

Item No. 9.	Classification: Open	Date: 7 March 2023	Meeting Name: West Central Area Multi-Ward Forum Meeting
Report title:		Allocation of Neighbourhoods Fund for 2023-24	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Camberwell Green, Faraday, Newington, North Walworth, St Giles	
From:		Director of Communities	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the West Central Multi-Ward Forum allocates a total of £150,000 of the Neighbourhoods Fund 2023-24 to the list of applications outlined in Appendix 1, subject to this funding being approved in the 2023-24 budget and all relevant applicants complying with the council's grant funding requirements

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. Each ward will have £10,000 per councillor of revenue grants to allocate and it is proposed that any unallocated funds from the previous rounds (years) are to be carried forward and added to the financial year commencing 1 April 2023.
6. The multi-ward forums will use the criteria set out below for the allocation of this funding:
 - a. Creating opportunities for people from different backgrounds to get on well together; (e.g. community cohesion)

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

Policy framework implications

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

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

Community impact statement

11. The roles and functions of multi-ward forums include the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process. Multi-ward forums take decisions on local matters including environmental improvements and community safety as well as consultation on a wide range of policies and strategies that affect the area.
12. An explicit objective within the Empowering Communities Programme (ward and multi-ward meetings) is that they be used to actively engage as widely as possible with, and bring together, Southwark's diverse local communities on issues of shared mutual interest.
13. The allocation of the 2023-24 NsF West Central Multi-Ward forum budget will in the main, affect the people living in the West Central Area. However, in making the area a better place to live and improving life chances for local people, the West Central Multi-Ward area, NsF activities will have an impact on the whole of Southwark.
14. The NsF is an important tool in achieving community participation and cohesion. Having a strong, vibrant and engaged community is a key part of creating a fairer and just society through enabling volunteering, participation, inclusion and well-being at a borough wide and neighbourhood level.

Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement

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

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

16. Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between those who share a relevant characteristic and those who do not share it is further defined in s.149 as having due regard to the need to:
- Remove or minimise disadvantages connected with a relevant protected characteristic.
 - Take steps to meet the different needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic.
 - Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or any other activity in which they are under-represented.

Due consideration was given to equalities impact during the design of this awards process and no adverse impact was evident.

17. When undertaking the duties under section 149 the council must ensure:
- The duty must be fulfilled before the decision in question is enacted;
 - The duty must be exercised in substance with 'rigour and an open mind'; it is not a matter of 'ticking boxes'; and
 - The duty is continuing; it does not end with the completion of any equality impact assessment and due regard must be had as policy evolves and is implemented.
18. Due consideration was given to this duty during the process of identifying

recipients of the NsF grants and no adverse impact on any group with a protected characteristic was evident. The open application process enables residents with protected characteristics to facilitate events that are relevant to them, and equality monitoring is required which will assist the council in continuous compliance with the public sector equality duty.

Health impact statement

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

Climate change implications

21. There are projects listed in the Appendix that may have positive climate change implications in the West Central Area if they are successful.

Resource implications

22. There are no resource implications.

Legal implications

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

Financial implications

24. The West Central multi-ward NsF has been allocated a total of £150,000 for 2023-24.
25. It is recommended that multi-ward forums set aside some unallocated funds from previous years in order to prevent an over allocation of funds, as well as to act as a contingency from which urgent or incidental requests can be funded throughout the year.

Consultation

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance

27. The Local Government Act 2000 (“the 2000 Act”) gives the Leader the power to

delegate any executive function to area committees. The allocation of the neighbourhoods fund is an executive function.

28. Multi-ward forums are 'area committees' within the meaning of the 2000 Act.
29. The delegation can be found in Part 3H of the constitution, which enables multi-ward forums to approve "the allocation of neighbourhood funds, using the resources and criteria identified by the cabinet". This is therefore a decision that the Multi-Ward Forum is empowered to take.
30. 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.
31. 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.
32. 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.
33. In allocating funding under the NsF multi-ward forums must have regard to the council's equality duties set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. The report author has demonstrated how those duties have been considered in the body of the report.
34. This report is recommending that the multi-ward forum approve the allocation of monies from the NsF 2023-24 as specified at Appendix 1.

Strategic Director of Finance and Governance

35. The 2023-24 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 £150,000 should be awarded to the West Central Multi-Ward.
36. Paragraph 25 notes the need to maintain a contingency element from the funding available for urgent or incidental requests. This is a prudent measure to assist in the effective running of the Neighbourhoods Fund.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Allocation of Neighbourhoods Fund 2023-24	Environment & Leisure 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Grace Semakula, Empowering Communities Programme Officer 020 7525 4928
Link: https://www.southwark.gov.uk/engagement-and-consultations/empowering-communities/neighbourhoods-fund-2022		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	West Central Multi-Ward NsF Applications 2023-24

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Forid Ahmed, Empowering Communities Manager	
Report Author	Grace Semakula, Empowering Communities Programme Officer	
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Dated	7 February 2023	
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 and Governance	Yes	Yes
Strategic Director, Environment, Neighbourhoods and Growth	No	No
Cabinet member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team		16 February 2023

APPENDIX 1

West Central Neighbourhoods Fund 2023-24 Applications

Camberwell Green

Application ID	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
1839	Growing Together	Growing Together - Warner Road	Our main aims of the Growing Together at Warner Road will focus on: Encourage young people on the estate and surrounding areas to engage with their green spaces. Create more green spaces on the estate. Improve residents' confidence in food growing and gardening. Start a gardening group	8,150
1958	Grosvenor Estate TRA	Grosvenor Estate Annual Street Party	To maintain and build social cohesion of different ages and cultural backgrounds in a very diverse estate. The annual street party is always a great success and helps build the great community we have.	1,410
1961	Blue Elephant Theatre	Young People's Theatre	YPT is youth-led, allowing the young people total creative freedom within the structure of the project. Blue Elephant Theatre's Youth Panel meets every 3 months to inform that structure and shape the opportunities available to other young people.	5,000
1986	Walworth Golden Oldies	Golden Adventurers	Our programme aims to counter loneliness and isolation amongst members of Southwark's elderly community, particularly amongst elderly members of the BAME community - but not exclusively so.	5,500
2038	SE5 Forum for Camberwell	Feel Good Festival	Our pilot Feel Good Festival on Camberwell Green over 6 Saturdays in June and July 2022 attracted 934 visits by local residents to improve their physical and mental health and to signpost people to services. It brought together Camberwell's statutory services (Partnership Southwark, Maudsley CAMHS), NGOs (MIND), 20 local health and wellbeing practitioners and Lyndhurst primary school choir, Healthy Living Platform food banks and pantries.	5,368.53
2039	Crawford Tenant & Resident Association	Crawford Tenant & Resident Association	The project will improve the mental state and wellbeing of our resident in the estate who has been enjoying such parties and trips. The project will also reduce loneliness among resident and it will act as a form of socialization among residents. Improving health and wellbeing of the resident in the estate is the top priority of the project.	9,300

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2093	The Welcome Singers	The Welcome Singers	The Welcome Singers was established in 2006 for retired people to sing together. No musical experience or auditions are required. We have an inspirational conductor and under her guidance we sing an amazing range of music - from folk songs to madrigals, show time favourites to African chorales. We are a diverse group. Long lasting friendships have been made.	3,805
2146	Hidaya Women's Association	Women's English Classes	The project is in place to encourage women to learn English. It is needed because we have found there are a lot of women with children in the local community who because of their lack of English skills cannot communicate with the school and teachers about their child's education.	4,100
2156	Millwall CommunityTrust	Kicks @ Bethwin Adventure Playground	Our Kicks programme aims to inspire vulnerable and at-risk children and young people to achieve their potential and improve their wellbeing;	5,000
2160	SouthEastSkates	Winter Roller skate Venue	The project is trying to achieve a safe all-inclusive family and safe warm affordable indoor roller skating and disco environment for our increasing roller-skating community.	3,100
2174	Southwark Explorers' Club	Southwark Explorers' Club	Our aim is to enhance the health, wellbeing and lifelong learning of older people by organising weekly visits by Southwark Seniors to a wide variety of places of cultural, historic and artistic interest.	2,250
2201	Spring Community Hub	Holiday club	Spring Community Hub's objective is to support those who are experiencing financial challenges, causing Food Insecurity, and Activities such as providing Food Parcels.	3,975
2202	Adult IT skills training	Adult IT skills training	Most ladies who attend the Somali community centre in Camberwell are IT illiterate. This creates a digital divide in the community, a division and inequality in access to information and resources. The digital divide is unequal access to digital technology and the internet. Thus, digital access and IT skills are essential to enabling the community to participate fully in our increasingly digital society. Levelling up this community, addressing and tackling the digital divide is crucial.	5,000

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2219	Ignite Hubs	Camberwell Coding Club	We teach weekly coding classes to children and young people aged 7 to 18 years olds at Peckham Library. Due to request from Southwark Council Library Service, we are looking to deliver classes at Camberwell Library. Our classes are taught by IT professionals and entail a rich curriculum of front-end web technologies; HTML/CSS, a general-purpose programming language called Python and Scratch, a graphical programming language, which is particularly suitable for those new to coding. These skills are needed by companies like YouTube, Google, Netflix and Instagram. From our research, youth unemployment in Southwark is above the national average and by equipping young people with in-demand coding skills they will be able to access employment opportunities and higher paying roles that will enable those from disadvantaged backgrounds to change their circumstances.	4,996
2253	Camberwell Arts	2023 Camberwell Arts Festival	The Festival aims to promote local community cohesion by bringing people together to collectively celebrate Camberwell's diverse cultural offer and their shared neighbourhood.	3,750
2260	Southwark Pensioners's Centre	Magic Christmas 2023	SPC wants to bring older people together to enjoy 4 magical Christmas afternoons together of fun, joy, connection.	3,550
2287	Camberwell Society	Black History Walk - Location Panels	The project is designed to fit with and extend the current CIL funded Black History Walk project (budget £5k) that Southwark are developing through the officer Susan du Toit. The first phase (from £5k approved CIL budget) is to install an information panel on the green showing the walk, to source narrations by young black voices and create a website linked to the Southwark Council site.	5,500

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2070	Bermondsey Community Kitchen Inc London Community Kitchen	Bermondsey Community Kitchen Inc London Community Kitchen	<p>Bermondsey Community Kitchen is a grassroots local non for profit community organisation. Our project has operated out of Bermondsey for the last several years providing a variety of services for our local community. However our support reaches across Southwark and because of this we are changing our name to the London Community Kitchen, so more people are aware of our services and are not excluded.</p> <p>This year we are expanding this project across the whole of Southwark. The local food banks are overwhelmed with their growing clients. Our project offers something different to the traditional food bank, providing healthy nutritious homemade ready to eat meals.</p>	4,500 [applied to 5 wards]
2009	Living Bankside	Black Futures	Providing Opportunities for young people from ethnic minorities - in particular those of African descent and a holistic mentoring programme with successful black and other ethnic minority individuals.	13,000 [applied to all 5 wards]

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Faraday

Application ID	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
1777	Burgess Sports	Multi-sports holiday programme	We offer a unique opportunity for children to access high-quality sports, and leadership activities in a friendly supportive environment. For girls and boys from 5 years, our programme is run from Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 3 pm. Children will do a variety of sports.	4,800
1826	Edible Rotherhithe C.I.O.	Keep on Growing at Surrey Square School	Keep on Growing will provide children at Surrey Square School with free weekly food growing, gardening and arts and crafts clubs & workshops each school term. Children will learn how to grow and harvest food, the importance of healthy eating and where food comes from; explore and develop their natural environment and biodiversity, children's health, well-being and connection with the natural environment.	6,820
1837	Inspire at St Peters	Inspire to Grow	This group has been operating for a number of years now by providing regular weekly outdoor gardening sessions for vulnerable and disabled adults to provide positive outdoor group gardening and vegetable growing activities in a friendly and supportive environment:	4,000
1868	Art in the Park	Saturdays at Art in the Park	This project is based on ideas from our younger and older regular participants. This project aims to run a series of similar Saturday art workshops and visits starting in April and running over 3 months. The additional opportunity of stimulating trips to museums and galleries that enable people to learn new things.	4,996
1881	SE17Working CIC	Ekabo Action Team	The Ekabo project will work primarily with Southwark's BAME Community to develop an 'Ekabo Action Team', a pool of 50 trained volunteers that will develop activities and events to meet with each other and 'welcome' local familiar faces	7,506

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			again, and will include Ekabo Breakfast Mornings, Ekabo Newsletter, and fun family games/activities to combat isolation and promote healthy lifestyles.	
2003	Burgess Sports	Healthy meals holiday camp	Food insecurity in our area has worsened since COVID. Many children and families need our support and especially during the holiday periods schools are closed and unable to provide a hot meal to children in need. Burgess Sports for many years running the multi-sports programme has been also delivering a food programme to provide children a nutritious healthy meal so necessary and important for their development and life	4,800
2130	Uffo Athletic and Leisure Group Ltd	Uffo Athletic Health & Wellbeing Walks	We hope to reach up to 25 women over the grant period. Our project is different from other projects because it is led by local people who speak additional community languages and recognise cultural barriers to physical activities. Our walks will be delivered during term time and over 30 weeks, considering school holidays, Ramadan, and other religious celebrations in the local communities. We will connect and learn from other similar groups. We also offer athletic and football sessions for children and running events for local men.	3,233.45
2187	Walworth Neighbourhood Food Model	Walworth Neighbourhood Food Tour (Faraday)	Walworth Neighbourhood Food Tour is a free walking tour to engage local residents in celebrating the trust and solidarity upon which local, community-based food initiatives in our neighbourhood are built. We identified the need to make these food projects and enterprises more accessible and visible to local residents. Our goal is to create a fun, interactive and informative experience for residents to learn about the local food system, and encourage them to engage with local food projects.	6,350

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2221	Burgess Park Cricket Academy Sports and Social Association	Sport Active Community Cricket Southwark (SACCS)	SACCS will deliver 2 cricket teams, a programme of sporting coaching and sport other development activities for community groups in Southwark, particularly disadvantaged and disaffected youth and young people, male and female. The programme will access to County Cricket Academy, coaching session in the part, local schools, mentoring.	11,652
2245	Get Rid of and Donate CIC	Bringing our Communities Together Supporting People in Need	Get Rid of and Donate aims to increase all efforts, improve domestic recycling divert and support people in need in communities, prevent poverty and reduce environmental impacts. The project's aims and efforts are to redistribute pre-loved home goods to people and families in need, especially migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Southwark through various community centre's co-working and partnering with other community services foodbanks, mental health services, well-being services, parent support and youth services.	1,000
2248	Fitness Justice Limited	Community Fitness Justice	Our aim is to serve Southwark residents by providing high quality, accessible and responsive exercise services focussing on improving physical & mental health in order to improve the wellbeing and healthy life expectancy of our local population. We will collaboratively work to develop tailored exercise programmes, healthy eating advice & deliver exercise & health activities to support local residents of all ages particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds and underrepresented groups. The main goal is to improve physical & mental health, quality of life and overall wellbeing.	4,947

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2297	Platform Cricket (Tower Hamlets Youth Sports Foundation)	Walworth Whirlwinds Cricket Club	<p>We will create a "Pop Up" Youth Cricket Club in Walworth that will address the current inequalities in access to cricket, whilst supporting personal and social development.</p> <p>The hub will be open to any child aged 7-11 living in the area, but will be grown from a schools coaching programme (NOT funded through this grant) that will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crampton,- English Martyrs, Keyworth, - -Michael Faraday-Robert Browning, - St John Walworth - St Paul's.- St Peter's-Surrey Square - Townsend,Victory. - Children from introductory activities delivered at each school will be encouraged /supported to migrate to evening/weekend activity which features physical literacy, fitness, strength & conditioning, team-building, problem- solving, nutritional workshops and social events, alongside the cricket content. 	6,349
2329	From THAT To THIS	Skills For Life	<p>We aim to help and focus on working with different cultures that creates a bonding experience, fostering a positive activity between young and the elderly. The project will focus on learning new skills and maximising potential with a view to improving mental health and well- being, the achievements they make in the sewing classes will help to improve self- esteem and confidence. The sewing class members will gain new skills, a fun activity, and a sense of achievement.</p>	5,200

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2330	Friends of Burgess Park	Burgess Park woodlands	The aim is to utilise the Burgess Park woodlands to support health and wellbeing. We will be piloting woodlands engagement activity including woodland skills with six sessions practical skills sessions which includes education and wellbeing. We would like to build on this pilot activity with a focus on wellbeing with more targeted outreach working with local health and mental health projects. With the Neighbourhood Fund we would also like to pilot "forest bathing" which is successfully delivered at Crystal Palace Park.	5,000
2070	Bermondsey Community Kitchen Inc London Community Kitchen	Bermondsey Community Kitchen Inc London Community Kitchen	Bermondsey Community Kitchen is a grassroots local non for profit community organisation. Our project has operated out of Bermondsey for the last several years providing a variety of services for our local community. However our support reaches across Southwark and because of this we are changing our name to the London Community Kitchen, so more people are aware of our services and are not excluded. This year we are expanding this project across the whole of Southwark. The local food banks are overwhelmed with their growing clients. Our project offers something different to the traditional food bank, providing healthy nutritious homemade ready to eat meals.	4,500 [applied to 5 wards]
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Newington

Application ID	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
1808	BREAKTHEBARRIER CIC	Summer Session/Workshop	The project is about breaking down barriers by having activities, workshops and trips during the holidays for families in our community by providing this sessions free of charge especially during this period of uncertainty, as we have been able to previously and we will like to continue to have positive impacts.	5,460
1876	Walworth Community Pub Project	Walworth Community Pub - building democratic involvement	We are local residents wanting to play a greater role in building a thriving community in Walworth. We think pubs can play a vital role at the heart of our community.	5,000
1967	Friends of Pasley Park	One Newington Community Fete	Community based fete for Newington sharing the rich history of the Royal Surrey Zoological Gardens as a creative stimulus. History, creativity, theatre, art, community engagement to animate the park. Newington Community Fete will be held on Sat 9 Sep 2023. Promotes the park as the key green lung in Newington for local residents and promotes the work of the friends of Pasley Park.	5,000

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2105	Link Age Southwark	Seated Yoga	We are seeking funding to support the continued delivery of our seated yoga group at King Charles Court. We have been running an exercise group in this residential setting for a number of years. The group was adapted during the period of restrictions to incorporate telephone calls to group members from the group tutor. With the lifting of restrictions it has is now back up and running as in 'in-person' offer. The group tutor is a specialist in the work that she does and adapts the group to accommodate the needs of individual group members. As well as the physical benefits that group members derive from the group, the group incorporates an opportunity for emotional wellbeing both through the physical exercise but also from the opportunity to interact with other group members including the tutor and volunteers who attend. The group is open to residents of King Charles Court as well as residents of nearby Hughes House and other service users who live locally.	3,170
2122	Excel	Peer Training / Personal development	Excels Objective and Aim is to Empower Choice - Empowering our clients to make informed choices Designed to build and boost self-confidence and self-awareness in participants Bring clarity and depth to the participant's choices, actions and goal-setting	5,180
2127	Spring Community Hub	Back 2 Work	The focus of the project is to work with individuals to provide support and advice in Welfare Benefits, Housing, Employment, Business Start-up, development and access to other learning, and training provision	7,794

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2152	Millwall Community Trust	Kicks @ Brandon Youth Centre	Our Kicks programme aims to inspire vulnerable and at-risk children and young people to achieve their potential and improve their wellbeing; working together with the community and partners to build a stronger, safer and more inclusive community in Newington.	5,000
2182	Walworth Neighbourhood Food Model	Walworth Neighbourhood Food Tour	Walworth Neighbourhood Food Tour is a free walking tour to engage local residents in celebrating the trust and solidarity upon which local, community-based food initiatives in our neighbourhood are built.	6,350
2194	Spring Community Hub	Holiday club	Spring Community Hub's objective is to support those who are experiencing financial challenges, causing Food Insecurity, and Activities such as providing Food Parcels. The Holiday Activity Club and other relevant services help them to maximise the income they have.	3,975
2262	RMUK Wellbeing	Food and Wellbeing	To break isolation and loneliness, and sustain cohesion and dignity. Encouraging elder residents to stay physically and socially active.	11,482
2272	Doddington Grove Residents Association	Performing Arts Workshops for Young People & Doddington Grove Gardening Club	Performing Arts Workshops These workshops will provide the young people with: - inspiration, fun and excitement - collaboration through participation in creative group activities - a platform to express themselves in a creative way - social and communication skills - confidence and self-worth	5,000

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2275	LATIN AMERICAN DISABLED PEOPLE'S PROJEC	LADPP Cost of living financial welfare support Services	The Spanish and Portuguese-speaking community living in London, where the majority are based in Southwark and surrounding boroughs, has been significantly impacted by the increased cost of living. Last year we made around 450 Universal Credit applications, of which 330 were to support families and 120 for single applicants. Our evaluation of services shows that people are struggling to meet essential needs such as heating and food.	5,000
2070	Bermondsey Community Kitchen Inc London Community Kitchen	Bermondsey Community Kitchen Inc London Community Kitchen	Bermondsey Community Kitchen is a grassroots local non for profit community organisation. Our project has operated out of Bermondsey for the last several years providing a variety of services for our local community. However our support reaches across Southwark and because of this we are changing our name to the London Community Kitchen, so more people are aware of our services and are not excluded. This year we are expanding this project across the whole of Southwark. The local food banks are overwhelmed with their growing clients. Our project offers something different to the traditional food bank, providing healthy nutritious homemade ready to eat meals.	4,500 [applied to 5 wards]
1920	Coding Club	Coding club	Currently, there are no other coding clubs in Newington Ward. I communicated with the lady in charge of Brandan 3 TRA in Newington Ward. We both agreed to offer a 12- week coding club to young people aged between 10 to 16 years old who are residents at Brandan estate and other estates within the Multi Ward. A coding club would engage the young people with a positive alternative, thus helping reduce anti-social behaviour, generate employment, and make positive development.	5,000

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North Walworth

Application ID	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
1735	Afro-Brazilian Arts & Cultural Exchange Institute	Fighting Inequality Project	Our organisation would like to apply for a grant to run an educational programme in Southwark to improve the quality of life of young people that come from disadvantaged backgrounds and otherwise would not be able to afford the extracurricular activities that we offer.	4,500
1803	Neo Music LTD	Course Code: +44NEOMB-Music Business workshop for beginners, Opening doors for future female music execs	We plan to educate and give female minorities in the area a chance to get their foot in the music industry doors within a safe space run by women of a minority background. We will bring the ladies together to put on a festival which will give them notable experience and also give them a chance to understand the various roles that are available to them in the music industry. Not only will it gives these kids something to do but it will also boost their confidence in engaging with others in the real world while giving them access to what it really takes to become a music exec in the music industry	5,150
1972	The Fungi Club	The Fungi Club	The Fungi Club engages folks in Southwark interested in learning about fungi and mushroom cultivation through events, workshops, growing projects and our online community.	1,130.98
2181	Spring Community Hub	Domestic Abuse Awareness for Survivors	Spring Up Women's Group will be a 6-month programme for women in Southwark affected by poverty and disadvantage, and who are at high risk of domestic abuse.	6,400
2186	Walworth Neighbourhood Food Model	Walworth Neighbourhood Food Tour	Walworth Neighbourhood Food Tour is a free walking tour to engage local residents in celebrating the trust and	6,350

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		(North Walworth)	solidarity upon which local, community-based food initiatives in our neighbourhood are built.	
2214	Walworth Coding Club	Walworth Coding Club	We teach weekly coding classes to children and young people aged 7 to 18 years olds at Peckham Library. Due to request from Southwark Council Library Service, we are looking to deliver classes at Walworth Library. This project will provide the necessary cash resources to pay for Code Instructors and Learning & Education Assistant to help organise, develop and deliver the coding sessions. They will be supported by volunteers.	4,996
2311	Elephant and Castle Business Forum	Community Wellbeing Workshops	A series of free workshops facilitated by local organisations for anyone to attend. The workshops will be held weekly over a two month period starting April 2023. The project aims to engage with members of the community, in particularly young people who have little to do. The idea originated from a discussion of the Elephant & Castle Business Forum, where businesses raised concerns about antisocial behaviour from young people loitering in public spaces within the town centre. The sessions will include sports and gym-related activities such as boxing and calisthenics, mentoring talks and cultural art workshops. The project would provide a community-level social focus to compliment the investment that has been made in Elephant Park.	1,800
2340	Holistic Well Women	Community Well Being	The aim of the Community Well being project is to support and improve the well being of volunteers and community leaders in the London Borough of Southwark. Our project wants to address their well being and introduce them to a well being practice to support and enhance their health and	5,000

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			well being. Our activities are aim to get people together to support one another through learning, creativity and building resilience for volunteer led organisations and volunteers in Southwark. We are offering a range of creative workshops, mindfulness, well being coaching and social and chill out lounge and well being cafe. All activities are for volunteer groups in Southwark. We would like to focus on small/medium groups has research has revealed that they are under resourced and over worked and are in need of support.	
2070	Bermondsey Community Kitchen Inc London Community Kitchen	Bermondsey Community Kitchen Inc London Community Kitchen	Bermondsey Community Kitchen is a grassroots local non for profit community organisation. Our project has operated out of Bermondsey for the last several years providing a variety of services for our local community. However our support reaches across Southwark and because of this we are changing our name to the London Community Kitchen, so more people are aware of our services and are not excluded. This year we are expanding this project across the whole of Southwark. The local food banks are overwhelmed with their growing clients. Our project offers something different to the traditional food bank, providing healthy nutritious homemade ready to eat meals.	4,500 [applied to 5 wards]
2274	Bethel Seventh Day Adventist Church	Community soap kitchen	The church will seek to provide a hot evening meal one Sunday a month to the local community. This is needed due to the on-going food crisis. It will provide residents who need food support the opportunity to have a meal provided for themselves.	1,920
1908	Draper Together CIO	Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities	The Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities programme (SFSC) is an evidence based violence prevention approach to	8,176

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			enhancing family protective factors, safeguarding children, providing information to parents and building confidence. It has been used in a number of places to support a prevention and community safety.	
2009	Living Bankside	Black Futures	Providing Opportunities for young people from ethnic minorities - in particular those of African descent and a holistic mentoring programme with successful black and other ethnic minority individuals.	13,000 [applied to all 5 wards]
2313	South London Mission	Mitigating the social, cultural and physiological impact of poverty in households	<p>We recognise that poverty affects the members of whole households differently. We believe recognition of the differing needs of each member is an inclusive and effective approach to alleviating the impacts of long term and intergenerational poverty and a means of fostering resilience.</p> <p>The Gaming hub is to encourage safe spaces for households that cannot afford the costs of gaming. The aim is to socialise enable childhood, keep children off the streets and mitigate grooming by gangs and in the long term enable innovation. Brite Box provides fresh quality produce to enable primary school pupils to learn healthy cooking at home and mitigates weekend food poverty for the family.</p> <p>Mummies Republic mitigates poverty through early intervention and engages the needs of mothers and babies, when they are most vulnerable to destitution, abuse and mental health. Mummies provides advocacy, Talking Therapy and community.</p> <p>Saturday school recognises that household overcrowding for children affects learning. The South London Mission provides supplementary education and access to</p>	10,000 [also applied in North West, North East & East Central areas]

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			<p>cultural and social capital which is open to the whole family to enjoy, e.g. theatre trips. This enables shared and long lasting experiences and awareness.</p> <p>We also encourage citizenship for the above groups to aid understanding of how democratic governance works, through engagement with Councillors, visits to the Mayors office and Parliament. We also participate in the Thames clean up to share responsibility of our environment. We recognise that these forms of engagement enables access to active citizenship at times when households are feeling disaffected and disenfranchised.</p> <p>Our over 65 group is targeted at elderly Men and women gather from across Southwark for socialising, food and exercise.</p>	

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1755	Flashy Wings Ministry	Project Lavender Recreational	<p>Flashy Wings received neighbourhood funding for project lavender recreational therapy last year, and it was a huge success, a total of 160 BAME women benefited from the project, thus we wish to continue with this project again.</p> <p>Flashy wings is proposing an engaging one-year project for women in Southwark St Giles ward, we are proposing project LAVENDER RECREATIONAL THERAPY, we intend to organise a couple of reactional activities for some of our service users who are suffering from anxiety, stress, bereavement, mental health hardship and isolation.</p>	5,000
1870	Mind and Soul Community Choir	Camberwell Voices	<p>Camberwell Voices: using singing as the key for a joint musical project between the Mind and Soul Community Choir, Camberwell Community Choir and members of the local community. The Mind and Soul Choir was set up to improve people's mental health as well as addressing the stigma associated with mental health issues. Part of the choirs work has always been to take singing into the wards of the South London and Maudsley Trust. (/slam.nhs.uk) a mental health hospital, as well as reaching out to connect with the local community. This project is needed in the community especially after the isolation caused by the pandemic and a rise in mental health issues.</p>	3,390
1902	Southwark Refugee Communities Forum (SRCF)	Refugee Week Conference and Community Celebration	<p>Refugee Week is a platform for groups to showcase their activities, raise their profile, make themselves visible to their own communities. In Southwark,</p>	5,000

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			SRCF can reach 30 community groups, at least 2000 individuals. We will host a conference for representatives of these communities to discuss the challenges they face and how they have responded.	
2096	South London Gallery	SLG Families: Sunday Spot and Garden Trail	SLG offers free art and play activities for families every weekend through Sunday Spot workshops and artist-designed Family Garden Trail. Sunday Spot sessions are led by professional artists, with a focus on engaging artists who identify as black, brown or people of colour. Sessions run the last Sunday of each month 2-4pm, for children aged 5-12 and their parents/carers.	4,855
2107	Link Age Southwark	Seated Yoga	We are seeking funding to continue delivery of our weekly seated yoga group that is run in the Community Room at the Tenant Management Organisation. The group has thrived in its new setting and is attended by residents of D'Eynsford sheltered housing unit as all as service users who live locally.	3,170
2131	Raven & Rain Ministry Ltd	Project Esperanza	Project Esperanza aims at opening a kitchen for refugee families who would cook their cultural food themselves and share it together. Esperanza would: - Members of the refugee families would cook and share a cultural meal under the supervision of volunteers with food hygiene to ensure a good standard is always maintain.	4,908
2133	D'Eynsford Garden and Grounds Committee	Community Gardener	The Community Gardener Role provides vital community engagement on the D'Eynsford Estate. The funding will allow us to: Pay for a community gardener to run regular weekly sessions, advising and supporting	4,660

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			<p>residents in the Secret Garden and grounds; We also opened for the Camberwell Society summer Open Gardens event, the Walworth Community Gardens Network Walking Tour, and featured on the webpages of a local estate agent as a key highlight of the area. The funding will build on our success into 2023: developing further collaboration with local charities; improving engagement and skills-building with residents across the estate; supporting our showcase event with dedicated expertise; helping us to meet our ambition of becoming a 'Thriving' garden.</p>	
2134	The Playground	Art in the Playground	<p>Through "Art in the Playground", The project aims to promote partnership working that is mutually beneficial and enables intergenerational skills exchange. It aims to equip students and graduates to be locally engaged and consider the ethics of how they work with people.</p> <p>The need: Build on pre-pandemic community partnership projects at the playground, reinvigorating and strengthening relationships with local organisations.</p> <p>Upskilling opportunities for residents, local organisations (their staff) and students/graduates, along with the sharing of university resources.</p> <p>-Benefit to residents: - More students are moving into the area, with local people feeling pushed out. This project will forge better relationships and understanding between residents, students and local organisations. It will encourage students to be ambassadors in encouraging community awareness with their UAL peers.</p>	2,170

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2135	D'Eynsford TMO CIC	Home Court Basketball Sessions	These sessions are the main legacy from the award-winning re-paint of the games area located in the D'Eynsford Estate. They provide free, all ages basketball and fitness coaching for 1.5 hours every Saturday in an area where no such alternatives exist. Our aim with the funding is to keep this vital resource running and to sustain or slightly increase the current level of engagement.	3,750
2148	Sceaux Gardens Community Makerspace	Sceaux Gardens Community Makerspace	<p>Sceaux Gardens Community Makerspace was formed in early 2021 with help from a contribution from the LBS Neighbourhood Fund. In April 2021, a group of residents transformed a previously redundant and disused 'Pram Shed' in the Endercroft of Marie Curie into a fully functioning workshop. The workshop has had a successful first year, allowing residents to drop in on for one-to-one sessions assisted by a DBS checked and fully trained volunteer. We were generously supported by the 2021/22 LBS Neighbourhoods Fund.</p> <p>The Makerspace would like to continue its support to residents throughout 2022/23, expanding our facilities on offer and ways of making. This will allow us to impart further skills to users of the space, empowering them to fix, restore and maintain belongings or fabricate functional solutions for their homes at no cost to residents. The repair rather than replace approach is no doubt going to be of use through the cost-of-living crisis. Upskilling residents has a great impact on positive mental health of our users, greater satisfaction and improvements to general wellbeing.</p>	2,161.46
2192	Spring Community Hub	Holiday club	Spring Community Hub's objective is to support those who are experiencing financial challenges, causing Food Insecurity, and Activities such as providing Food Parcels. The Holiday Activity Club and other	3,975

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			relevant services help them to maximise the income they have. The Club provides nutritious food, play and learning opportunities. These actions provide great relief for parents because it reduces money worries triggered by food insecurity, spending money on pricey child entertainment, and compromising time at work for providing additional childcare. The Club provides further social benefits: most of the activities for children are fun games that nudge behaviour towards healthy eating, exercise and social inclusion. This stimulates a legacy of social integration and maintains general mental and physical well-being in Southwark. At each session, our aim is to alleviate holiday hunger, give Families the opportunity to the participant and engage with their children through arts and crafts, and dance to promote well-being, reduce the loss of learning by introducing educational play such as word searches, giving out books, storytelling and social interaction such as trips to minimise isolation.	
2237	Spring Community Hub	Back 2 Work	The focus of the project is to work with individuals to provide support and advice in Welfare Benefits, Housing, Employment, Business Start-up, development and access to other learning, and training provision Identify the benefits or financial support the customer may be entitled to, and help them to apply for benefits e.g. Universal Credit, Disability Living Allowance, PIP or other welfare benefits they may be entitled to, but were not previously aware of.	7,794
2327	Sceaux Gardens Community Bike Hub	Sceaux Gardens Community Bike Hub	Sceaux Gardens Community Bike Hub provides all residents of the estate access to bicycle repairs, free bicycles that have been constructed from restored and donated bicycles. It seeks to impart skills to its users, empowering them to fix, restore and maintain their mode of	1,500

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