustainability in retaining and celebrating our built heritage - what has been lost recently by development and heritage at risk 	

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2146	ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE	Rockingham Wellbeing	<p>Our project aims to create a vibrant, inclusive programme of activities at the community centre that responds to the needs and interests of our diverse local community. Through a mix of regular sessions, cultural events, and wellbeing-focused initiatives, we want to bring residents together, reduce social isolation, and promote both physical and mental wellbeing across all age groups.</p> <p>The community centre is a much-valued local space where people from different backgrounds and generations come together. We have seen how even small, consistent activities can have a big impact: helping people to make new connections, build confidence, and feel part of a supportive community. With this project, we want to build on what already works and introduce new opportunities that reflect residents' ideas and aspirations.</p> <p>Continuing Our Popular Zumba Sessions</p> <p>Our weekly Zumba sessions are one of the centre's most popular activities, attracting residents of varying fitness levels. They provide a fun, accessible way to stay active while improving physical health, coordination, and mental wellbeing. Beyond the exercise benefits, the sessions also help people make new friends and feel less isolated. Funding will help us to sustain these classes and keep them affordable for everyone, ensuring that cost is not a barrier to participation.</p> <p>Supporting the Bangladeshi Women's Group and Cultural Heritage</p> <p>Another key part of this project will be supporting the Bangladeshi Women's Group to continue their monthly coffee mornings, which are a cornerstone of community engagement and peer support. These gatherings provide a welcoming environment where women can share experiences, access advice, and strengthen social ties. We plan to enhance this by enabling the group to invite guest speakers and offer on-site</p>	6640

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			<p>advice sessions on topics such as health, family support, and local services.</p> <p>In addition, the group would like to host a mela – a cultural celebration that showcases Bangladeshi music, food, and traditions. This event will promote understanding and appreciation of the community’s rich heritage, while also providing a joyful opportunity for all residents to come together. The mela will be one of four seasonal community events designed to celebrate the diversity of the Rockingham Estate and to foster a sense of unity and belonging among all residents.</p> <p>Bringing People Together Through Nature and Creativity</p> <p>We would also like to arrange a community visit to Creative Nature’s The Clearing, a nature-based arts and wellbeing space. Many of our residents live in densely built-up urban areas with limited access to green spaces. A day spent in nature offers a powerful way to relieve stress, boost mood, and strengthen connections with each other and the environment. This visit will also serve as inspiration for future community-led activities on the estate, encouraging residents to think creatively about how we can bring more greenery, art, and outdoor wellbeing opportunities into our local area.</p> <p>Healthy Eating and Community Meals</p> <p>Looking forward, we are excited to launch a new programme of monthly healthy eating workshops followed by shared community dinners. This initiative will coincide with the reopening of the community centre kitchen, providing a wonderful opportunity to promote healthier lifestyles while reviving the much-loved tradition of ‘curry nights’ that many residents remember fondly.</p> <p>These sessions will combine practical cooking demonstrations with discussions about nutrition, budgeting, and healthy eating on a low income. Each workshop will end with a communal meal, welcoming all residents and providing a chance to enjoy good food together and strengthen social bonds. We expect these evenings to become a highlight</p>	

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			<p>of the community calendar, providing both learning and laughter in a friendly, welcoming environment.</p> <p>The benefits of this project will reach far beyond the individual activities. By offering a consistent programme of events and opportunities, we aim to:</p> <p>Reduce social isolation by providing welcoming spaces where people can connect, share, and feel part of something bigger.</p> <p>Improve physical health through regular movement and fitness activities with the Zumba class.</p> <p>Support mental wellbeing by encouraging creativity, community involvement, and time in nature.</p> <p>Promote cultural understanding and inclusion through events like the mela and other seasonal gatherings.</p> <p>Encourage healthier lifestyles by providing accessible information and hands-on learning through the healthy eating workshops.</p> <p>Empower residents to take an active role in shaping community life, developing confidence and leadership through volunteering and participation.</p> <p>Our approach is collaborative and community-led. We listen closely to residents' ideas and feedback, ensuring that activities are relevant, inclusive, and sustainable. The project will also strengthen partnerships between local groups and organisations, helping us to share resources and support one another more effectively.</p> <p>This project represents an exciting opportunity to build on the strengths of the Rockingham community and to create new ways for people to connect, celebrate, and</p>	

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			<p>thrive together. By investing in both physical activity and cultural and social engagement, we will help residents to lead healthier, happier lives and to feel proud of where they live.</p> <p>The combination of regular wellbeing sessions, cultural celebrations, shared meals, and creative outdoor experiences will ensure that everyone — regardless of age, background, or circumstance — can find something meaningful to take part in. With the Council's support, we can make the community centre a lively and welcoming hub at the heart of the estate, where connections flourish and wellbeing grows.</p>	
2473	My First 1000 Days	Yoga for a better life	<p>My First 1000 days is a non-profit organization aiming to make yoga & meditation and their healing benefits accessible to populations at risk and individuals who have been exposed to trauma and/or come from disadvantaged backgrounds, in London. In close collaboration with social justice and human health organizations, we set up yoga programs for people in precarious situations, including at-risk</p> <p>youth, women victims of domestic violence or sexual abuse, refugees and asylum seekers, prisoners and correctional officers, people recovering from addiction & mental health challenges, patients and hospital staff. Our project participants benefit from the yoga practice and its healing properties. The aim of our yoga project in Borough, is to engage young people that are at risk of social exclusion, gang engagement, youth crime, and in general young people that are feeling lonely and do not have a support group or do not feel part of the community.</p> <p>The issues that our project intend to tackle are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social exclusion of young people, specially those that come from vulnerable backgrounds, low income, refugees and those who English is not their first language. - Loneliness of young people that are finding difficult to meet other peers of their own 	4500

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			<p>age.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increasing gap among young people from different backgrounds and ethnicities. - Increasing rate of inactivity among young people, specially young women from BAME groups. - Alarming rate of young people turning into gangs or youth crime as a way of socialising. <p>All these issues relate to the young people growing up in Southwark, one of the London boroughs with the highest rates of child poverty, (Its poverty rate is 31%, above the London average of 27%, and the unemployment ratio is 6.5% - the 4th highest rate in London), and children's obesity, (28% of 11 year olds are obese in Southwark - one of the highest rates of child obesity in London).</p> <p>Our project will reach out to local schools, academies, community centres, GPs and other local organisations to make sure that our project reaches the young people that could benefit the most from our activities.</p> <p>Our vision is to empower young people to become more active participants in society, cultivate a positive outlook on life, and support their personal development. Through this project, participants will adopt more active and healthier lifestyles, connect with peers, overcome cultural barriers, and develop a sense of belonging.</p> <p>We will host two weekly sessions for young people aged 14 to 25. Additionally, we will offer a separate session exclusively for girls and young women, providing an inclusive space for those who, due to cultural reasons, cannot participate in mixed-gender activities.</p>	

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			<p>Our yoga project will bring together young people from diverse backgrounds. The activities, which include yoga and Trauma Release Exercises (TRE), are designed to build emotional resilience, provide self-care techniques, and alleviate trauma-related conditions such as stress, tension, anxiety, and depression. We aim to offer psycho-social support and wellness to young people from vulnerable backgrounds, helping them improve their life chances and future prospects.</p> <p>We will specifically focus our activities on BAME communities and young people from minority backgrounds, working in partnership with local community organizations in Southwark.</p> <p>Furthermore, we are committed to establishing sustainable yoga and volunteering projects by offering training in trauma-informed yoga practice, teaching, and protocols for teachers and community support workers. We believe that yoga is an effective tool for supporting the well-being of vulnerable community members, fostering dignity, compassion, and a sense of shared humanity.</p>	
2622	Keep Active Stay Focused CIC	(BASH) Be Active Stay Healthy	<p>The Be Active, Stay Healthy (BASH) project by Keep Active Stay Focused C.I.C. (KASF) is a user-led community wellbeing and self-defence programme supporting children, young people, and families in Southwark. It promotes physical health, confidence, and resilience through weekly sessions, post-Covid wellbeing activities, and inclusive community engagement.</p> <p>Funding will enable KASF to deliver regular sessions, three themed wellbeing workshops, and accredited First Aid training for volunteers, while subsidising equipment, uniforms, and licences for families on low incomes.</p> <p>The project reduces isolation, supports safer neighbourhoods, and strengthens community cohesion by providing accessible, structured, and positive activities. By involving parents and young volunteers, BASH develops leadership, teamwork, and respect - empowering the next generation and ensuring long-term community impact.</p>	7520

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2819	LATIN AMERICAN DISABLED PEOPLES PROJECT	Health, Wellbeing and Mental Health Support Project for Southwark Residence	<p>To improve physical and Mental Health and Wellbeing reduce social isolation, improve community integration, and enhance the mental health and wellbeing of disabled and non-disabled Latin American people in the borough of Southwark by providing one-to-one practical support and Health promotion activity and health checks</p> <p>The Latin American Disabled People's Project (LADPP) seeks funding to strengthen the Wellbeing & Mental Health of Spanish and Portuguese-speaking disabled and non-disabled individuals in Southwark, with a special focus on older adults and vulnerable people.</p> <p>The Latin American people based in Southwark are experiencing great difficulties accessing Wellbeing and Mental Health services due to different factors such as language barriers , lack of information and support, lack of confidence, Isolation as well as the difficulties accessing to medical treatment</p> <p>Particularly, Older adults and vulnerable people is letting behind as the majority of them are suffering from social exclusion and isolation some of them do not even have families neither friend to ask for support</p> <p>Through this project we want to continue improving their physical and Mental Health and Wellbeing reduce social isolation, improve community integration, and enhance the mental health and wellbeing of disabled and non-disabled Latin American people in the borough of Southwark by providing one-to-one practical support and Health promotion activity and health checks.</p> <p>This will help us to advice and address their health and mental health and wellbeing needs offering a one to one support to help user to build a health Work Plan aims to meet their needs and access health and mental health support and healthcare services. This will ensure that all residents have equal access to life opportunities and can meet their basic needs.</p>	7314

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			<p>We also will help them to track progress and implement the necessary changes according to their needs. This also will help to build more confidence and play an active part in the management of their physical and mental health difficulties.</p> <p>The project aims to deliver:</p> <p>1- One days drop-in services with a mental health support worker delivering health checks to help user to identify their health and mental health needs and build a health work plan.</p> <p>2- To deliver 6 work shops in areas of health care and how to access NHS services as well as how to access disability welfare, social services support, other service and welfare to meet their needs.</p> <p>3- 12 sessions to deliver 5 breathing exercise sessions and 5 yoga classes and 5 Alternative workshop therapy sessions and 5 health management health sessions to help user to manage progress.</p> <p>4-To deliver 30 one-to-one counselling support sessions to those cases more in need of mental health support</p> <p>5-One monthly Social and Well-being Sessions aims to improve mental well-being, and allow user to engage in safe and inclusive social settings.</p> <p>The project will be delivered and assisted by one staff member and one mental health councillor and two volunteers and will be supervised by the Community Development & Project Director that will be responsible to report progress and the impact of the project to the Management Committee member and the neighbourhood program.</p>	

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2833	Felly Bee Intl	Training the future stylists of tomorrow	I am planning to take in any young to old people who have. A passion for hairstyling. My organization offers unisex hairstylist so whether there passion lies in barbering hair or the styling of women hairstyles I will be able to offer a range of different expertise form me and my team. In today's society many kids are out till late times which makes the susceptible to the grooming of gangs and I would like to use my business to help break that cycle. Even if some people are not poking for a job in the field of hairstyling my business can be an opportunity for some young adults to get their first job through me offering opportunities to help around the store through the cleaning of the shop floor as well as cleaning equipment and just being apart of the community. My shop sees many different people form different ent walks of life with people have have overcome many adversities and through all my years with my business I've herd aloe if stories and I would like to share that with the next generation. Through this project not only will it keep the young adults out of harms way they will also be able to learn a lot from what the older generation has been through, through this project my business can be a source of inspiration that can put some young adults on a bad path back on the right one. Through the funding i will able to pay the young adults that are looking for small part time work and also buy the equipment that those willing to learn can practice with, as well as improve the working conditions for my team and the potential new trainees.	50000
2986	South London Mission	South London Mission Wellbeing Activities	<p>We have 5 weekly projects that provide community cohesion and social capital. All our projects are weekly and create integrated social spaces, networks, encourage participation and reduce barriers for disadvantaged groups.</p> <p>Over 55's Support group</p> <p>Reduces isolation and improves wellbeing through in person group physical exercise and emotional support via weekly intergenerational engagement with the Pantry.</p> <p>Pantry</p> <p>Weekly fresh and ambient food distribution. Supports the over 55's group by mitigating food insecurity and hygiene poverty. It also provides social care and reduces isolation</p>	10000

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			<p>as it serves as a drop in centre. Through our work with schools via the BRITE Box project, the Pantry provides bedding and toiletry support for children in temporary accommodation. Also supports Mummies Republic members and the wider community by providing essential household items at low cost, thereby supporting households budgets, as more of the family income can be diverted to other essential costs such as heating. Grant funding will support purchase of weekly items needed for hospitality.</p> <p>Mummies Republic (For mummies by mummies)</p> <p>Provides access to Talking therapy, retreats and weekly group sessions for vulnerable mothers. Our premise is if the care giver is well, then the house is better supported. Funding will support much needed annual retreat which supports mental health.</p> <p>Saturday School</p> <p>Provides education and skills development, with focus on extra-curricular English and maths, by confidence building and access to cultural and social capital. Funding will help us respond to pupil requests for trips to the theatre and cinema.</p> <p>BRITE Box</p> <p>Supports the understanding behind free school meals by providing whole food meal kits, promoting healthy eating habits on the weekend. It also teaches pupils cooking and budgeting, provides family engagement, homework support and mitigates childhood grooming as the boxes help identify pupils who need extra support to mitigate county lines and maintains childhood. Grant funding will help us items for the meal kits.</p>	

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3034	TOWER HAMLETS YOUTH SPORT FOUNDATION	Platform Cricket Hubs: Elephant & Castle Jumbos	<p>Over a number of years, we have established Platform Cricket Hubs in across Southwark, with the aim of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p>We believe cricket can play a unique role in supporting young people in Southwark because it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p>Our model has two main parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. 	1800

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			<p>- 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.</p> <p>Our Elephant & Castle Hub will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incorporate Ark Globe, Cathedral School of St Saviour & St Mary Overie, Charles Dickens, Friars, St George’s Cathedral, St Joseph’s (Borough), St Jude’s and Snowsfield Primary Schools - Focuses on children living in the Borough & Bankside, Chaucer and St George’s Wards of Southwark - Runs all sessions at Ark Globe Academy <p>We are requesting £1,800 to support the coaching of the community sessions for this hub (suggested split of £600 per ward, split between Borough & Bankside, Chaucer and St George’s).</p> <p>The coaching will be delivered by experienced, level 2 coaches with enhanced DBS Checks.</p> <p>The outputs we will measure progress against are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OUTCOME 1: More young people physically active through cricket (Consent Forms & Registers) 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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) <p>We expect to reach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 280 children via school activity - Bringing a minimum of 28 into regular community participation 	
3044	Tabard Central and South Estates TRA	Seaside Connections: A community Day for Tabard central & South Residents.	<p>The Tabard South and Central Tenants and Residents Association (TRA) is an active, resident-led community group committed to improving the wellbeing and quality of life of everyone living on our estate. Our aim has always been to create opportunities for residents to come together, share experiences, and build a stronger sense of belonging.</p> <p>Over the years, our TRA has organised community events and wellbeing activities that bring people closer together. From family fun days to our allotment project, we have seen how powerful shared experiences can be in building friendships, reducing isolation, and creating pride in our community.</p>	4850

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			<p>Seaside Connections: A Community Day for Tabard Residents, grew directly from conversations with neighbours. Many residents said they would love a day out together somewhere relaxing and refreshing, away from the stresses of daily life in London. For some, it would be their first trip to the seaside in years. We saw this as a wonderful opportunity to give people a well-deserved break while continuing to strengthen the sense of togetherness that defines our TRA.</p> <p>Our residents represent many cultures and generations, and the seaside trip will celebrate that diversity. The day will be about joy, connection, and shared experiences — neighbours laughing together, children playing, and older residents enjoying a change of scenery. By making the trip affordable and accessible, the TRA will ensure that everyone who wants to come can take part, regardless of age, background, or circumstance.</p> <p>The Seaside connection project aims to provide a relaxing, inclusive, and memorable day out for residents of all ages. It will encourage social connections and reduce isolation, support mental health and well-being through time outdoors, celebrate the diversity of our community, strengthen relationships between neighbours and families, and increase participation in future TRA activities.</p> <p>The Tabard South and Central TRA represents 30 residential blocks, home to a wide mix of residents: from single-person households to larger families spanning multiple generations. Our community is incredibly diverse, and we want this project to reflect that inclusivity.</p> <p>To make sure as many residents as possible can take part, the TRA plans to organise two seaside trips during the summer. We are one united TRA representing both Tabard South and Tabard Central areas, and these two trips will ensure equal opportunity for participation across our shared community. Each trip will use a 52- seater coach, giving residents the chance to choose a convenient date and ensuring that no one is left out</p>	

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			<p>due to limited seating.</p> <p>By offering two trip dates, we can accommodate more families; including those with several children or extended households and ensure that every part of our 30-block community has the opportunity to join. It also helps to ensure everyone's comfort and safety while keeping the groups friendly and manageable.</p> <p>This approach reflects our ongoing commitment to inclusion, giving all members of the Tabard South and Central community a fair opportunity to take part, relax, and enjoy a well-deserved day out by the sea together</p> <p>Tabard South and Central is a vibrant and diverse community with residents of all ages and backgrounds. Although our estate is rich in community spirit, many residents face barriers such as financial hardship, social isolation, or limited mobility, which can make it difficult to take part in recreational activities.</p> <p>The TRA recognises the importance of creating moments that bring joy and connection. We know from experience that shared activities can have a lasting positive impact and have shown how much residents value opportunities to come together.</p> <p>A day by the sea offers more than just a break from routine; it provides a sense of freedom, fun, and renewal. For older residents, it can bring back fond memories of family holidays. For children, it's an adventure and a chance to explore. For everyone, it's a reminder that they are part of a community that truly cares.</p> <p>The Seaside Connections project aims to promote wellbeing, strengthen community bonds, and celebrate the diversity of the Tabard South and Central community. Spending time outdoors and by the sea supports relaxation, reduces stress, and improves mood, giving residents the chance to unwind, recharge, and return home feeling happier and more connected. Shared experiences like this are powerful in building trust and friendship, helping neighbours form new connections and strengthen</p>	

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			<p>existing ones.</p> <p>The trip will also help reduce social isolation by creating an inclusive and friendly environment where everyone feels welcome, especially older residents or those who live alone. By bringing together children, families, and older residents, the outing will encourage intergenerational engagement and understanding, fostering empathy and respect across age groups.</p> <p>As the Tabard estate is proudly multicultural, the trip will celebrate this diversity by uniting residents from many backgrounds through shared enjoyment and mutual respect. Ultimately, the project aims to inspire greater participation in TRA activities, encouraging more residents to become involved in community projects, volunteering, and future events that continue to strengthen our network and sense of togetherness.</p> <p>Although the trips are one-day events, their positive effects will continue long afterwards. Shared experiences help create trust, neighbourliness, and a sense of pride in where we live. The project will support the TRA's wider goal of nurturing a kind, inclusive, and connected community. It will also build momentum for future initiatives.</p> <p>This project will be fully community-led. The idea came from residents, and every stage from planning to delivery will involve local people. The TRA committee and volunteers will manage bookings, support participants on the day, and make sure everything runs smoothly.</p> <p>Our TRA prides itself on being approachable, transparent, and inclusive. Residents know their voices are heard and that every project is designed to benefit the whole community. The seaside trip continues that tradition a celebration of our shared spirit and unity.</p> <p>To measure the project's success, the TRA will gather feedback from participants after each trip, record how many residents took part and note how many were new to TRA</p>	

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			<p>events. Assess the impact on wellbeing and community participation and review lessons learned to inform future activities</p> <p>Seaside Connections: A Community Day for Tabard Residents is more than just a day out, it's a celebration of who we are as a community. It will bring people from all walks of life together to share laughter, sunshine, and stories, strengthening the bonds that make Tabard South and Central TRA a united and caring family.</p>	
3172	Ignite Hubs	Borough & London Bridge Digital Content Creators	<p>Ignite Hubs is an award-winning education charity that equips children and young people with vital digital, creative and STEM skills to prepare them for future careers. Founded in 2019 by Lin Vong, a Southwark resident of nearly 40 years, Ignite Hubs was named 'Best Charity in Southwark' at the 2023 Business Excellence Awards and nominated for the 'King's Award for Voluntary Service' in 2024. Lin also received a Civic Award from Southwark Council in 2025 for her contributions to the community.</p> <p>Young people today require digital literacy and creative capabilities to access and pursue careers in the creative and media sectors. Creativity empowers self-expression, especially for young people from underserved communities. It allows them to explore their identity, share lived experiences, and engage with the civic and social issues that matter to them. Developing these skills fosters confidence and a sense of agency, while providing a powerful platform for advocacy and storytelling, essential for those who may otherwise lack the opportunity to be heard and the confidence to take part.</p> <p>This project will deliver free 'Digital Content Creators' classes at John Harvard Library aimed at 12 to 16-year-olds during the Autumn and Spring terms. Taught by professional instructors with support from volunteers, the weekly sessions will help students build their digital and creative skills through hands-on projects in a fun, supportive environment.</p> <p>The creative industries are one of the UK's fastest-growing sectors, yet they remain unequal and lack diversity. Young people, particularly those from disadvantaged or underrepresented backgrounds, often lack access to the skills, networks, and role</p>	3080

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			<p>models needed to pursue creative careers. This project helps to address that gap by supporting students in developing a portfolio of original work and a greater awareness of how creative skills connect to real-world career opportunities in media, design, and digital communications.</p> <p>The wider community will also benefit: our programmes often inspire greater family engagement, spark parents to explore their own digital learning, and help volunteers gain valuable experience and new friendships. These ripple effects strengthen local connections, boost community creativity, and promote lifelong learning.</p> <p>The funding will cover instructor costs and the creation of learning resources and curriculum. The project supports social mobility, improves access to creative industries, and helps build a stronger, more inclusive community.</p>	
3206	Tabard Central and South Estates TRA	The Big Tabard Get Together 2026	<p>The Big Tabard Get Together is a community celebration organised by residents of the Tabard Central and South Estate. Following the success of our Great Get Together in 2025, we hope to make this an annual tradition that everyone can look forward to a joyful day that celebrates our diversity and strengthens the friendly spirit we're proud of here on Tabard.</p> <p>Our TRA is home to thirty residential blocks with people of all ages and backgrounds. The TRA is run entirely by local volunteers who care deeply about the place we live. Much of our time is spent dealing with housing and estate matters, but we also believe that a happy community depends on connection and shared experiences, not just maintenance and meetings.</p> <p>This year's Great Get Together showed how powerful that sense of connection can be. Families came out with their children, neighbours shared food, music filled the air, and older residents who hadn't joined in for years felt part of things again. For many, it was the first time the estate had truly felt united. It wasn't easy to organise; there were delays, weather worries, and last-minute hiccups but we pulled together and made it happen. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. People stopped us to say thank</p>	2500

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			<p>you, offered to help next time, and asked for more community events. That's why we're planning to do it again and make it a regular feature of estate life.</p> <p>The Big Tabard Get Together 2026 will take place on Manciple Street and will once again be free and open to everyone. There will be food stalls, music, children's activities, arts and crafts, and our much-loved Tabard's Got Talent showcase, where residents can perform and share their creativity. Everything will be organised and delivered by volunteers with a focus on accessibility, clear communication, and making sure everyone feels welcome and included.</p> <p>The benefits for the community reach far beyond one afternoon of fun:</p> <p>Reduces isolation and loneliness: Older and vulnerable residents will have a reason to come out, socialise, and reconnect in a safe, friendly environment.</p> <p>Builds confidence and pride: Children and young people will take part in performances and activities that help them feel proud of their estate and their talents.</p> <p>Encourages cross-generational friendships: The event brings together people from different backgrounds and ages, strengthening understanding and mutual respect.</p> <p>Supports families through the cost-of-living crisis: A free, local event gives families a much-needed day of fun and relaxation without financial pressure.</p> <p>Improves community wellbeing: Shared laughter, music, and creativity lift spirits and remind residents that they belong to a caring, supportive community.</p> <p>Challenges negative perceptions: By showing the estate at its best — colourful, lively, and welcoming — the event helps change how people view Tabard, both inside and outside the area.</p>	

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			<p>Inspires ongoing involvement: After last year's event, several residents joined the TRA or volunteered for other projects. We expect this year's event to spark even more participation.</p> <p>We'll also use the day to connect residents with local services and community organisations. Stalls will offer information about health, youth activities, training, and wellbeing support, helping people discover what's available to them all year round.</p> <p>This project is resident-led from start to finish. Open planning meetings will give residents the chance to share ideas and get involved in ways that suit them. We've already had offers from parents, young people, and older residents who want to help; from baking cakes and running games to setting up tables.</p> <p>All funding will go toward essential costs such as public liability insurance, event licences, equipment hire, safety barriers, first aid cover, and materials for children's activities. With support from the Neighbourhoods Grant, we can make sure the event is safe, well-organised, and accessible to everyone.</p> <p>Our goal is to see the Big Tabard Get Together become a regular feature of estate life, an event that residents look forward to each year. It's about more than one day of celebration; it's about bringing people together building pride, connection, and a stronger, more caring community. The Big Tabard Get Together captures everything our TRA stands for: community, inclusion, and care for one another. With your support, we can build on last year's success and make 2026 even more special a true celebration of life on the Tabard Estate</p>	
3212		Community DIY Skills Workshops	<p>This project proposes a series of hands-on workshops covering common aspects of basic DIY, such as safely using drills and completing small household repairs. The sessions will help residents build confidence in tackling everyday maintenance tasks at home.</p> <p>Community Benefits:</p>	2500

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empowerment: Participants gain practical skills to manage small but important household tasks independently. • Confidence building: Learning DIY skills promotes self-reliance and personal achievement. • Community connection: Group workshops bring residents together, reducing loneliness and encouraging community interaction and cooperation. • Wellbeing: Practical learning supports mental health, social inclusion, and pride in maintaining one's home and environment. 	
3331		Gathering around Pardoners Street	BBQ around Pardoners Street, including my estate	1500
3332		Eid event at Harper Road Mosque	Eid Event at Harper Road Mosque organised by local sisters. Welcoming people of different backgrounds.	2500
2725	Mr Robert Zampetti	Empire Square Community Meeting Space Project	Empire Square Residents Association (ESRA) proudly represents over 570 residential units across Empire Square West, East, and South in Borough, London, advocating for a vibrant and diverse community of residents from a wide range of backgrounds, ages, and nationalities. We work to enhance amenities and address residents' collective concerns through active consultation with landlords, managing agents, and external partners, ensuring our cosmopolitan neighbourhood thrives for everyone who calls Empire Square home. We are seeking a small grant of £1,500 to offset the cost of renting a much-needed meeting space near the estate, which is crucial for us to continue representing and supporting residents effectively. The proposed venue is St George the Martyr across the street, with other options under consideration.	1500

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2429	Meadow Row	Meadow Row Garden improvements	<p>Enhancement to "Grot Spot" of the community waste bin storage areas, add fresh spoil and new plants to existing planters.</p> <p>Remove overgrowth of self-seeding tree saplings from plan bedding areas in the main garden, refresh the soil, and replant with perennial flowers and shrubbery. The main garden was last planted nearly 15 years ago, and all of the original plants have perished</p> <p>We wish to continue with our successful Meadow Row community "Get togethers", to welcome our newest residents and their children (we have eight children ages 2 -9 years). We wish to continue these extremely popular social events in 2026 and request funding for seating/table rentals and children's activities/games.</p>	6000
2746	USDD Networks	USDD Youth Street Dance Theatre	<p>USDD Youth Street Dance Theatre 2026 will deliver a free 8-week dance and performance programme for children and young people aged 7–18 from low-income families in the Elephant & Castle and Walworth area, starting mid-January 2026.</p> <p>Led by USDD Networks, the project offers street and Afro-dance workshops led by renowned UK and international choreographers, including Beth Pearcey, Cori D'Lionne, and Lexi Maize. Sessions will take place weekly at Walworth Community Space (ages 7–11) and Southwark Playhouse (ages 12–18), culminating in free public performances that act as temporary public art celebrating youth creativity.</p> <p>The project removes financial barriers to arts participation and gives local families access to high-quality creative training otherwise out of reach. It builds confidence, teamwork, and well-being among participants while strengthening community connections through inclusive, accessible cultural activity.</p> <p>By working with local schools, community partners, and venues, USDD Networks will create an inspiring and safe space for young people to express themselves, celebrate their heritage, and contribute to Southwark's vibrant cultural identity.</p>	5000

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3227	Shana-kay Haughton	SBC Baking Club	<p>Sweet Baking Collective will deliver a six-week hands-on cake baking and decorating course for local young people aged 16–25 in Southwark. Participants will learn practical baking techniques, teamwork, and creativity while exploring different cultural baking traditions. The project aims to build confidence, develop employable skills, and inspire young people to consider future opportunities in food and hospitality.</p> <p>By providing an inclusive, welcoming space, the programme encourages positive social connections, reduces isolation, and strengthens community spirit. The sessions will also promote healthy, safe cooking practices and encourage participants to share their creations with neighbours and family. Through baking together, the project will bring people from different backgrounds closer and celebrate Southwark’s creative community.</p>	5000
2908	London Borough of Southwark	Raising awareness for nesting season	<p>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.</p>	1000
3285	Conservation Area Advisory Group	Promotion of Southwark's heritage and local list by CAAG	<p>This project seeks to enhance and promote the celebration of our Heritage so it doesn't become ignored and lost. Our heritage is at risk.</p> <p>Southwark covers one of the oldest areas in the history of London going back before Roman times often which is buried underground and forms part of the Archaeology work by Southwark. However, it also has many structures above ground that are important buildings and other artefacts from the past with some being over 500 years or more in age such as Southwark Cathedral parts of which still exist from the 1400s and the George Inn which was first established around 1542 and rebuilt in 1677.</p>	3000

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			<p>Southwark's Conservation Areas Advisory Group advises and works with the Council on celebrating this important above ground heritage. In particular it seeks to protect the remaining buildings and structures that still exist from harmful development through regular input on planning applications - particularly in the Conservation Areas - but including important heritage that sits outside of these.</p> <p>Southwark has 48 Conservation Areas and over 1200 buildings on a Local List, as well as over 1000 on the national list managed by Historic England (ie Grade 1 or II listed). To show the interest from the public and other groups in Southwark's Heritage, in developing the local list, 11 August 2022 and 30 November 2022, over 2,500 responses were received across the consultation periods, including over 350 public nominations.</p> <p>People are deeply interested in their local architecture and history and the work heritage groups do trying to preserve this, is good for people's health and well-being. This is directly referred to in the Southwark Heritage SPD "Research has shown that the historic environment can contribute to positive social benefits, providing the foundation for positive growth, promoting social cohesion and contributing positively to physical and mental health wellbeing." pg2</p> <p>But not enough is being done to celebrate and protect our heritage. Despite the policies of the Southwark Plan 2022 and Heritage SPD (2021) which clearly set out the requirement to protect this heritage (ref P20, P21 and P26) Developers have been gradually undermining these policies through the planning system and obtaining permission to either remove or harm them through overshadowing or facading.</p> <p>This project seeks to promote Southwark's rich above ground heritage by providing greater visibility of the Southwark CAAG group, and promoting heritage protection.</p> <p>The project consists of the following</p>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expanding the Southwark CAAG website and design refresh (approx £1000) including update and linking to the local list and Historic England lists to celebrate our amazing buildings with images etc as well as CAAG branding update and promotion materials prep (for social media) - Links to other heritage groups in Southwark and how to contact them - Bringing together a way to see the rich catalog of heritage statements prepared by various developments - Centralising a database of Southwark's history boards accessible from the CAAG website - Establishing and Launching a Southwark CAAG heritage newsletter/blog/podcast - Working with the council on how to encourage younger people to get involved in CAAG - Providing a centralised register of walking history tours sponsored by CAAG - A series of CA and lowline celebration events (2x per year) with a view to establishing a Southwark Heritage Celebration Day - (approx £1500) utilising historic photography and promotion of information and books about Southwark's heritage. <p>Some of this will require the Council to do some activities (like updating the information on the Southwark website and providing a link to CAAG's website). Other parts of the project will be delivered by CAAG members and volunteers.</p>	

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			<p>The community will benefit from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - learning and development in terms of greater visibility of its heritage buildings and information about them as well as the diversity of the various communities that built them - community engagement and involvement as a way to contact and contribute to CAAG's important activities in protecting these structures - climate change and healthy streets by helping the climate change agenda and sustainability in retaining and celebrating our built heritage - what has been lost recently by development and heritage at risk 	

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2103	UNITY MUSIC ARTS TEAM CIC	The Bermondsey Square Jazz Days 2026	The Bermondsey Square Jazz Days are an established summer series of free to attend outdoor live music events . Proudly supporting creative music talent , community enrichment, diversity and enrichment. These events were established in the summer of 2018 with the collective support shown from the local ward councillors and other community organisations .	2500

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			<p>Since 2018 The Jazz Days have become a highlight in Southwarks annual event calendar. As these events are FREE , they attract a wide demographic of all age groups and ethnicities . Southwark is a stand together influenced local authority. Music is a universal language and the jazz days proudly support bringing the community together in a peaceful harmonious fashion.</p> <p>Bermondsey Jazz has supported many students living in the borough and also attracted much of London's aspiring music talent , students and graduates invited from across the capital. The Bermondsey Square Jazz Days have become recognised throughout London which would contribute towards Southwarks aims and aspirations to be nominated as The London Borough Of Culture.</p> <p>The Jazz Days welcome all age groups , providing event seating, disabled access toilets , event marshals and licensed security. The Jazz Days also support greater footfall and retention to the local area and help boost much needed revenue for local businesses . Each event can attract audiences in the region of 400 people and approximately 600 people throughout the whole afternoon</p> <p>The Bermondsey Square Jazz Days 2026 summer programme will consist of 5 x FREE to attend Sunday afternoon outdoor live performance events , hosted on the FIRST SUNDAY of each month between 3rd May and 6th September 2026. (FIVE EVENTS) The June event will feature a tribute through music to The Windrush legacy and The July event will include an LGBTQ+ family friendly music and dance programme to support Pride in Southwark.</p> <p>The Bermondsey Square Jazz Days are hosted by The Unity Music Arts Team CIC which operates as a small non profit grass roots music organisation . UMAT has received recognition from The London Mayor volunteering creative and culture award 2019 and Southwark Business 'Community Champion' award 2020.</p> <p>The Bermondsey Square Summer Jazz Days have become a credit to The London</p>	

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			Bridge & West Bermondsey Ward and the right kind of recognition for The London Borough of Southwark.	
2242	Bermondsey Street Festival Community Interest Company	Bermondsey Street Festival	<p>Bermondsey Street festival is an annual community event taking place around the 3rd Saturday in September each year, with 2026 being our 20th anniversary . The festival transforms Bermondsey Street and it's surrounds into a vibrant marketplace providing an opportunity for local businesses and talented artisans of food, craft and entertainment to showcase Bermondsey Streets creativity and entrepreneurship.</p> <p>Leathermarket Gardens hosts a Family Fun Hub which focusses on children's activities, music, a Dog Show, and a Maypole for the enjoyment of children and adults alike.</p> <p>Tanner Street Park has an array of food and drink with vibrant acts on the (solar powered) music stage. In 2025 we extended food stalls around the tennis court with extra chillout areas and seating, which was a huge success.</p> <p>The festival creates a wonderful community spirit with local businesses and residents volunteering to organise the event and attending to celebrate the artistic talent and rich culture we have here.</p> <p>As we build on the success of the festival each year, we aim to raise sufficient funds to cover the costs of producing it, however as the success grows so do our costs and the importance of receiving financial support from grants and sponsorships.</p>	55000
2252	KAZZUM ARTS PROJECT	Regulation	<p>SUMMARY</p> <p>We are seeking funding towards a whole school creative intervention, providing weekly support to all children attending Beormund Primary School, an SEMH setting, improving self-esteem, mental health and wellbeing of children, and supporting their</p>	10750

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			<p>engagement in learning and relationships with their peers.</p> <p>NEED</p> <p>The project will reach children who attend Beormund Primary School, a special needs setting for primary school aged children with social, emotional, and mental health needs in Southwark. The children have experienced multiple Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) which affect their wellbeing and how they view and interact with the world. We know that there is a need for this work through research, and current engagement with the school.</p> <p>Data from the school shows that all the children have experienced more than five, ACES, with 36% of children experiencing seven or more (out of a total of nine):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 97% of children live in homes where their parents are separated • 57% have been raised in homes where a parent or sibling has diagnosed mental illness • 50% have experienced domestic violence • 43% are known to social services due to emotional abuse • 33% have experienced neglect as identified by children’s social care • 20% have (or have had) significant family members in the prison system <p>(The school also notes that the above figures only capture proven events, so are likely to underestimate the experiences of the children).</p> <p>Children with mental ill-health are more likely to experience ruptured relationships,</p>	

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			<p>struggle to learn and be excluded from school. This can have lifelong impacts upon social, emotional and mental health, physical health, social mobility and life expectancy.</p> <p>We know from our existing practice that our trauma informed approach is successful in engaging the children at the school. The recent Children’s Society report Youth Voice: SEND and School Exclusions recommends trauma informed approaches to responding to behaviour and recognises the overlap between behaviours deemed challenging and the symptoms of trauma. The school has recently been recognised as a Trauma Informed School – the commitment to achieving this being a key reason for wanting to work with us.</p> <p>DELIVERY</p> <p>Regulation is a whole school creative intervention which provides weekly support to all children attending the school. It aims to improve self-esteem, mental health and wellbeing of children at Beormund School, and support their engagement in learning and relationships with their peers.</p> <p>We have tested different creative approaches with the children, and are seeking funding to run three different sessions per week on Fridays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One drama-based session, as we found that physical and expressive activities help the children to develop communication skills and build peer to peer relationships. The sessions will include storytelling, acting and performing, to support the development of their imaginations, creative thinking and peer relationships. • Two visual arts sessions which will include painting, drawing, sculpture, textiles and printmaking to support emotional and physical regulation in a calming sensory environment. The sessions will enable the children to focus on a creative activity, supporting emotional regulation and developing peer relationships. 	

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			<p>This offers a consistent approach within a structured and responsive environment to meet the needs and interests of the children. We support children to experience a sense of safety and form trusted relationships with emotionally available practitioners, and our activities educate the children on social interaction through accessible practice. These support them to express themselves, feel motivated and build their confidence and in turn increase their engagement in wider learning across the school.</p> <p>All the activities help self-regulation and peer relationships, increasing the likelihood of children experiencing positive social interactions outside of the school.</p> <p>This work is uniquely placed within the school, as the only provision supporting children’s creativity. Kazzum is currently the only external organisation providing regular support to the children in this way and have built up trust with children and staff.</p> <p>At two points in the academic year, we support the school during their Personal Learning Plan (PLP) days. Kazzum artists offer creativity activities for students and their parents to engage with either side of their meetings with the teachers. This opportunity to engage with parents deepens Kazzum’s connection with the children and furthers their understanding of the child in context. We also offer activities that can be taken home to support ongoing connection between parent and child.</p> <p>Beormund School are due to undergo a major transition as they relocate the school to a new site in early 2027. Our future work will support the children and staff during this time of upheaval, using creative activities to aid a sense of belonging and overseeing the children’s creation of a new mural.</p> <p>BENEFITS</p> <p>The project will deliver 72 sessions across the year (3 per week, over 24 weeks)</p>	

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			<p>reaching all 34 children, 2 PLP days and a training day for the school, reaching 25 members of staff.</p> <p>We anticipate that the work will result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased engagement (wanting to do more) –87% of children last academic year • Increased creativity (learning new things) - 88% of children last academic year • Increased confidence (feeling proud) - 86% of children last academic year <p>The impact for parents and the wider community can be seen in last academic year's evaluation by key adults (parents and school staff):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80% reported that the children had improved relationships with other children, staff and the school environment. • 100% reported that they saw improved mental health, resilience and ability to regulate emotions in the children. • 100% reported that the children felt heard and empowered to make positive choices. 	
2448	London Bubble Theatre Company	Speech Bubbles at Grange Primary School	<p>Speech Bubbles is a drama-based speech, language and communication intervention for students who struggle to express themselves, engage with classroom learning and form and maintain positive relationships.</p> <p>Funding would support project delivery at Grange Primary School, specifically working with their children who have SEND, come from households where English is a second language and those who lack confidence in communicating.</p> <p>By encouraging receptive, expressive language, turn taking and turn giving, Speech Bubbles activities help children to master the art of building stories. In turn this leads</p>	3088

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			<p>to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved academic attainment • Improved communication • Improved personal and social wellbeing • Leading to long-term improved life chances. <p>We will work with 20 students (two groups of 10) who teaching staff and SENCOs feel need the most support. Pupils are selected based on a referral criteria and staffs' professional judgement, specifically targeting those children who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack confidence in communicating • Have difficulty organising thoughts and communicating them • Have poor attention • Show poor listening skills <p>'Speech Bubbles is an innovative approach in helping children with speech and language difficulties. Our children in year 1 and 2 look forward to these sessions and are thriving in this programme, which boosts their confidence.' SENCO</p> <p>Weekly Speech Bubbles story-drama sessions are led by an experienced drama practitioner and the classroom Teaching Assistant who both receive specialist training. Each session is structured to support the students with their understanding and develops their communication skills and emotional literacy. Our unique, story-led process hands agency back to the children. Students explore body language, gestures</p>	

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			<p>and facial expressions. Activities like the Speech Bubbles chant, songs and 'story square' form a simple, familiar structure, enabling the children to feel safe. This safety enables the opportunity to explore their creativity and imagination. Our specialist facilitator is responsive to the students, providing a person-centred flexibility from week to week.</p> <p>Each week one child dictates a story to an adult which forms the basis of the next session. Together the children animate it as it is read out – entering the 'story square' to create characters, places and environments. Seeing their self-authored story acted out gives the children a sense of empowerment and autonomy which supports confidence-building.</p> <p>Our evaluation data for the 2024-25 academic year demonstrated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 81% of children showed improvements in learning, speaking, and listening • 74% showed improvements in emotional and conduct behaviour • Teacher comments showed they noticed improvements back in class in 96% of Speech Bubbles children <p>Speech Bubbles builds communication skills by encouraging students to reflect on feelings and emotions and conveying these through words. It also employs the 'I Wonder' model, which encourages students to think more broadly about a scenario, and encourages a multiplicity of "correct" answers, helping to reduce the anxiety students may feel surrounding answering questions in class.</p> <p>Teachers speak about the impact of the project on the children they work with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "J is now able to communicate more effectively and doesn't get so frustrated when he can't find the words to say." 	

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			<p>• “N came to school not able to read or write a sentence nor create a group of friends. Now the end of year 1, and he is above year 1 expectations in reading, writing and maths.”</p> <p>2026 will be our sixteenth year delivering Speech Bubbles at Grange, and the intervention is seen as an integral project to best support their most vulnerable student’s communication skills and overall attainment.</p> <p>“It is difficult to explain the joy I see, when the children have made progress with their language, communication and social skills. I think the routine and consistency of the programme makes the children to feel comfortable, as they know what is going to happen in each session.” Headteacher</p> <p>This neighbourhood grant would allow us to deliver Speech Bubbles in the 26-27 academic year for a much-subsidised cost, making it feasible for schools at a time of real financial difficulty.</p> <p>Funds would support:</p> <p>Fees for freelance project delivery staff = £2,555</p> <p>Project running costs = £533 (marketing & publicity, franchise fee to Speech Bubbles CIO)</p> <p>Total funds requested = £3,088</p>	
2454	Miss Louise BIALI	Representation of Daloa-Bété Cultural Open Day (Annual Edition – South East London)	<p>Daloa-UK</p> <p>A community organisation representing people from Daloa, Côte d’Ivoire, and others who share similar West African cultural traditions.</p>	4950

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			<p>The organisation brings together residents from Daloa of all ages, but mostly aged 50 and over to help reduce loneliness and social isolation by involving them in community projects and social activities across Southwark. Daloa-UK provides welcoming spaces where members can celebrate shared heritage, promote cultural understanding and build strong local connections.</p> <p>The Daloa-Bété Cultural Open Day</p> <p>A representation of Daloa’s culture and is open to everyone. The event will showcase the similarities and shared values between Southwark residents and Daloa’s traditions, while celebrating the broader diversity of West African cultures — including those from Nigeria, Ghana, Senegal, Mali, Niger, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and beyond.</p> <p>Through traditional food, clothing, dance and storytelling, the event will promote unity, inclusion, and mutual respect, encouraging people from all backgrounds to come together, learn from one another, and strengthen community cohesion.</p> <p>Key community benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourages solidarity and mutual support among Daloa and wider African residents. - Reduces loneliness and enhances social wellbeing. - Provides learning opportunities for young people and cultural enthusiasts. - Promotes intercultural understanding and respect within Southwark’s diverse population. - The event will take place in community halls across Southwark during summer (June–August), when both indoor and small outdoor gatherings are possible. 	

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2497	SPRING COMMUNITY HUB	Working Parents Holiday Club	<p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A local parent recently shared:</p> <p>“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 my child a happy, safe summer.”</p> <p>Our Solution:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Case Study:</p> <p>Fatima, a hospital cleaner and mother of two, struggled to find affordable care for her children aged 5 and 9 during the holidays.</p> <p>With our camp, her children enjoyed daily meals, creative activities, and new friendships, while Fatima was able to keep working without risking her job.</p> <p>Impact:</p> <p>Over 60 children aged 4–11 each summer gain access to safe care and two nutritious</p>	4850

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			<p>meals daily.</p> <p>92% of parents report reduced stress and greater ability to maintain employment.</p> <p>Children demonstrate improved wellbeing, confidence, and reduced loneliness.</p> <p>Average holiday childcare in London: £158/week per child (Coram, 2024).</p> <p>29% of UK parents struggled to afford food during holidays (Food Foundation, 2023).</p> <p>43% of children in Southwark live in poverty after housing costs (End Child Poverty Coalition, 2023).</p> <p>References:</p> <p>Joseph Rowntree Foundation (2024), End Child Poverty Coalition (2023), Coram Family and Childcare (2024), The Food Foundation (2023)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We will use a range of methods to measure the impact and achievements of the</p>	

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			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.	
2657	20th Bermondsey Scout Group	Venue Hire for Weekly Meetings and Storage	<p>The 20th Bermondsey Scout Group offers a vital space for learning, growth, and community to young people living in North Bermondsey, between Tower Bridge and Elephant & Castle. We currently support 50 young people aged 6 to 18, across our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Young Leaders sections. The Scouting programme focuses on developing skills for life, fostering personal growth, and empowering young people to make positive contributions to society.</p> <p>For many of our members Scouts provides a safe, structured environment beyond school and home, where they can build friendships, have new experiences, and develop a sense of belonging. Our weekly programme helps young people improve communication, teamwork, and leadership skills, while encouraging independence, critical thinking and a commitment to helping others. Activities such as camping, cooking, creative arts, sports and community service offer new challenges and opportunities to expand their horizons.</p> <p>We meet weekly at Magdalen Hall, which is operated by the Magdalen Hall Association C.I.C., a local Tenants and Residents Association. In addition to hosting our meetings, the hall also provides essential storage space for our equipment, including craft supplies, sports gear, cooking tools, and camping equipment.</p> <p>The cost of using the hall is £40 per evening meeting and £7.50 per week for storage. Based on 39 meetings across three school terms and year-round storage, our annual hall-related costs total £1,950:</p> <p>-Hall hire: £1,560 (39 weeks x £40)</p>	1950

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			<p>-Storage: £390 (52 weeks x £7.50)</p> <p>To keep Scouting accessible, we charge a modest termly fee (currently £35 per term). We are mindful that many of our families are on limited incomes, and several have more than one child attending. As a result, we strive to keep our running costs as low as possible. However, essential overheads, particularly hall hire, are a significant and rising expense.</p> <p>We are proud to use Magdalen Hall, a valued community asset, and to contribute to its role in supporting local residents. By meeting here, we strengthen ties with the community and reinforce the hall's role as a hub for community engagement.</p> <p>We are therefore seeking a grant of £1,950 to cover our venue costs for one year. Securing this funding would allow us to direct more of our limited resources toward the delivery of high-quality weekly activities, ensuring the best possible experience for our young people.</p>	
2765	The Oxford & Bermondsey Club (The OBC)	OBC Youth Engagement & Participation Programme	<p>The programme will take the form of providing trips, activities and events that will offer positive shared experiences for young people from the ages of 7yrs to 19+yrs. The activities will augment the work of the OBC Youth Club and will serve to facilitate community cohesion, promote youth engagement and sustain participation of young people accessing the services provided by the OBC Youth Club.</p> <p>The OBC believe it is vital that young people have secure places to go and things to do. The project will provide positive activities for young people to participate, socialise with their friends participating in activities led by young people, aimed at raising levels of promoting positive citizenship, improving health & wellbeing, reducing anti social behaviour and preventing young people from becoming at risk of offending.</p> <p>Evidence of need for the project is demonstrated within the project's analytical monitoring data recorded over previous years, which highlight a demand for the services provided by the OBC within the London Bridge & West Bermondsey Ward.</p>	5000

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			<p>The OBC Youth Club have recorded over 2000 footfall attendances within the first two quarters of this year (from 1st April).</p> <p>The OBC will ensure relevance of service provided by responding directly to the needs raised by young people within the community.</p>	
2830	Mr Ahmad Shahid Ahmadi	Dentermed - We Are Determined!	<p>Dentermed is a student-led outreach initiative I founded to bridge the gap between young people from underrepresented schools and the world of medicine and dentistry, careers that can often feel distant or even impossible to reach.</p> <p>The name itself - Dentermed - is a play on the word "Determined", reflecting both my journey and the drive I hope to inspire in others. The "Denter-" stands for dental, and "-Med" for medicine, two fields where diversity and access are still major challenges.</p> <p>The idea for Dentermed came to me on my very first day at King's College London. Standing in the reception of Greenwood Lecture Theatre, I started speaking to my new coursemates. One said his mum was a doctor, another's parents were both doctors, another had gone to a private school, and one even said he was the sixth generation of doctors in his family. I'd never even met a doctor before, let alone known someone whose family was full of them. They spoke as if being in medical school was their birthright, completely unaware of the other reality, that there are schools where students barely know what medicine even is. Some genuinely confuse "medicine" with the pharmacy degree, because medicine is just what you take when you're ill.</p> <p>That moment stayed with me. It made me realise the huge, invisible gap between those who grow up surrounded by opportunity and those who grow up never seeing it at all. Dentermed exists to close that gap.</p> <p>We'll start by visiting Southwark schools, beginning with my own, Ark Walworth Academy, where the first event is already scheduled for January 2026. These will be hour-long, interactive sessions led by current medical, dental, and healthcare students who share their journeys, demystify the application process, and answer honest</p>	520

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			<p>questions. The sessions are designed to be real, relatable, and empowering, helping students feel seen, understood, and capable of achieving more.</p> <p>At the end of each school session, students will be invited to a Dentermed Day at King's College London, where they'll meet doctors, medical and dental students, and other young people like themselves from across the borough. The event will feature a live suturing workshop led by a reconstructive maxillofacial fellow and doctor, where students will actually get to reconstruct a cleft lip using real suturing materials. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience that makes the world of medicine tangible, something they can see and touch.</p> <p>Community benefits:</p> <p>Inspires ambition and confidence among Southwark students who may never have seen role models in healthcare.</p> <p>Builds a long-term culture of aspiration and belonging in medicine and dentistry.</p> <p>Strengthens links between Southwark schools and King's College London, bringing world-class education closer to the community.</p> <p>Offers young people an environment where they feel heard, supported, and represented.</p> <p>Plants the seed for a sustainable, growing network of local outreach and mentorship year after year.</p>	
2926	Team London Bridge BID	Bike Marking and Phone Marking event	Team London Bridge is committed to making the London Bridge area a safe, welcoming, and thriving environment for workers, residents, and visitors. In line with this mission, we are proposing a series of Phone and Bike Marking Events along Tooley Street. These events are designed to directly tackle one of the most pressing crime issues affecting the area: phone snatching, as well as cycle theft, while	2500

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			<p>simultaneously improving the perception of safety among the public.</p> <p>Phone snatching is not only a high-volume crime in the London Bridge area, but it also generates significant fear of crime. Even individuals who have not experienced theft themselves often feel anxious when using their devices in public. This fear can reduce footfall in the area, affect local businesses, and diminish overall community confidence. By implementing phone and bike marking initiatives, Team London Bridge aims to reduce crime, deter offenders, and increase community reassurance through visible crime prevention measures.</p> <p>2. Context and Need</p> <p>London Bridge is one of the busiest hubs in central London, attracting thousands of commuters, residents, and tourists daily. The area is renowned for its mix of offices, restaurants, retail, and cultural attractions, which contribute to a vibrant and economically significant district. However, its popularity also makes it a target for opportunistic crimes, particularly phone snatching.</p> <p>Statistics from the Metropolitan Police show that phone snatching remains one of the most commonly reported crimes in the area. Often, these crimes occur in high footfall areas during peak commuting hours, and victims are usually young professionals and tourists. While the absolute number of incidents is concerning, the fear of crime—the perception that individuals may be targeted while walking along streets such as Tooley Street—can be even more damaging to the local economy and community cohesion.</p> <p>Beyond phone theft, bike theft also remains a significant concern. Many office workers and residents rely on bicycles for commuting, but theft and opportunistic crime discourage cycling and undermine sustainable travel initiatives.</p> <p>Research has consistently shown that property marking initiatives are effective in reducing theft. Programs using national databases such as Immobilise (for electronic</p>	

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			<p>devices) and BikeRegister (for bicycles) enable rapid identification of stolen property, increase the likelihood of recovery, and act as a strong deterrent to would-be thieves.</p> <p>3. Project Objectives</p> <p>The proposed Phone and Bike Marking Events have several key objectives:</p> <p>Reduce phone snatching and bike theft in the Tooley Street area through visible deterrents and property marking.</p> <p>Increase public confidence by demonstrating proactive policing and community engagement.</p> <p>Enhance police presence in the area in partnership with the Metropolitan Police to reassure the public and deter criminal activity.</p> <p>Promote safe practices for phone and bike ownership, including registration in national databases and proper security measures.</p> <p>Strengthen community partnerships between Team London Bridge, local businesses, residents, and law enforcement agencies.</p> <p>Collect data on participation rates, theft reduction, and public perception to evaluate the effectiveness of the initiative.</p> <p>4. Project Methodology</p> <p>4.1 Event Planning and Logistics</p> <p>Team London Bridge will coordinate the events in collaboration with the Metropolitan Police, local businesses, and volunteers. Locations will be carefully chosen along high-</p>	

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			<p>footfall areas of Tooley Street, including pedestrian thoroughfares, near office buildings, and close to transit hubs. Each event will be clearly signposted and promoted in advance to maximise attendance.</p> <p>The events will be staffed by Team London Bridge personnel who will manage registration, provide guidance on marking devices, and ensure smooth flow of participants. The Metropolitan Police will provide visible presence to enhance community reassurance and deter criminal activity.</p> <p>4.2 Property Marking Process</p> <p>Phones: Participants will be guided to register their devices with Immobilise, the UK's national property database for electronic devices. Each phone will be marked with a unique, tamper-proof label linking it to the owner's identity, making it easily traceable if stolen.</p> <p>Bicycles: Participants will have their bicycles marked with a unique UV code or tamper-proof sticker and registered on BikeRegister, the UK's national cycle database. Team London Bridge staff will provide guidance on secure locking techniques and other preventative measures.</p> <p>All marking materials (kits) will be purchased using the funding grant. Team London Bridge will manage distribution and ensure that each kit is correctly applied and recorded.</p> <p>4.3 Community Engagement and Promotion</p> <p>To maximise participation, Team London Bridge will promote the events using a multi-channel approach:</p> <p>Digital communications: Social media campaigns, email newsletters, and website</p>	

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			<p>announcements to residents, businesses, and visitors.</p> <p>Local business engagement: Partnering with Tooley Street businesses to promote events to staff and customers.</p> <p>On-the-ground signage: Posters and banners along Tooley Street directing passersby to the event locations.</p> <p>By proactively engaging the public, the initiative aims to increase awareness of crime prevention measures, encourage responsible ownership of property, and foster a stronger sense of community ownership of local safety initiatives.</p> <p>5. Anticipated Benefits</p> <p>5.1 Crime Reduction</p> <p>By marking phones and bikes and registering them in national databases, the initiative makes it significantly harder for thieves to sell or reuse stolen items. This acts as a powerful deterrent. Evidence from other areas implementing similar programs shows a measurable reduction in both phone snatching and cycle theft.</p> <p>5.2 Increased Police Presence and Reassurance</p> <p>Visible collaboration with the Metropolitan Police will enhance public confidence and reassure the community that proactive measures are being taken. This not only deters criminal activity but also strengthens trust between the public and law enforcement.</p> <p>5.3 Community Awareness and Education</p> <p>Participants will leave the events with clear knowledge of:</p>	

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			<p>How to register and protect personal property.</p> <p>Best practices for securing phones and bicycles.</p> <p>How to report crime effectively.</p> <p>This education component helps to create long-term behavioural change that reduces risk and vulnerability.</p> <p>5.4 Support for Local Businesses and Economic Resilience</p> <p>Reducing crime and fear of crime encourages footfall along Tooley Street, benefiting local businesses. A safer environment is also more attractive for new investment, contributing to the long-term vitality of the area.</p> <p>5.5 Data Collection and Evaluation</p> <p>Participation rates and feedback will be recorded at each event. The data collected will help Team London Bridge and the Metropolitan Police assess the initiative's effectiveness and inform future interventions in crime prevention.</p> <p>6. Project Delivery and Management</p> <p>Team London Bridge will manage the project using a structured delivery plan:</p> <p>Project Coordination: Assigning a dedicated project manager to oversee planning, logistics, and communication.</p> <p>Staffing: Leveraging existing Team London Bridge staff to run events and coordinate volunteers.</p>	

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			<p>Police Engagement: Scheduling Metropolitan Police presence to maximise visibility and community engagement.</p> <p>Resource Management: Purchasing marking kits, promotional materials, and logistical equipment using grant funding.</p> <p>Event Schedule: Rolling out a series of events across multiple dates and times to reach a diverse cross-section of the community.</p> <p>This structured approach ensures events run smoothly, safely, and effectively, delivering maximum benefit for both the public and the wider London Bridge area.</p> <p>7. Alignment with Local and Regional Priorities</p> <p>The project aligns with several key safety and crime prevention priorities:</p> <p>Metropolitan Police Objectives: Reducing street crime and opportunistic theft, improving community engagement, and increasing visible policing.</p> <p>Team London Bridge Safety Strategy: Supporting initiatives that reduce fear of crime, promote inclusivity, and create safe, vibrant public spaces.</p> <p>Southwark Borough Public Safety Goals: Encouraging community resilience, crime reduction, and responsible property ownership.</p> <p>By integrating police, business, and community stakeholders, the initiative demonstrates a whole-place approach to crime prevention and safety promotion.</p> <p>8. Funding and Sustainability</p> <p>Funding will primarily cover the purchase of phone and bike marking kits, as well as</p>	

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			<p>associated promotional materials. Team London Bridge will contribute staffing, event management, and volunteer coordination at no additional cost.</p> <p>The project is sustainable because:</p> <p>Marked items remain traceable indefinitely.</p> <p>Public awareness and education create long-term behaviour change.</p> <p>Partnerships with local businesses and police can be leveraged for future events.</p> <p>9. Monitoring and Evaluation</p> <p>Team London Bridge will implement a structured monitoring and evaluation framework:</p> <p>Event Participation: Recording the number of phones and bikes marked.</p> <p>Public Feedback: Collecting qualitative feedback on participant satisfaction and perception of safety.</p> <p>Crime Statistics: Monitoring local police crime data to track reductions in phone snatching and bike theft in targeted areas</p> <p>Reporting: Preparing a post-project report summarising outcomes, lessons learned, and recommendations for future initiatives.</p> <p>This evaluation ensures transparency and demonstrates the value of funding to stakeholders and funders.</p>	

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			<p>10. Conclusion</p> <p>The Tooley Street Phone and Bike Marking Events represent a proactive, evidence-based approach to reducing crime, increasing public confidence, and supporting local businesses. By funding this initiative, Team London Bridge can deliver visible and measurable benefits to the community, strengthen partnerships with police and local organisations, and contribute directly to the safety and vibrancy of the London Bridge area.</p> <p>Investing in this project will help reduce phone snatching and cycle theft, improve perceptions of safety, and foster a stronger, more resilient community. Through engagement, education, and collaboration, this initiative exemplifies best practice in local crime prevention and community safety.</p>	
3285	Conservation Area Advisory Group	Promotion of Southwark's heritage and local list by CAAG	<p>This project seeks to enhance and promote the celebration of our Heritage so it doesn't become ignored and lost. Our heritage is at risk.</p> <p>Southwark covers one of the oldest areas in the history of London going back before Roman times often which is buried underground and forms part of the Archaeology work by Southwark. However, it also has many structures above ground that are important buildings and other artefacts from the past with some being over 500 years or more in age such as Southwark Cathedral parts of which still exist from the 1400s and the George Inn which was first established around 1542 and rebuilt in 1677.</p> <p>Southwark's Conservation Areas Advisory Group advises and works with the Council on celebrating this important above ground heritage. In particular it seeks to protect the remaining buildings and structures that still exist from harmful development through regular input on planning applications - particularly in the Conservation Areas - but including important heritage that sits outside of these.</p> <p>Southwark has 48 Conservation Areas and over 1200 buildings on a Local List, as well as over 1000 on the national list managed by Historic England (ie Grade 1 or II listed).</p>	3000

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			<p>To show the interest from the public and other groups in Southwark's Heritage, in developing the local list, 11 August 2022 and 30 November 2022, over 2,500 responses were received across the consultation periods, including over 350 public nominations.</p> <p>People are deeply interested in their local architecture and history and the work heritage groups do trying to preserve this, is good for people's health and well-being. This is directly referred to in the Southwark Heritage SPD "Research has shown that the historic environment can contribute to positive social benefits, providing the foundation for positive growth, promoting social cohesion and contributing positively to physical and mental health wellbeing." pg2</p> <p>But not enough is being done to celebrate and protect our heritage. Despite the policies of the Southwark Plan 2022 and Heritage SPD (2021) which clearly set out the requirement to protect this heritage (ref P20, P21 and P26) Developers have been gradually undermining these policies through the planning system and obtaining permission to either remove or harm them through overshadowing or facading.</p> <p>This project seeks to promote Southwark's rich above ground heritage by providing greater visibility of the Southwark CAAG group, and promoting heritage protection.</p> <p>The project consists of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expanding the Southwark CAAG website and design refresh (approx £1000) including update and linking to the local list and Historic England lists to celebrate our amazing buildings with images etc as well as CAAG branding update and promotion materials prep (for social media) - Links to other heritage groups in Southwark and how to contact them - Bringing together a way to see the rich catalog of heritage statements prepared by 	

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			<p>various developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Centralising a database of Southwark's history boards accessible from the CAAG website - Establishing and Launching a Southwark CAAG heritage newsletter/blog/podcast - Working with the council on how to encourage younger people to get involved in CAAG - Providing a centralised register of walking history tours sponsored by CAAG - A series of CA and lowline celebration events (2x per year) with a view to establishing a Southwark Heritage Celebration Day - (approx £1500) utilising historic photography and promotion of information and books about Southwark's heritage. <p>Some of this will require the Council to do some activities (like updating the information on the Southwark website and providing a link to CAAG's website). Other parts of the project will be delivered by CAAG members and volunteers.</p> <p>The community will benefit from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - learning and development in terms of greater visibility of its heritage buildings and information about them as well as the diversity of the various communities that built them - community engagement and involvement as a way to contact and contribute to 	

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			CAAG's important activities in protecting these structures - climate change and healthy streets by helping the climate change agenda and sustainability in retaining and celebrating our built heritage - what has been lost recently by development and heritage at risk	
3293	St Olave Estate - Vanman	St Olaves Estate - Annual Celebration	An annual celebration of St Olaves Estate and its residents/social history - organised by local residents and supported by community groups and businesses.	1500
3573	Mrs Sarah Fegan	helping hands - community beach trip	Community beach trip in the six week holidays	3000
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.	1000
3189	Living Bankside	Living Bankside Academy Celebration (Borough & Bankside, London Bridge and West Bermondsey, Chaucer and St Georges Ward)	An award-winning 7-8 week (Paid) Summer programme aimed at 16–19-year-olds with an introduction to the business world and life skills. The funding will pay for the celebration event costs including refreshments etc and the student expenses (travel and food) for the 20+ workshops The Our Futures Programme is Living Bankside Academy's flagship programme,	10000

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			<p>going into its year 5th in 2026.</p> <p>It provides diverse opportunities for young people aged 16 to 19 from Southwark, and the surrounding areas (from various backgrounds including those severely disadvantaged such as looked after children) to develop a growth mindset for learning and success.</p> <p>Businesses and organisations donate their time in kind to carry out the theme of the project brief, and the young people gain a practical understanding of the working world.</p> <p>Local, National and International businesses/organisations participate in the programme to provide training sessions/workshops which:</p> <p>Showcase their fields of expertise in relation to the theme; and to help develop a number of key skills and fundamentals, including: Public Speaking, Teamwork, Negotiation, Resilience, Project Management, Event</p>	
3271	The Neurodiversity Family Hub C.I.C.	Parent Connect: Supporting Parents and Carers of Neurodiverse Children	<p>“The coffee mornings are so beneficial for me. The journey of our SEND children can be quite lonely, and being able to meet with other parents who are going through similar paths—especially in mainstream schools—enables me to relate. Coffee mornings are a positive environment, and the impact of them has been really important for me in maintaining my mental health and wellbeing.” — Monique, mother of two autistic daughters</p> <p>Programme Summary</p> <p>Established two years ago, Parent Connect is a weekly community support programme designed to reduce isolation and build confidence among parents and carers of children with neurodiversity (diagnosed or not). Each week of the month offers a different activity, so families can join what suits their needs or enjoy the full cycle of connection, learning, and wellbeing:</p>	5496

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			<p>Week 1: ☕ Coffee Connect – informal coffee mornings where parents and carers meet for tea or coffee, share experiences, exchange advice, and build friendships in a relaxed, non-judgmental space.</p> <p>Average attendance: 10–15 parents/carers per session (supporting 54 families)</p> <p>Week 2: 🗣️ Wisdom and Wonder – online “lunch-and-learn” sessions with guest speakers and peer-led discussions on behaviour, wellbeing, sensory needs, and parenting strategies. Parents can also suggest topics and share their own expertise.</p> <p>When running - average attendance: 12–18 participants online (due to lack of funding this is paused)</p> <p>Week 3: 👨‍👩‍👧 Family Connect (at Bethwin Adventure Playground) – a Sunday gathering for whole families to connect, learn, and play together in an inclusive environment. Average attendance: 25–35 people (families and children).</p> <p>Children’s Circle: gentle, sensory-friendly activities that support self-regulation, making friends, and building confidence through play, stories, and movement.</p> <p>Adults’ Circle: a supportive discussion group for parents/carers exploring emotional regulation, managing meltdowns, creating routines, and self-care.</p> <p>After Circle Time, families enjoy our Free Play Zone with active games, a quiet art and craft area, and optional group games.</p> <p>“Since my daughter was diagnosed with ASD three years ago, we’ve really struggled to find community and support, both in terms of what she needs and what we need as parents—there’s very little support once you have the diagnosis. Attending Family</p>	

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3061	The Neurodiversity Family Hub C.I.C.	Tiny Tribe Play group (0-5 years old)	<p>Our project is called “Tiny Tribe” and one review from a parent named Lonnie, left in October 2025 on Google review, says “Me and my son attend the Tiny Tribe playgroup every Wednesday morning and it’s absolutely brilliant. My son always has the best time and we really do recommend it 😊 The workers are lovely and always make you feel welcome.” Feedback like this reminds us why our work matters.</p> <p>“Tiny Tribe” is an inclusive community playgroup based in SE1, created to bring together parents, carers, and young children aged 0–5 in a safe, welcoming and understanding environment. We have been running for two years and have become a trusted, much-loved part of our local community. Our aim is simple: to help families connect, play, and grow together while promoting understanding and inclusion, especially around neurodiversity. We believe that every family deserves a place to belong and every child, neurodiverse or not, deserves to be celebrated for who they are. Tiny Tribe provides that space for connection and care, where laughter, mess, and learning happen side by side and where friendships are formed.</p> <p>We meet weekly and each session brings together around 18 children and 12 carers (around 25 to 30 people each week). Over the course of a year, we reach about 70 families, or roughly 140 people. Our activities are joyful and varied: messy play with paint, playdough, and sensory materials; outdoor play in all weathers; story and song circles that encourage communication and confidence; and relaxed social time for parents and carers with tea and coffee. On regular basis we invite guest experts such as the Breastfeeding Network or child development professionals to lead discussions on behaviour, early learning, and parental wellbeing - It includes : Speech and Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist and one of our staff has been trained by Southwark Council in Positive Behavioural Support. These sessions give parents a</p>	7117

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3271	The Neurodiversity Family Hub C.I.C.	Parent Connect: Supporting Parents and Carers of Neurodiverse Children	<p>“The coffee mornings are so beneficial for me. The journey of our SEND children can be quite lonely, and being able to meet with other parents who are going through similar paths—especially in mainstream schools—enables me to relate. Coffee mornings are a positive environment, and the impact of them has been really important for me in maintaining my mental health and wellbeing.”</p> <p>— Monique, mother of two autistic daughters</p> <p>Programme Summary Established two years ago, Parent Connect is a weekly community support programme designed to reduce isolation and build confidence among parents and carers of children with neurodiversity (diagnosed or not). Each week of the month offers a different activity, so families can join what suits their needs or enjoy the full cycle of connection, learning, and wellbeing: Week 1: ☕ Coffee Connect – informal coffee mornings where parents and carers meet for tea or coffee, share experiences, exchange advice, and build friendships in a relaxed, non-judgmental space. Average attendance: 10–15 parents/carers per session (supporting 54 families) Week 2: 🗣️ Wisdom and Wonder – online “lunch-and-learn” sessions with guest speakers and peer-led discussions on behaviour, wellbeing, sensory needs, and parenting strategies. Parents can also suggest topics and share their own expertise. When running - average attendance: 12–18 participants online (due to lack of funding)</p>	5496

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3189	Living Bankside	Living Bankside Academy Celebration (Borough & Bankside, London Bridge and West Bermondsey, Chaucer and St Georges Ward)	<p>An award-winning 7-8 week (Paid) Summer programme aimed at 16–19-year-olds with an introduction to the business world and life skills.</p> <p>The funding will pay for the celebration event costs including refreshments etc and the student expenses (travel and food) for the 20+ workshops</p> <p>The Our Futures Programme is Living Bankside Academy's flagship programme, going into its year 5th in 2026.</p> <p>It provides diverse opportunities for young people aged 16 to 19 from Southwark, and the surrounding areas (from various backgrounds including those severely</p>	10000

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2035	Groundwork London	Blackfriars Estate Neighbourhood Nature	<p>We are partnering with the Peabody Housing Association to deliver a community project that will provide nature-based activities to residents of Peabody's Blackfriars Estate in Southwark. These activities will promote health and wellbeing among the Estate's diverse community of residents, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~160 children & young people (under 18) • ~195 younger adults (between 20 and 40) • ~153 older people (aged 50+) 	6999

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			<p>become better equipped to accompany their children on adventures outdoors. Through fun and exciting activities that will engage families with young children, we will impart knowledge on how to garden, cultivate, and take care of green spaces as well as foster a greater appreciation for nature and wildlife.</p> <p>Opportunities to get involved in guided outdoor activities are often locked behind financial barriers, with people living in deprived urban areas (such as the Blackfriars Estate) facing additional difficulties in accessing these. Our project will be held at an accessible location right on residents' doorsteps, and we will provide the tools people will need to ensure our activities are as accessible as possible. We will focus on equipping participants with skills and knowledge centred around repurposing sustainable materials, planting/composting methods, and instruction in simple tool-use/care.</p> <p>As mentioned above, there are large numbers of children living on the Estate (there are 51 households with young children). It is important to engage children with nature early on in their lives, and make learning green skills a fun, accessible activity that they can do with their families. These activities will improve parent's and children's confidence in engaging with outdoor and nature-based play by demonstrating low-to-no cost, replicable activities in green spaces, with a core focus on language and literacy development.</p> <p>Project benefits -</p> <p>Our project will deliver the following benefits for residents of the Blackfriars Estate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved health, wellbeing and confidence • Increased awareness of nature and the natural environment • Reduced social isolation 	

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			We will assess whether we have successfully delivered these benefits by surveying participants at regular intervals throughout the project (ensuring we capture a representative breadth of responses since participants may join/drop off at different points). We will also invite continuous feedback throughout the duration of the project by holding conversations with participants, making sure our activities are best tailored to their needs/interests.	
2215	MORLEY COLLEGE LIMITED	Morley Teaching Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you plan to do? <p>Morley College London seeks support to transform the existing garden at our Waterloo Centre into a fully equipped Teaching Garden, a practical, inclusive hub for green skills training, community well-being and urban biodiversity (see attached mood board). Building directly on the success of our 2025 Sustainable Teaching Garden Project at our Stockwell Centre (see attached case study) and 2024–25 Neighbourhood Fund beekeeping project, this next phase will establish a living, learner-led space where trained residents can progress from classroom learning to hands-on practice, including the supervised management of on-site beehives. We aim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redevelop the garden at Morley College’s Waterloo Centre into a Teaching Garden that offers hands-on learning opportunities in sustainable and green skills for the local community; • Improve raised beds and accessible pathways (step-free with firm, even surfaces) to enable participation by learners with mobility challenges; • Expand rainwater harvesting and composting to embed low-carbon resource management; • Shade/shelter for all-weather teaching; • Add tool storage and potting benches; • Integrate lighting (already improved via the Neighbourhood grant) to extend safe usage during shorter days. • Install beehives in a secure, screened apiary area with appropriate flight-path management, signage and storage; 	18000

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			<p>With our transformed teaching garden, we contribute to the Southwark 2030 Strategy. By embedding regenerative horticulture, beekeeping, native planting, water management, soil health, and urban greening, our Teaching Garden will contribute directly to Goal 6: A Healthy Environment in the Southwark 2030 Strategy by creating, protecting, and enhancing the natural environment, promoting biodiversity and low-carbon practices, and ensuring that residents live in green and sustainable spaces. The garden will form part of the borough's wider green infrastructure, an accessible, educational, and restorative green space within the local neighbourhoods. In addition, it supports Goal 5 (Staying Well) by fostering connection to nature, encouraging physical activity, and providing inclusive access to green spaces that promote mental well-being and social interaction.</p> <p>Considering Southwark's communities need accessible, practical routes into green jobs and low-cost wellbeing activities, our Teaching Garden answers both:</p> <p>- Progression in Green Skills: In partnership with Bankside Open Spaces Trust (BOST), we transformed the garden at our Stockwell Centre into a teaching garden (attached details) and currently deliver horticulture courses at our Stockwell Centre, focusing on individuals from underrepresented and marginalised backgrounds, including those who have experienced long-term unemployment. The programme provides practical training in sustainable gardening and horticulture, alongside work experience, coaching, and employability support to help participants become work-ready and access jobs that meet the GLA's definition of Good Work.</p> <p>Building on this successful model, we now plan to expand the provision to our Waterloo Centre through the development of a Teaching Garden that will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available for community use and local partnerships - the garden will be bookable by local groups and serve as a platform for cross-organisational activities with BOST, South Bank Employers Group (SPEG) and Living Seams, strengthening the local green 	

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			<p>ecosystem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive - the Garden will provide a supportive environment for our community, including adult learners with learning disabilities and for refugees and asylum seekers that will reduce isolation. • Promote sustainability in practice - the space will showcase organic methods, composting, rainwater harvesting, pollinator-friendly planting, and permaculture modelling how small urban sites can deliver real environmental benefits. • Importantly, this project reconnects with Morley's historic heritage in horticulture and beekeeping, subjects taught at the College since the 1920s and 1930s, when hives on Morley's roof produced honey sold on site. That living legacy is documented in College syllabi and historic images, which we will bring to life through the new Teaching Garden. • Who will take part or benefit? (e.g. families, older people, local schools) <p>The garden will be accessible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents seeking low-cost, hands-on green activities; • Adult learners (especially those with learning disabilities) who benefit from accessible, structured outdoor learning; • Refugees and asylum seekers (around 150 enrolled at Morley) for whom the garden offers agency, community and cross-cultural belonging; • Entry-level job seekers aiming for green sector roles aligned to Southwark's skills priorities; • Local SMEs and community organisations will be able to book the garden to run green workshops, activities and events; • Local schools and community groups via open days, volunteering and apiary demonstrations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many people or groups could be involved? <p>In Year 1, we expect to engage around 180–260 people through core green-skills cohorts, inclusive gardening, supervised apiary practice and monthly open days, alongside bookings from local organisations. In subsequent years, as the Teaching</p>	

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			<p>Garden becomes established and partnerships deepen, participation will increase steadily through larger cohorts, stronger volunteer capacity and more community bookings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will improve in the local area? (e.g. cleaner spaces, better wellbeing, more activities, safer spaces) <p>Environmental and social aspects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased urban biodiversity (pollinator-friendly planting, bee colonies, habitat features); • Improved well-being and social connection for learners; • Inclusive participation by disabled adults through adapted design and delivery; • Refugee and asylum seeker integration supported through culturally resonant growing activities. <p>Skills & Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create pathways to volunteering and entry-level green jobs; • The garden becomes a local hub for green skills, with community bookable sessions and peer-to-peer learning. <p>Civic & Heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents connect with Morley's beekeeping and horticulture legacy. 	
2325	SIOBHAN DAVIES DANCE COMPANY	Accessible dance classes for disabled participants at Siobhan Davies Studios	<p>Accessible dance classes for Disabled participants at Siobhan Davies Studios, including support worker fees, BSL, & accessible building signage.</p> <p>Unscary Saturdays: Unscary Saturdays are inclusive dance classes open to all ages & abilities, from professional dancers to untrained enthusiastic movers. They aim to dismantle the unhelpful pressures & sense of intimidation often be felt in dance spaces. The class tickets are on a sliding scale & children can come for free.</p> <p>All classes are BSL interpreted & we are looking to continue this provision welcoming more d/Deaf participants & local communities</p>	6445

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			<p>- x 3 workshops - x 3 BSL interpretation & travel fees - x 10 free places for St Georges Residents - BSL Promo video</p> <p>Freestylers: A group is made up of people with/without disability & therefore are often interrogating the idea of care. The dance sessions unfold organically, responding to everyone's experience, skills & energy. The Freestylers have been based at SDS for 4 years, becoming regular attendees of the studios, participating in our projects & have become an important & consistent part of the SDS community. www.freestylers4eva.com</p> <p>x 3 classes x 3 months of travel bursaries & support worker fees x 10 free places for St Georges Residents</p> <p>To wider uptake in our immediate community, we will improve our visual identity of these projects, creating posters to be displayed at our entrance on St Georges Road, distributing flyers responsibly & in collaboration w/ other local organisations. We will implement the advised action of a recent Access Audit & improve our building to increase visibility & orientation for disabled visitors.</p> <p>SDS Audiences in 2024-25: 17.5 % experience disability 31% neurodivergent</p> <p>Compared to the 14% of Southwark residence who are disabled. There is a clear need for ours' to be an accessible space.</p> <p>Our newly formed Community Board has been assembled to ensure our programme is</p>	

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			<p>shaped by local people & those who attend our building. They will monitor to success of these activities & provide feedback on how we can continue to broaden participation & improve access.</p> <p>Project aims and achievements</p> <p>AIMS People: Work alongside dance artists and people from underrepresented communities in our local area. Place: Create a welcoming and relevant to local/artistic communities. Legacy: We are responsible for the long-term impact on where we work and who we work with</p> <p>INDICATORS 50% of participants live in Southwark or Lambeth x10 participants per Unscary Saturdays and The Freestylers live/work in St Georges ward Participants express enjoyment in the workshops Consistent volunteer attendance (gardening sessions and workshops) New audiences to the building express interest in our programme and attend other events</p> <p>METHOD Facilitator reports Surveys Building sign in log SDS team observations and reflections</p>	

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2517	SOUTHWARK PLAYHOUSE THEATRE COMPANY	Young Company	<p>Southwark Playhouse Young Company is a free and inclusive weekly workshop programme that enables participants to develop skills, increase their confidence and inspire enjoyment of the performing arts through workshops and performances.</p> <p>We currently host four groups, for young people ages 8 – 10, 11-13 and 14-18 (two groups), consisting of young people living in our two local boroughs of Southwark and Lambeth. In an academic year, we run around 40 workshops and rehearsals for each of these groups, and welcome around 100 young people each calendar year.</p> <p>The Young Company's core objectives are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use drama and theatre to support young people's emotional, social and mental wellbeing • Engage young people who might not otherwise participate in theatre or the arts, to support an increased diversity in the sector. • Use drama and the arts to develop young people as active and successful participants in their local community, their schools and wider society. <p>We aim to achieve this in a number of ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We engage Southwark's most challenged schools to engage young people who might not otherwise experience live theatre. • We only invite young people with little or no formal dramatic training or experience to join the Young Company. • We offer all of our projects, workshops and theatre tickets at no cost to the participants to ensure our activity is open to all. • In addition, we do not audition. Our ethos is inclusive and all young people are welcome irrespective of educational background or learning style. <p>Operating in a central London borough that is home to a multitude of cultural venues, Southwark Playhouse Young Company is the most comprehensive offering of free, weekly drama activities for young people aged 8 – 25 in Southwark.</p>	38400

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			<p>We believe in the importance of this work and that it fulfils a number of specific needs:</p> <p>It has been proven that the arts, when delivered effectively, have the power to facilitate social interaction and contribute to community cohesion, reducing social exclusion and isolation, and making communities feel safer and stronger. A report published by the Cultural Learning Alliance, Imagine: Nation, discovered that, amongst other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in structured arts activities can increase cognitive abilities by 17%. • Learning through arts and culture develops skills and behaviour that lead children to do better in school. • Students from low-income families who take part in arts activities at school are three times more likely to get a degree. • Employability of students who study arts subjects is higher and they are more likely to stay in employment. • Students from low-income families who engage in the arts at school are 20% more likely to vote as young adults. • Children who take part in arts activities in the home during their early years are ahead in reading and Maths at age nine. • People who take part in the arts are 38% more likely to report good health. <p>We believe that access to and participation in the arts has a crucial part to play in young people’s engagement with, and success in, the wider world, leading to enhanced life opportunities. As one mother of a current Young Company participant told us:</p> <p>We are extremely impressed with the confidence that the Young Company has given our daughter, which has also really supported her in her transition to secondary school – at a recent parents evening staff were extremely impressed with her attitude to learning and skill set that we can attribute to the Young Company”.</p>	

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			<p>A former member, who had no previous experience within their family of arts engagement, explained that:</p> <p>“Southwark Playhouse welcomed me without having to audition like many other youth theatres do. As someone who was very shy and reserved, it gave me the opportunity to grow. If it weren’t for them, I probably wouldn’t have gone to drama school. It gave me the initial skills and confidence to pursue my dream”.</p> <p>Further evidence of the need for activity such as the Young Company came from 2024 research by the Institute for Fiscal Studies that explored the impact of the closure of youth clubs in London between 2010 – 2019, and made two key conclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teenagers whose nearest youth club was closed did worse in school, up to around half a grade in each subject - the effects were even more severe for pupils from lower socio-economic backgrounds where this drop increased to a grade difference. • Youth club closures led to an increase in offending. Young people who lost access to a youth club were 14% more likely to engage in criminal activity in the six years following closure. <p>These results point to the important direct role of youth opportunities in supporting teenagers outside of school hours. The research found, for example, that after a youth club closed, local teenagers reported spending less time doing homework and more time playing videogames and on social media and that there was an increase in crime during all hours of the day. This suggests that the positive activities and structured support provided by these opportunities helped keep young people out of trouble more generally – and by suggestion that a lack of them meant that young people were less likely to achieve those outcomes set out by the Cultural Learning Alliance above. As one member recently stated:</p> <p>“YoCo gives me a sense of purpose and inspiration. It’s the highlight of my week, I look forward to coming. It’s important to the wider community because it connects people</p>	

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			<p>from different places that otherwise maybe wouldn't cross paths".</p> <p>Government research has also found higher levels of reported loneliness in young people, which can lead to significantly higher symptoms of mental health difficulties. In missing the opportunity to develop personal connections and relationships with peers or trusted adults, young people's social development has also been affected.</p> <p>A study led by the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience after the Covid pandemic found that nearly half of the 11-12 year old children in their cohort reported an increase in symptoms of depression, which was associated with poor emotional outcomes for young people. The UK government also found evidence that over the pandemic disadvantaged children and young people had poorer mental health and wellbeing outcomes than those with more advantage and that as Black/Black British children bore the brunt of economic disadvantage during the pandemic, they would be disproportionately affected.</p> <p>At its heart, drama and performing are about social interaction. Through involvement in Young Company activity, young people's confidence, interpersonal skills and ability to communicate effectively are developed.</p> <p>Participating in Young Company activity also provides a space for our members to develop friendships and combat isolation, through which mental health challenges are faced. We encourage young people to be bold and open, providing a safe space for them to be themselves and explore those themes and stories that inspire – or, perhaps – challenge them, so that they can provide their own responses and take control of the narratives in their lives.</p> <p>The Department for Culture, Media and Sport conducted the Taking Part survey between 2005 and 2020. The annual survey of thousands of households asked young people (aged between 5 and 15) about their participation in Arts and culture in any given year. A 2021 study of Taking Part survey data for 11 to 15-year-olds between</p>	

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2638	St Jude's Senior club/ tripod cord	Tripod Cord	<p>A group for older people which is well needed in this community. It brings together people of all background and culture. We get together weekly sharing activities and helping each other out. We try to eliminate exclusion and promote a feeling of inclusion. We celebrate with each person in their life events be there for them in sad events. We provide a private space for people wishing to discuss personal issues. We</p>	5000

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			<p>participate in social activities like group exercise or hobbies such as cooking knitting and crochet. We engage creative and intellectual pursuits like writing and dancing. We invite speakers to promote mental wellbeing cognitive function emotional wellbeing and social connections Within the group we support a large homeless group twice per week which gives us a great feeling satisfaction for contributing towards the community. We are always seeking to expand the group so are a very active group. Our activities include outings to various to parks, bowling, out to lunches, museums.</p> <p>If we were to be given the funds we would be able to continue our social activities, like tea parties and meals to welcome those around us in the community. to help support physical and mental well-being. We would be able to maintain regular classes exercised classes, social and recreational activities with a aim to combat loneliness. The grant will help us provide a space for members to socialize and play games and do craft activities. Further, we would be able to fund trips to local events, museums and or other outings that provide new experiences and interactions. We plan to employ a IT person to help us with using a tablet or mobile phone with more confidence. Mental stimulation can be provided by musical input byway of a concert or musical entertainment. The grant will help us to hire in community hall for our weekly meetings and activities. Funds for equipment for activities such as games, craft supplies and exercise mats. The funds also help to cover refreshments and for transport on the outings.</p>	
2861	Keep Active Stay Focused CIC	(BASH) Be active Stay Healthy	<p>Keep Active Stay Focused C.I.C. (KASF) is a user-led community organisation established in 2022 to promote health, wellbeing, and personal development across Southwark. We empower young people, families, and residents through inclusive programmes that build confidence, resilience, and positive life choices.</p> <p>The BASH sessions are built around the principles of Taekwon-Do and practical self-defence. These weekly classes not only improve fitness but also teach important life skills such as discipline, focus, resilience, and respect. By providing an alternative to boredom and negative influences, BASH helps reduce the risk of young people</p>	9980

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			<p>becoming involved in antisocial behaviour or petty crime. The programme supports participants in making positive choices and setting personal goals, both in sport and in life.</p> <p>The difference we make to Southwark residents lies in tackling the root causes of health inequalities. We know that children and young people in disadvantaged areas are more likely to experience poor physical health, obesity, low self-esteem, anxiety, and exposure to anti-social behaviour. By providing safe, structured, and consistent activities, we offer positive alternatives that improve fitness, reduce stress, and enhance overall wellbeing. Our programmes not only encourage regular exercise but also promote discipline, tolerance, and respect, skills that extend into education, family life, and wider society</p> <p>KASF also supports post-Covid recovery by providing safe and supportive wellbeing activities for individuals and groups, helping residents reconnect with community life.</p>	
3197		Inspiring Minds (Content Creation & Photography)	<p>Inspiring Minds is a project designed to provide a safe, supportive space for young people aged 12-18, offering them the chance to connect, create, and grow outside of school hours. Held twice a week within the Elevated Minds hub, this initiative includes nutritious food and drinks, ensuring that participants feel welcomed and cared for while engaging in positive, enriching activities that build skills, confidence, and self-expression.</p> <p>Our community faces challenges such as high youth disengagement, limited safe spaces, and a lack of positive outlets for creativity. Many young people in the area feel disconnected, increasing their risk of negative influences and low aspirations. Inspiring Minds addresses these issues by providing structured after-school sessions that encourage self-expression through creative activities, mentorship, and social interaction—all while providing essential nourishment to support their well-being. Inspiring Minds will make a meaningful difference in the community by fostering a sense of belonging and purpose among young people. With access to activities like hosting podcasts, participating in photography workshops and video production,</p>	49730

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			<p>participants can share their stories and envision a brighter future. This supportive environment not only uplifts the young people involved but also strengthens the community, as empowered, confident youth become positive role models.</p> <p>Elevated Minds is dedicated to nurturing the potential of each participant in Inspiring Minds, supporting them in realising their aspirations, building resilience, and fostering a healthier community. Through this project, we aim to create a space where young people feel valued, inspired, and equipped to make positive choices for themselves and their community.</p>	
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.	1000
3285	Conservation Area Advisory Group	Promotion of Southwark's heritage and local list by CAAG	<p>This project seeks to enhance and promote the celebration of our Heritage so it doesn't become ignored and lost. Our heritage is at risk.</p> <p>Southwark covers one of the oldest areas in the history of London going back before Roman times often which is buried underground and forms part of the Archaeology work by Southwark. However, it also has many structures above ground that are important buildings and other artefacts from the past with some being over 500 years or more in age such as Southwark Cathedral parts of which still exist from the 1400s and the George Inn which was first established around 1542 and rebuilt in 1677.</p> <p>Southwark's Conservation Areas Advisory Group advises and works with the Council on celebrating this important above ground heritage. In particular it seeks to protect the remaining buildings and structures that still exist from harmful development through regular input on planning applications - particularly in the Conservation Areas - but</p>	3000

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			<p>including important heritage that sits outside of these.</p> <p>Southwark has 48 Conservation Areas and over 1200 buildings on a Local List, as well as over 1000 on the national list managed by Historic England (ie Grade 1 or II listed). To show the interest from the public and other groups in Southwark's Heritage, in developing the local list, 11 August 2022 and 30 November 2022, over 2,500 responses were received across the consultation periods, including over 350 public nominations.</p> <p>People are deeply interested in their local architecture and history and the work heritage groups do trying to preserve this, is good for people's health and well-being. This is directly referred to in the Southwark Heritage SPD "Research has shown that the historic environment can contribute to positive social benefits, providing the foundation for positive growth, promoting social cohesion and contributing positively to physical and mental health wellbeing." pg2</p> <p>But not enough is being done to celebrate and protect our heritage. Despite the policies of the Southwark Plan 2022 and Heritage SPD (2021) which clearly set out the requirement to protect this heritage (ref P20, P21 and P26) Developers have been gradually undermining these policies through the planning system and obtaining permission to either remove or harm them through overshadowing or facading.</p> <p>This project seeks to promote Southwark's rich above ground heritage by providing greater visibility of the Southwark CAAG group, and promoting heritage protection.</p> <p>The project consists of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expanding the Southwark CAAG website and design refresh (approx £1000) including update and linking to the local list and Historic England lists to celebrate our amazing buildings with images etc as well as CAAG branding update and promotion materials prep (for social media) 	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Links to other heritage groups in Southwark and how to contact them - Bringing together a way to see the rich catalog of heritage statements prepared by various developments - Centralising a database of Southwark's history boards accessible from the CAAG website - Establishing and Launching a Southwark CAAG heritage newsletter/blog/podcast - Working with the council on how to encourage younger people to get involved in CAAG - Providing a centralised register of walking history tours sponsored by CAAG - A series of CA and lowline celebration events (2x per year) with a view to establishing a Southwark Heritage Celebration Day - (approx £1500) utilising historic photography and promotion of information and books about Southwark's heritage. <p>Some of this will require the Council to do some activities (like updating the information on the Southwark website and providing a link to CAAG's website). Other parts of the project will be delivered by CAAG members and volunteers.</p> <p>The community will benefit from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - learning and development in terms of greater visibility of its heritage buildings and 	

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			<p>information about them as well as the diversity of the various communities that built them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - community engagement and involvement as a way to contact and contribute to CAAG's important activities in protecting these structures - climate change and healthy streets by helping the climate change agenda and sustainability in retaining and celebrating our built heritage - what has been lost recently by development and heritage at risk 	

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood Community Meeting:

1. Approves the reallocation of £84,077 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 Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood;
2. Approves the allocation of £139,681 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 Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood (“Funded Projects”);
3. Notes the total available funds for allocation by the Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood in the 2026-27 financial year is £223,758.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood Community Meeting has the authority to approve the allocation of funds for the DHB programme to projects within the Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood area using the resources and criteria identified by Cabinet, pursuant to Part 3H of the council’s constitution.
5. The Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood area is made up of St Georges ward, Borough and Bankside ward, Chaucer ward, and London Bridge and West 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 Devolved Highways programme permits the full range of minor traffic and highway capital schemes rather than solely like-for-like repair and replacement. Examples of the types of works which can now be funded include:
 - 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 was known as the Neighbourhood Grants.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

14. There is £139,681 available for the 2026-27 DHB programme for new projects in the Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood area.
15. There is £84,077 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

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](#)

Funded Projects support active modes of transport and will provide improvements to road safety so all road users are prioritised. The programme also enables community engagement as part of the application process including pitching meetings where applicants are able to advise why their proposal should be considered.

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 2025-26 Devolved Highways 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

45. Borough and London Bridge Community Meeting has the delegated authority to approve the allocation of funds for the DHB programme to projects within the Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood under Part 3H of the council's constitution.
46. The Borough and London Bridge 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 (CAP25/097)

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

48. The Strategic Director of Resources (SDR) notes the recommendation to the Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood Community Meeting to approve the reallocation of £84,077 from previous years' underspend, current programme underspend and project cancellations to the 2026–27 Devolved Highways Budget (DHB) for the Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood.
49. The SDR further notes the recommendation to approve £139,681 from the programmed capital expenditure within the council's ten-year capital programme (2019–20 to 2028–29) for the 2026–27 DHB programme, 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 Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood in 2026–27 is £223,758, and 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 will 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 Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood Applications 2026-27
Appendix 2	Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood funding

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**Appendix 1
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Highways Capital Investment programme 2026/27: Applications

Proposal Name
Greenery on County Street
St George's Circus Rejuvenation: Waste Management
Street cleaning and maintenance of planters on Bermondsey Street
Planting in the abandoned planter - Tabard Street, Long Lane
Albert Triangle York Stone Pavement Repairs
Albert Triangle - Colnbrook Street Improvements
Gobo lighting- cathedral street
Greening Elephant & Castle Square – Wildflower and Planter Enhancement Project
Kipling Estate Dunsterville Planters
Greening Vine Yard
Lamlash Garden Replacement Bollard
Kings Bench Street trees and bench
Boyfield Street Greening
Milcote Street safer walking and cycling

Ward	Programme
Chaucer	Highways
St. George's	Highways
London Bridge & West Bermondsey	Highways
Chaucer	Highways
St. George's	Highways
St. George's	Highways
Borough & Bankside	Highways
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Appendix 2
Unalloacted 2026/27 Devolved Highways Funding
Borough and London Bridge Neighbourhood

Ward	Unallocated Funding
St George	£24,498
Borough and Bankside	£18,380
Chaucer	£3,095
LBWB	£25,396
Total	£71,369

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