

Item No. 9.	Classification: Open	Date: 14 March 2023	Meeting Name: South Area Multi-Ward Forum Meeting
Report title:		Allocation of Neighbourhoods Fund for 2023-24	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Champion Hill, Dulwich Hill, Dulwich Village, Dulwich Wood and Goose Green	
From:		Director of Communities	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the South Multi-Ward Forum allocates a total of £152,384 of the Neighbourhoods Fund 2023-24 to the list of applications outlined in Appendix 1.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

6. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

7. 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.
8. 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).
9. A Multi-Ward forum may choose to allocate some of their NsF resources to their CGS capital allocations.
10. Subject to the availability of resources, the NsF may be used to 'buy' services from the council.
11. As with any executive decision taken by Multi-Ward forums, this is subject to the council's existing scrutiny arrangements.

Policy framework implications

12. 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. 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

13. The roles and functions of Multi-Ward forums include the promotion of involvement of local people in the democratic process. Multi-Ward forums take decisions on local matters including environmental improvement and community safety as well as consultation on a wide range of policies and strategies that affect the area.
14. 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.
15. The allocation of the 2023-24 NsF South Multi-Ward forum budget will in the main, affect the people living in the South Area. However, in making the area a better place to live and improving life chances for local people, the South Multi-Ward area, NsF activities will have an impact on the whole of Southwark.
16. 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

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.
20. 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

21. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has disadvantaged many communities in the borough and highlighted health inequalities.
22. 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

23. There are projects listed in the Appendix that may have positive climate change implications in the South Area (e.g. community gardening projects) if they are successful.

Resource implications

24. There are no resource implications.
25. All approved applicants will need to comply with all relevant council grant approval requirements.
26. The South multi-ward NsF has been allocated a total of £110,000, for 2023-24. In addition to this, funds totaling £42,384 remain unallocated from previous years' allocations and thus are also available for allocation.
27. 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

28. 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)

29. 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.
30. Multi-Ward Forums are ‘area committees’ within the meaning of the 2000 Act.
31. 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.
32. 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.
33. 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.
34. 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.
35. 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. .
36. 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

37. The 2023-24 budget allocation for the neighbourhoods fund had been 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 will be awarded to the South Multi-Ward. The report notes a further value from the prior year allocation within paragraph 24, this figure being the current estimate of funds available at the conclusion of 2022-23.
38. 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 Weblink: https://www.southwark.gov.uk/engagement-and-consultations/empowering-communities/empowering-communities-south	Environment & Leisure 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Fitzroy Lewis, Empowering Communities Programme Officer 0207 525 3084

APPENDICES

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

AUDIT TRAIL

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Report Author	Fitzroy Lewis, Empowering Communities Programme Officer	
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Dated	24 February 2023	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance	Yes	Yes
Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	Yes	Yes
Strategic Director of Environment, Neighbourhoods and Growth	No	No
Cabinet member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team		2 March 2023

APPENDIX 1

South Area NsF 23-24 Application list

Ward: Champion Hill

Ref ID	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
2071*	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. BCK through the Covid 19 crisis provided over 5000 healthy nutritious ready to eat meals to the local community. This highlighted the essential need for a cooked food provision service in Southwark and was something we continued last year.</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. The current cost of living crisis is greatly impacting many local residents, with rising energy costs and grocery shopping prices rocketing, people will have to decide whether to heat their homes or eat. In some cases people won't be able to afford to do either. Our project will provide a lifeline for those most in need, families struggling financially, isolated elderly residents and vulnerable residents. It will provide them with a meal they haven't had to worry about how much it will cost to buy or even cook. It will be healthy, substantial and tasty. It will help to improve wellbeing and reduce stress.</p> <p>BCK will work with ward councillors, so that they can direct us to groups they already work with and advise how meals should be distributed. BCK will work with numerous local groups and TRA's to utilise the contacts they already have in the community to deliver the meals those most in need.</p>	£ 4,500

*#2071 also applied in Dulwich Hill, Dulwich Village, Dulwich Wood and Goose Green.

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Ref ID	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
1927	Bessemer Grange Tenants and Residents Association	Circus and Performance Skills After Schools Club	<p>In a questionnaire to tenants and residents within the Bessemer Grange TRA catchment in 2019, the lack of provision for children and young people under 16 was identified as critical. The 2019 LBS multi-ward survey for South Southwark showed that the Champion Hill Ward has higher than average levels of childhood obesity and higher levels of 0-15s in out-of-work benefit households. The TRA committee agreed to put together a lively, quality offer of performance and circus skills, delivered by local professionals and secured initial funding from a Getting Involved Grant. Lockdown and the short term, limited funding meant that the provision was offered intermittently (November 2020 to July 2022 - using grants, crowd-funding and TRA funds). It was popular and successful with children and families, and its enforced hiatus since July has been a disappointment locally. Recent feedback said "A. had no confidence and didn't try new things. I can't stop him now. He will give everything a go"; "Best class ever"; "I've seen such a change in M. - she has come out of her shell". Up to 20 participants were recorded weekly, and we have hall capacity for larger groups. We are now trying to broaden the offer to the whole ward and obtain more secure funding. There are few if any activities locally that estate children can access - these are mainly within the wealthier areas of South Southwark and require a financial outlay. The project format is well-established and proven to be a success and as such is ready to roll out again - running termly one evening per week with two age groups. Our aim is now to develop a healthy eating strategy for session participants by providing fresh fruit and refreshments and where possible encouraging the participants to sit and eat together.</p>	£ 4,998

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1978	Dream Believe Achieve (DBA) CIC	DBA Youth Engagement Project (11-16s) - Southwark	<p>Through ongoing consultations directly with our community of young people, we have established common disadvantages. This includes residing on high risk, low-resourced, council estates/social housing with little to no resources, free support services and beneficial activities available to them, a rise in mental health. Also, high levels of social isolation, high levels of poverty, low self-confidence, a lack in basic pivotal life skills, coping tools. Finally, being less informed in important areas, increasing their knowledge, preparing them for adulthood and helping them to make more beneficial life choices. Our project is designed in a way that enables young, disadvantaged youths to access free 1:1 mentoring and small group IAG workshops within areas including mental health and coping tools, assisting young people in overcoming boundaries hindering their progression. It utilises sports and creativity as means of promoting mental well-being and increasing self-confidence. It is designed in a way that provides a safe space in which young people have a voice, can thrive and reduces isolation. It is structured in a way that enables young people to be supported in making better life choices and are connected to sports and creative professionals providing them with further skills and links within these areas.</p> <p>We previously ran this project between October 2020- August 2021 (and currently still running it with a new group). We supported 59 disadvantaged youths deeply affected by the pandemic within local community halls. Feedback highlights our project works. For example, 86.84% of our under 16 female services users had increased access to positive engaging activities/support services, 73.68% had increased skills, self-confidence and positive coping strategies. 100% of our under 16 male service users found the programme useful, 90% gained new skills, 70% disclosed increased knowledge. 100% disclosed they enjoyed the programme, 61.54% disclosed increase self-confidence and stated, 'wanting more sessions'.</p>	£ 3,290

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1739	Mother Goose Nursery	Monthly outdoor community events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bringing people together from the community for free, fun and social events in order to encourage community cohesion and to prevent social isolation especially for parents with young children. 2. Encouraging people to come out into the fresh air to gain the benefits of spending time outdoors in a natural and tranquil setting. 3. To help people to learn new skills in our environmental, craft, musical, cooking and other themed events. 	£ 5,000
2317*	Platform Cricket (Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation)	Dulwich Diamonds Cricket Hub	<p>We will create a "Pop Up" Youth Cricket Club in Dulwich that will address the current inequalities in access to cricket, whilst supporting personal and social development. 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"> - Dulwich Hamlet; - Goodrich; - Goose Green; - Harris Academy East Dulwich - Heber; - Judith Kerr; - St Anthony's; - St John & St Clement <p>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.</p> <p>The activity will utilise the Sports Hall at The Charter School (Jan-Apr) and Dulwich Park (May-Aug). The programme will also feature important competitive opportunities (leagues/cups/festivals) that provide a focus, support identity and allow opportunities for recognition/achievement. These events are also mechanism to get children travelling around Southwark, getting comfortable with new/different neighbourhoods and facilities, and forming new relationships with children from different backgrounds. It will also help to build a relationship with Dulwich Cricket Club, where the project aims to signpost children to from 11 years old onwards.</p> <p>Activities will be led by highly qualified coaches with youth work/mentoring experience, alongside participants' family members, local residents and local Sixth Form students who will be trained/qualified as Coach Assistants through the project.</p>	£ 6,349

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Ref ID	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
2341	St Faith's Community & Youth Foundation	St Faith's Summer Holiday Programme	Daily play and activity provision aimed at KS2 children, focused on families who will otherwise not be able to offer their children summer holidays and may not be able to provide regular hot meals.	£ 10,000
1857	Stepping Stones Learning and Leisure	Group Exercise Classes for Adults with Learning Disabilities	<p>We want to provide access to regular group exercise classes for adults with learning disabilities. People with learning disabilities have poorer health outcomes and lower life expectancies than the general population. In addition to health inequalities they are also at great risk of social exclusion and isolation. Taking part in physical activity has been proven to improve physical and mental well being.</p> <p>Our weekly programme of group classes will provide the opportunity for people to exercise in an accessible, inclusive and community space.</p> <p>Our timetable will include chair based exercise classes, suitable for people who use wheelchairs or who have reduced mobility.</p> <p>As well as accessible exercise, these sessions also provide important opportunities for people to socialise and enjoy being part of a supportive and kind community.</p>	£ 3,524

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Ref ID	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
1918*	Dulwich Festival	Dulwich Festival - 30th Anniversary Event	<p>The Dulwich Festival is a multi-week celebration of the arts, culture, history, and community of Dulwich and South-East London.</p> <p>For 29 years we have contributed to a cohesive & inclusive community for Southwark residents, providing opportunities for locals to engage, attend and participate in arts and cultural initiatives. We've developed a suite of much-loved free community programming items including public events, exhibitions, the Goose Green Fair, gallery open days & our ever-popular Artist Open House program.</p> <p>We have also created a series of annually changing ticketed events, allowing local creators, thinkers, makers, singers, dancers, writers and more to showcase their work in front of a live audience! The festival has become an annual Colander highlight for Southwark residents.</p> <p>After 2 years of no physical event during COVID, our 2022 festival brought people back to the high streets, with many events held in local cafes, restaurants + pubs. We re-engaged community spaces such as parks, church halls, schools and community centers. We injected vibrancy, visitation and a sense of shared celebration back into local neighbourhoods. We helped the community bounce back - and by all accounts it was a great success.</p> <p>To celebrate our 30th anniversary in 2023, we want to build on this momentum of community celebration.</p> <p>We want to focus more on youth involvement across disciplines to support children and youth with early pathways to explore, exhibit, perform, and create, and offer examples of future career opportunities in the art. We also want to focus on outreach to artists from less represented parts of our community.</p> <p>With increased resources, we look forward to expanding the breadth of specific outreach into targeted artist community in the coming year.</p>	£ 7,000
1783	Friern Road Street Party Association	Friern Road Annual Street Party	<p>The aim of our annual street party is to bring local residents together in order to get to know one another better and increase social cohesion. Our street is ethnically and socially diverse and the street party encourages all residents to come out and share in a sit down lunch and participate in outdoor activities such as games, music and dancing. It provides an informal and relaxed situation where neighbours can get to know one another.</p>	£ 400

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Ref ID	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
2005	Link Age Southwark	Seated Yoga	<p>We are seeking funds to support the continued delivery of our weekly yoga class at Lew Evans House. We have been running the group for a number of years, and our specialist tutor is a professional who has significant expertise and experience in working with older people with mobility and health needs. The tutor has developed a friendly and supportive relationship with the members of the group and rang each of them individually to offer support during the period of the pandemic when the group was not able to run. Since the lifting of restrictions the group has been back up and running again as an 'in-person' offer. The group is attended by residents of Lew Evans House as well as service users who live in the surrounding area. Our groups in sheltered housing units have a special value for those who live in the units as many of them have little interaction with others from outside and often spend many hours in their rooms alone. The emotional wellbeing benefits of the group are as important as the physical benefits. The tutor who runs the group takes the time to get to know each group member and their abilities and the group is adapted to accommodate a range of needs and mobility issues. Our groups are designed to improve physical health and mental wellbeing as well as reducing loneliness and social isolation. This group offers all of these outcomes to group members. Each group is managed by a Service Coordinator whose role is to oversee group membership, to liaise with the venue, the tutor and the group volunteer and to organise any transport, as needed.</p>	£ 3,650
2225	London Kickers FC	Football for all	<p>Dawson Heights, Overhill Road, SE22 two blocks of 296 homes We will offer coached football sessions for children 6-11, Monday to Friday from 10am-2pm for the 10 days of the Easter break (3rd - 16th April 2023). Dawson Heights is one of those pockets in the Borough that has had very few initiatives, while being an estate where children do not leave the estate, apart from going to school. Some parents are prepared to let their children play in the middle of the blocks where they can keep an eye on them, but some come back from school and remain in their flats, especially when the weather is not warm. We see this as the start of football and possibly other activities on the estate, and will look to continue after the Easter block. Two of our qualified coaches live on the estate and will lead this initiative, with both working in primary schools so with this and their London Kickers experience are a perfect fit. We will start to promote the sessions from the beginning of March, leafleting; larger banners at the entrances to the estate and through local schools. We will look to register by mid-March, and start to build a database of interested families. Given the high percentage of families struggling financially, we want to offer these sessions for free, as we think any costs will pose an enormous barrier for families. The first 20 players to register for the project will become eligible for food and a gift bag. The Meal deal will be made of a sandwich a dessert and a snack. The Gift bag will include a football and a pump. The legacy of the project will be to encourage parents to register players for coached football practice giving them clear directions.</p>	£ 4,586

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2317*	Platform Cricket (Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation)	Dulwich Diamonds Cricket Hub	We will create a "Pop Up" Youth Cricket Club in Dulwich that will address the current inequalities in access to cricket, whilst supporting personal and social development. 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: - Dulwich Hamlet; - Goodrich; - Goose Green; - Harris Academy East Dulwich; - Heber; - Judith Kerr; - St Anthony's; - St John & St Clement 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. The activity will utilise the Sports Hall at The Charter School (Jan-Apr) and Dulwich Park (May-Aug). The programme will also feature important competitive opportunities (leagues/cups/festivals) that provide a focus, support identity and allow opportunities for recognition/achievement. These events are also mechanism to get children travelling around Southwark, getting comfortable with new/different neighbourhoods and facilities, and forming new relationships with children from different backgrounds. It will also help to build a relationship with Dulwich Cricket Club, where the project aims to signpost children to from 11 years old onwards. Activities will be led by highly qualified coaches with youth work/mentoring experience, alongside participants' family members, local residents and local Sixth Form students who will be trained/qualified as Coach Assistants through the project.	£ 6,349
2203	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. 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 to provide 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 participate 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. Finally, running the Holidays Club helps to develop confidence in our volunteers (some of whom are Central Southwark Community Hub adult clients) and therefore improving the efficiency of the Central Southwark Community Hub.	£ 3,975

*2317 also applied in Champion Hill, Dulwich Village and Goose Green

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Ref ID	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested [£]
1964	Bell House Dulwich - Pottery group	Bell House Pottery	<p>The steering committee at Bell House has been actively pursuing an opportunity to utilise the premises for an arts or crafts-based workshop such that benefits are realised for the largest and most diverse number of participants. We have researched the need for a pottery studio that offers classes at affordable prices for the local community.</p> <p>We run weekly pottery workshops for adults at Bell House Pottery with a view to offer subsidised places to those on lower incomes. We provide all the materials, tools and firing and glazing services. We also have engaging tutors who have over 50 years of experience in the craft between them, are very passionate about the craft and fully dedicate themselves to the workshop.</p> <p>Pottery serves as a deeply therapeutic for people suffering from mental health disorders. We aim to provide pottery as a means for people to gather, converse and build their pottery skills. By combining physical practice built around the tactile nature of clay, our goal is to achieve healing and improve the physical and emotional well-being of individuals. This craft has a number of therapeutic effects such as: providing confidence, well-being, managing emotions, stress management and reduction of anxiety.</p> <p>Our workshops began this September and our participants have been exceptionally positive with their feedback. We require funding to increase our reach of projects and enable more free places.</p>	£ 1,600

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2247	Bell House Dulwich - Sunflower Stitchers	Sunflower Stitchers	<p>It is widely known that, because of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, many were forced to flee to the west for safety. Bell House, situated in Dulwich village, hosted a reception for both refugees and host families with the specific purpose of identifying additional needs that the charity could support with.</p> <p>Following this, a local volunteer led group has been established supporting with regular sessions providing English for speakers of other languages whilst simultaneously offering much needed friendship, support, and community.</p> <p>The Sunflower stitchers will extend the reach and impact of formalised language sessions by offering opportunities to participate in craft-based activities in a social and supportive space led by additional local volunteers. These activities are intrinsic to Ukrainian culture, provide a sense of home, promote mindfulness and positive wellbeing, and encourage community cohesion.</p> <p>The impact of the war extends far beyond the frontline: "My husband is now fighting on the eastern front, when we are unable to make contact, I fear that he may have been killed" "I love making things with my hands, it relaxes me, and these sessions offer the psychological support I need" "Whilst with the group I am smiling and happy, crafting relaxes me and is like meditation after many stressful and sleepless nights"</p> <p>Funding will support with the purchase of badly needed resources such as teacher and student workbooks which will provide consistency and continuity for both beneficiaries and volunteers. The ability to purchase additional craft resources will enable the extension of activities, and the benefits they bring, beyond the sessions themselves and into the home.</p>	£ 1,863

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2040	Bell House Dulwich Specialists Empowering Neurodiversity (SEN)	Dyslexia Fair 2023: Celebrating Our Strengths	The annual Bell House Dyslexia Fair brings together families, teachers and the wider dyslexia community to learn more about dyslexia, talk to experts, discover useful resources and share experiences and advice. Up to 20% of the population is dyslexic and 55% of children leaving school unable to read and write are dyslexic. The Dyslexia Fair provides a valuable resource to our local community of adults and children with dyslexia. It has a diverse programme of talks featuring panel discussions on supporting students in primary and secondary school, workshops exploring how the use of technology can support learning at home and at school and one to one advice clinics with local dyslexia experts offering free advice. Creative workshops for both adults and children take place throughout the day and there is an exhibition of local and national dyslexia resources and products. The Fair is free to attend as are our workshops and 1:1 advice clinics making access to information about dyslexia open to all. This year 27 volunteers got involved.	£ 2,605
2071*	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. BCK through the Covid 19 crisis provided over 5000 healthy nutritious ready to eat meals to the local community. This highlighted the essential need for a cooked food provision service in Southwark and was something we continued last year. 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. The current cost of living crisis is greatly impacting many local residents, with rising energy costs and grocery shopping prices rocketing, people will have to decide whether to heat their homes or eat. In some cases people won't be able to afford to do either. Our project will provide a lifeline for those most in need, families struggling financially, isolated elderly residents and vulnerable residents. It will provide them with a meal they haven't had to worry about how much it will cost to buy or even cook. It will be healthy, substantial and tasty. It will help to improve wellbeing and reduce stress. BCK will work with ward councillors, so that they can direct us to groups they already work with and advise how meals should be distributed. BCK will work with numerous local groups and TRA's to utilise the contacts they already have in the community to deliver the meals those most in need.	£ 4,500

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1994	Delawyck Residents Management Organisation	Spring Outing	<p>We are planning and outing for residents on Delawyck Crescent in Spring. By doing this we hope to achieve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. community/social cohesion where all the diverse groups of families/residents have the opportunity to come together and have fun. b. It is hoped that by coming together residents, especially those new to the estate, will get to know each other and thereby enhance and strengthen good social relations c. To give the elderly residents on the estate an opportunity to enjoy a day out <p>The project is needed because we live on an estate and need to encourage and maintain good neighbourliness and social outing is one of the ways we can achieve this</p>	£ 950
1918*	Dulwich Festival	Dulwich Festival - 30th Anniversary Event	<p>The Dulwich Festival is a multi-week celebration of the arts, culture, history, and community of Dulwich and South-East London. For 29 years we have contributed to a cohesive & inclusive community for Southwark residents, providing opportunities for locals to engage, attend and participate in arts and cultural initiatives. We've developed a suite of much-loved free community programming items including public events, exhibitions, the Goose Green Fair, gallery open days & our ever-popular Artist Open House program.</p> <p>We have also created a series of annually changing ticketed events, allowing local creators, thinkers, makers, singers, dancers, writers and more to showcase their work in front of a live audience! The festival has become an annual Colander highlight for Southwark residents. After 2 years of no physical event during COVID, our 2022 festival brought people back to the high streets, with many events held in local cafes, restaurants + pubs. We re-engaged community spaces such as parks, church halls, schools and community centers. We injected vibrancy, visitation and a sense of shared celebration back into local neighbourhoods. We helped the community bounce back - and by all accounts it was a great success. To celebrate our 30th anniversary in 2023, we want to build on this momentum of community celebration. We want to focus more on youth involvement across disciplines to support children and youth with early pathways to explore, exhibit, perform, and create, and offer examples of future career opportunities in the art. We also want to focus on outreach to artists from less represented parts of our community. With increased resources, we look forward to expanding the breadth of specific outreach into targeted artist community in the coming year.</p>	£ 7,000

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2198	Dulwich Park Friends	Dulwich Park Fair 2023	Dulwich Park Fair aims to provide free entertainment including Vauxhall City Farm, magician, punch and judy and the dog show for local people and foster a sense of pride in Dulwich Park. The Fair is run entirely by volunteers and showcases local groups on the stage, crafts and food stalls.	£ 2,275
2213	Dulwich Park Friends	Dulwich Park Concert Bands 2023	We aim to showcase the talent of local concert bands, provide free entertainment, enhance community spirit and foster a sense of pride in Dulwich Park.	£ 1,130
1751	Dulwich Picture Gallery	Mark Makers - Art and Wellbeing for Southwark Schools	<p>We will run workshops for 400 children from schools across the borough, exploring ways they can use the arts and creativity to support their wellbeing. Through these workshops we aim to build the creative confidence of the students we work with, as well as supporting their cultural capital and confidence in accessing the Gallery, an important site in Southwark's cultural landscape.</p> <p>The workshops aim to reduce the stigma around mental health. They will promote respect, consideration and empathy for others through individual and group activities. Our team of artist facilitators have lived experience of mental health issues and are advocates for using creativity to support wellbeing. The sessions will be designed for a whole class to participate at the same time. We will also run a CPD training session for the teachers involved and the Mental Health leads of each school to share our activities and promote a "whole school approach" which can support each school's mental health plan. We will use the Gallery and our purpose-built art studio as a base for the workshops. We will draw on themes from our art collection to promote discussion and enquiry, thinking particularly about feelings which may arise from the artworks. We will introduce the children to "slow looking" which promotes mindfulness and relaxation. Children will also explore different art techniques which they may not have had access to at school. This project was formulated in response to high demand from teachers for our wellbeing programmes developed in partnership with local healthcare providers. Although many schools have targeted mental health support, our "whole class approach" reaches those who may not qualify for referral and tackles stigma. The project will be benefit from learnings of its pilot iteration which is currently underway thanks to the support by the Neighbourhood Fund 2022/23.</p>	£ 4,990

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1814	Dulwich Sports Club	The Dulwich CC Diversity and Inclusion project, also known as "The Snow Leopards"	<p>Please see our Snow Leopards Report for 2022 here - https://www.dulwichcc.com/_files/ugd/e595ef_8371bba30c524a6ba4598524b86e1da3.pdf</p> <p>We are actively seeking to engage and integrate teenagers with various Asian backgrounds into the club and cricket. The teenagers we have identified so far love the game and most of them know how play, but they have not been participating as they face many barriers (economic, networking, social support and encouragement). One of our aims is to improve participants' physical and mental health as well as giving them the chance to play their favourite sport. The more talented and keen players, hopefully, will continue playing by joining the club and staying active. The project would increase the probability of participants being physically active as well as improving their sporting skills. This would also improve their confidence, motivation, and should result in overall better physical and mental health. It also enables them to form relationships with a wider range of people in our local community, which helps them to access support in their endeavours off the sporting field. Incidental benefits, such as improved English language skills, are also important.</p> <p>Our project is not restricted to a particular ethnic group and we are approaching participants from different backgrounds. It is likely that our project will have a high proportion of Afghanistani young people many of whom are refugees. This is because, we want to build on our existing group of players and the commitment we have made to them. Secondly, you will be well aware of the recent developments in Afghanistan and the arrival of vulnerable refugees that will benefit.</p>	£ 3,000

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2263	Dulwich Village Association	Dulwich Village Christmas Stocking 2023 and The Village Egg Hunt 2023	<p>This application is for our fourth Dulwich Village Association Community Events Programme covering Christmas 2023/Easter 2023. The overall aim of our events is to foster a sense of community in the Village. For the 2023 Christmas Stocking we would like to use as a focus the new pedestrian space generated by the closure of the Calton Avenue/Court Land road junction.</p> <p>This space has been the subject of controversy and division in the community. We would like to use it as a main focus of a family Christmas event to demonstrate new possibilities, to help heal divisions, and to encourage the community to visit the village and enjoy the car-free space. Our projects aim to reinforce Dulwich Village as a focal point for the whole community (from the youngest to the eldest), to encourage the whole local community to visit the village, and to promote the village as a community space. Our activities have been very effective in creating partnerships within the community and building strong links between local schools, neighbourhood associations and a range of local businesses. We have previously delivered a Christmas event including a programme of music performed by local school children, a theatre event, a range of activities hosted by local traders /businesses including local charity Bell House and The Dulwich Picture Gallery. Our Easter event generated original Egg designs from over 1000 local children, judged by The Dulwich Picture Gallery and with children's entries displayed in shop windows throughout Dulwich Village.</p> <p>We believe the entire local community has hugely benefitted from these proactive, inclusive and interactive events.</p>	£ 9,650
2155	Friends of Dulwich Square	Harmony in the Square	<p>Dulwich Square is a newly formed pedestrian community space through the closure of the junction of Court Lane, Calton Avenue and Dulwich Village.</p> <p>The closure has been controversial and divisive.</p> <p>Friends of Dulwich Village Square was formed with the aim of bringing positive events and uses for the Square to draw the community together and increase footfall for local businesses.</p>	£ 3,000

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1866	Lively Minds	Reaching Out	Lively Minds is a group of retired seniors who organise and participate in activities designed to counter exclusion, promote wellbeing and maintain links in the community. Many members live alone. By attending Lively Minds meetings this promotes their happiness and wellbeing and reduces loneliness and isolation. Attendance and participation in the talks and social activities can improve mental health and wellbeing, increase confidence, improve skills and knowledge and significantly contribute to members' sense of belonging to the neighbourhood. The opportunity to invite speakers and workshop facilitators chosen for their excellence in the field and with recommendations from other groups will improve the quality of the services and leave a lasting legacy on which the club can build. Funding will be used to cover the cost of rent for 42 sessions plus insurance. We feel that by applying for funding for our rent this will ensure that our meeting place is secure and leaves us free to budget accordingly for our speakers and activities as our income is reduced by the falling membership.	£ 990
2317*	Platform Cricket (Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation)	Dulwich Diamonds Cricket Hub	<p>We will create a "Pop Up" Youth Cricket Club in Dulwich that will address the current inequalities in access to cricket, whilst supporting personal and social development. 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:- Dulwich Hamlet; - Goodrich; - Goose Green; - Harris Academy East Dulwich; - Heber; - Judith Kerr; - St Anthony's; - St John & St Clement</p> <p>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. The activity will utilise the Sports Hall at The Charter School (Jan-Apr) and Dulwich Park (May-Aug). The programme will also feature important competitive opportunities (leagues/cups/festivals) that provide a focus, support identity and allow opportunities for recognition/achievement. These events are also mechanism to get children travelling around Southwark, getting comfortable with new/different neighbourhoods and facilities, and forming new relationships with children from different backgrounds. It will also help to build a relationship with Dulwich Cricket Club, where the project aims to signpost children to from 11 years old onwards. Activities will be led by highly qualified coaches with youth work/mentoring experience, alongside participants' family members, local residents and local Sixth Form students who will be trained/qualified as Coach Assistants through the project.</p>	£ 6,349

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1883	South London Women's Football Club	South London Women's Football Club Advancement	<p>South London Women's Football Club has been a part of the local community for 20 years. Over 600 women contacted the club in the last 12 months, a 100% increase from the previous 12 months, citing a desire to start a new sport and get involved in their local community. The specific problem we experience is the financial outlay required to provide football and sporting activities for the sheer volume of women looking to participate. We need to fundraise between £6,000 - £10,000 this year in order to sustain and improve our offerings. Our club is ambitious and year on year is seeking to improve engagement with the local community and increase women's participation in sport.</p> <p>We require funding for volunteer training, equipment, venue hire, additional coaching and licences. Specifically we will seek to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reconfigure the use of our facilities to meet social distancing requirements - Hire additional facilities to meet the increase in participants combined with having to deliver sporting activities in appropriate group sizes - Train our volunteers in health and safety, safeguarding and risk assessments - Hire additional coaching personnel - Purchasing a zoom licence to deliver online sporting activities and fitness classes - Purchasing signage and floor markings to aid with social distancing in our venues - Purchasing of cleaning and hygiene equipment to keep our equipment clean and safe - <p>Purchasing additional sporting equipment and kit</p>	£ 500
2184	Southwark Hindu Centre	Diwali (Festival of Lights) Celebration	<p>Diwali, popularly known as festival of Lights and is one of the most important festival of the year and is celebrated by Indian community with all religions around the world. The festival celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance. By organising this activity which includes musical evening followed by Indian traditional dinner, we are going to achieve:</p> <p>Community cohesion by bringing other communities of different religion and faith together. Also to make awareness of Indian culture and festival among different communities specially younger generation.</p> <p>Further to make people understand the message of Diwali Festival.</p>	£ 1,950

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2110	Holistic Mastery CIC	Football Fridays Youth Club	<p>What makes us unique is that we provide a safe youth-led youth club environment every Friday on the actual estate (Lordship Lane Estate) where we do welfare checks with each child on their health and wellbeing, provide fitness exercises, provide sports and games as well providing refreshments.</p> <p>Youth-led means that every young member of Football Fridays Youth Club has an equal say as to what we do, how we grow, and what our ultimate vision of Football Fridays Youth Club will be. The Children on the Lordship Lane Estate and Nathaniel Pamah were responsible for identifying and defining the need of the project.</p> <p>The project aims to enhance inclusion of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and their parents, improve the neighbourhood and develop stronger communities especially the relationship between young people and other young people on the Lordship Lane Estate, young people and adults and young people and their wider peers from different Southwark poverty stricken estates. Football Fridays Youth Club is needed as knife crime, school exclusion and academic achievement amongst young people from disadvantaged backgrounds in particular are major problems within London and more specifically in the Borough of Southwark.</p> <p>The project will help reduce youth crime, school exclusions and increase academic and extra curriculum achievements.</p> <p>By supporting our youth-led youth club that we have been growing for more than a year, the young people can continue to be in a safe environment under adult supervision on a very active day (Friday), young people can be directed through the mentorship from adults and peer support fro (particularly pairing older youths with younger youths) and finally the young will benefit from improved health, fitness and wellbeing through the sport and gaming activities we provide every Friday after school, half term and summer holidays.</p>	£ 5,000
2012	Melford Court Allotments and Gardens	Melford Court Allotments and Gardens	We have purposely built raised beds for planting flowers, cultivating vegetables, keeping bees	£ 1,000

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2150	New Leaf Educational Gardens CIC	New Leaf Educational Gardens Path of Natural Knowledge Botanic Garden	<p>The inspiration for the project is to restore our botanic garden teaching resource at West Dulwich train station, (beside the walkway at Platform 2), where we have turned a roofless bin shed into a community hub, and second hand bookshop.</p> <p>Our purpose is to illustrate the evolution of flowering plants (angiosperms) from their distant origins, over 150 million years ago, to the present day, providing examples of specimen plants in timeline succession.</p> <p>When we first took over the site, it was an eyesore, full of litter, some of it quite dangerous; for example broken glass, and drug paraphernalia, including hypodermic needles (these were safely removed with the use of a litter picker and sharps tins courtesy of Kings College Hospital. Local residents benefitted by not having to walk past a derelict litter-strewn area, and seeing it transformed into an interesting and beautiful space. We also had two murals, of Carl Linnaeus, Charles Darwin, Alfred Russel Wallace and other science heroes, including Sir David Attenborough and Rosalind Franklin.</p> <p>We have given talks and supervised volunteering sessions to groups of local people from the Borough of Southwark, including schools and colleges, young offenders and older people. This gives people a chance to learn various gardening and environmental skills, and socialise with other people. It also has an effect in reducing antisocial behaviour and minimising litter in the area. The project was well-liked by local residents, station commuters, schools and local and international visitors to the area, especially Dulwich Picture Gallery and Belair Park. A combination of health issues, spending cuts, and the COVID-19 pandemic meant that we had to reduce our input to the basics, maintaining the site and tending the plants as best we could. We need funding to help us restore our garden to its former beautiful condition.</p>	£ 5,000
2079	Southwark Council Cleaning	Enhanced street cleaning for Dulwich Wood ward	Enhanced street cleaning for Dulwich Wood ward	--

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1744	Afro-Brazilian Arts & Cultural Exchange Institute	Afro-Brazilian Arts & Cultural Exchange Institute	<p>The aim of our organization is to use the arts, Music, dance and performing arts as the vehicle of education and the inspiration for disadvantaged people in the community. Our activities are aimed to support, people to develop their skills in order to have a better chance to integrate in the community and a better future. As a result of our activities we are aiming to reach our outcome of building stronger relationships within the community and break barriers among members of the community coming from different backgrounds and cultures, facilitating their social inclusion. The main activities of our organisation are: Afro-Brazilian Martial Arts, dance, performing arts and music. Some of the differences that our organisation is aiming to achieve with our project in Goose Green, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduction in the numbers of NEET young people and significant reduction in gang formation in the area of operation. - Reduction of youth crime and drug abuse rates in the areas where the project operates. - Increase in participation in Sport and arts activities among young people ages 4 to 25. We support the young people in their skills development and creation of sense of belonging to a group. Our activities promote commitment, discipline and guided the young people thorough out the necessary steps to pursue their dreams and ambitions. 	£ 4,500

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2139	East Dulwich Community Centre	Two Give and Take Events	<p>We aim to organise two free recycling events. Local people will be encouraged to give away items, in good condition, they no longer need and to take away items they would like. This will reduce fly tipping and landfill. It also provides an opportunity for people in the community to meet.</p> <p>At the events we would support new groups proposing to start sessions in our building by running a taster session which would be free to attend.</p>	£ 1,074

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2167	Goose Green Coffee Morning	Continuing to increase the offer at the Goose Green Coffee Morning	<p>The Goose Green Coffee Morning (GGCM) meets at St John's every Wednesday morning. Since reopening after the pandemic, it has continued to thrive and a large group of people regularly attend. Most participants enjoy the informal atmosphere where they can meet and chat to others over a coffee and a cake. There are also regular activities laid on which include singing sessions, crafts and a range of talks from invited speakers. In 2023-24, we plan to continue with the same format of informal sessions and organised activities. In 2022, we launched the GGCM exercise group called Strong and Steady. The Strong and Steady exercise class is an evidence based programme of exercises to help older people retain strength and balance and avoid falls. It is the same programme used by NHS community services and people can either self refer into the group or they can attend this group once they have finished in an NHS group. The class is led by a level 4 trained postural stability exercise instructor. It has been popular with coffee morning regulars as well as others from the local community. Since details have been shared with NHS community strength and balance classes and local GPs as well as getting onto the social prescribing formulary, we anticipate it continuing to grow in popularity. In 2023-24, we hope to increase the number of classes we offer to 3 classes a week. We also plan to launch the gardening group in late 2022 and hope that this will continue to grow over the next year. The GGCM seeks to provide a warm and welcoming place that combats loneliness and isolation as well as seeking to improve the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of those who use it with the range of activities on offer.</p>	£ 5,160

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1976	Link Age Southwark	Gentle Exercise	We are seeking funds to support the continued delivery of our weekly gentle exercise group that we relocated last year from St James Cloisters to the United Reformed Church behind our office. We have been running this group for a number of years and it is delivered by a professional exercise tutor who has experience in working with older people and those with mobility and health issues. During the period of restrictions, this group ran online. Since the lifting of restrictions, we now offer this group as a hybrid offer with group members able to access the group either online or in person. The group runs weekly and for two hours each week. This was done as a number of group members said that they would either prefer to attend online or are unable to attend in person. The tutor runs this group as a longer session that combines a social catch up after the exercise session. Group members speak very favourably of how much they enjoy the group in terms of the physical benefits and the impact for their emotional wellbeing. The group provides group members with access to their peers and exercise that all group members are able to participate in as the tutor knows the group well and will adjust the session to meet the needs of all attendees. All group members are required to complete an exercise parQ (participant questionnaire) form that provides information regarding their individual health and mobility needs. Each group is managed by one of our Service Coordinators who is responsible for overseeing the membership of the group, liaising with the venue, tutor and volunteers and organising transport, as needed.	£ 8,738
2059	Matham Grove Residents	2023 Street Party	Matham Grove had it's first street party in 2019, which enabled the community cohesion of the street to develop in leaps and bounds. We barbequed, we baked and neighbours got to meet each other, some for the first time, some elders discovering old friends living on the very same street. We haven't been able to do it again yet because of Covid, and then the Queen's death meaning that plans for 2020, 21 and 22 all had to be cancelled. With the support of Southwark Council, we can make sure that we run a really inclusive street party, by covering food and other expenses, as well as making the street greener by offering window box planting and replanting to everyone. Residents will benefit from improved community cohesion, mental health and security by strengthening connections between people living on the street. This will have long term positive outcomes, beyond the street party event. We want to build on the success of our last street party and embed the culture of neighbourhood support with the help of Southwark's neighbourhood fund.	£ 1,082

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866	Nexus Education Schools Trust t/a Goose Green Primary School	"P is for Poetry" Mental Health Programme	<p>Thanks to last year's Neighbourhoods Fund, we currently offer the "P is for Poetry" programme to all of our children, encouraging them to engage with words and express ideas confidently. Theatre-maker Naomi Cortes use both classic and contemporary poems from around the world as the framework for workshops, encouraging pupils to speak clearly, convey ideas and develop vocabulary, while gaining confidence with reading/sharing aloud. The programme culminates with an end-of-term poetry assembly, enabling participants to recite/perform their class poems.</p> <p>The wonderful gift of poetry is how it makes us feel from within. Being able to climb inside the world of a poem enables our children to develop a sense of belonging and self-worth, creating positive experiences that they can reflect on when necessary. They tell us that, "remembering a poem and the actions that go with it helps me to feel calm" and, "When I sit on my own and think about my class poem it relaxes me." Budget constraints dictate that we can only offer the programme to our KS2 children (aged 8 and above) without external funding. Last year's funding enabled us to reach a further 134 pupils (all of KS1) in addition to this, enabling us to offer a much-needed whole-school mental health intervention as an unprecedented time when there simply isn't enough 1-to-1 support available. During the pandemic, a number of pupils suffered with family bereavement, poverty, loneliness and mental health issues. Many pupils suffered due to over-crowded homes, anxiety and lack of access to school support (many did not take emergency school places offered or did not have electronic devices to access school work). Our aim is to help our pupils return to normality and process any trauma/anxieties they have suffered during the pandemic.</p>	£ 7,800

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2317*	Platform Cricket (Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation)	Dulwich Diamonds Cricket Hub	<p>We will create a "Pop Up" Youth Cricket Club in Dulwich 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"> - Dulwich Hamlet - Goodrich - Goose Green - Harris Academy East Dulwich - Heber - Judith Kerr - St Anthony's - St John & St Clement <p>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.</p> <p>The activity will utilise the Sports Hall at The Charter School (Jan-Apr) and Dulwich Park (May-Aug). The programme will also feature important competitive opportunities (leagues/cups/festivals) that provide a focus, support identity and allow opportunities for recognition/achievement. These events are also mechanism to get children travelling around Southwark, getting comfortable with new/different neighbourhoods and facilities, and forming new relationships with children from different backgrounds. It will also help to build a relationship with Dulwich Cricket Club, where the project aims to signpost children to from 11 years old onwards.</p> <p>Activities will be led by highly qualified coaches with youth work/mentoring experience, alongside participants' family members, local residents and local Sixth Form students who will be trained/qualified as Coach Assistants through the project.</p>	£ 6,349

*2317 also applied in Champion Hill, Dulwich Hill and Dulwich Village

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2199	Restoration City Church	Joy4 All Together Music	<p>The Group will introduce youngsters through music and orchestra, get them working together and forming positive personal relationships. Music is a wonderful tool to overcome communal divisions and it has the capacity to inspire and unite people of diverse ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds in a common cause. And it is exactly this that our Group wish to harness in addressing prevalent youth cohesion issues in SE22.</p> <p>They will purchase instruments and to facilitate young people co-operating to record, edit/mix and perform their own music. They will use a qualified and DBS checked volunteer music tutor to teach the youngsters and deliver 4x two-hour sessions and x1 one hour performance per month, outside school hours, for 48 weeks. This will enable the youngsters to learn, practice and perform under the instruction. At the end of 48 weeks, the Group will organise and deliver a concert in the community with the theme of mixed communities playing diverse musical traditions. The group will also feed the young people that join the programme with a full meal after every training session. Our group will also make a contribution towards this project.</p>	£ 5,145
2147	Roadworks Media CIC	No More Eugene/Film and Publishing	<p>This project is aimed at reducing youth crime, gang activity and violence by working with at-risk and marginalised youth across the borough of Southwark. We will primarily be working with young people referred to us from Southwark's Youth Justice Team. This partnership will help prevent reoffending and improve young people's well-being and outcomes.</p> <p>The root causes of youth crime, gang activity and violence are linked to extreme poverty, domestic abuse, lack of emotional support and low self-worth. Research shows that in recent years, gang activity has been steadily growing, and in 2020/21 12,720 children were identified by children's social services as at risk due to involvement in gangs (Commission on Young Lives, 2021). To prevent the continued increase of youth crime, intervention is needed. With a robust programme that provides opportunities to gain experience in the creative industry, we are supporting young people to build character, confidence, and self-esteem. Research has shown that mentoring may contribute to alleviating the offending behaviour and support abstinence from crime (Kirkwood, 2021). Therefore, we also use 1-1 mentoring, to help guide and improve the decision-making skills of the young people we work with. Through early intervention, we will advocate for stronger community cohesion, safer surroundings, a rise in youth career opportunities and healthier social interactions. We aim to provide marginalised and at-risk youth with a voice to express, reflect and develop skills in a safe space. This will have a positive impact on the ward, reducing gang activity, violence, and crime. The project includes training, learning how to act, produce film, write, illustrate and photograph.</p>	£ 37,200

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1893	Youth Learning Network Ltd	Hope for Tomorrow (H4T)	We are seeking funding to support the development of a youth social project which has emerged from some of our projects and is so integral to our wider youth development projects and involved young people as peer motivators, modelling best practices and inspiring the younger children within our programmes, acting as volunteer tutors and facilitators. During the Pandemic, they supported our parents and other single parent members of our organisation by helping them with food and other item purchases, dropping off recycle laptops and PCs at homes, holding conversations and checking-in on those who lived alone. They want to mobilise other young people to become more involved within the local communities. The aim is for a group of young people to be 'empowerment brokers' extending some aspects of our past programmes - Youth Ambassador principles to embrace a wider community agenda for raising the aspirations of other young people, using role modelling as vehicles for raising aspirations of other young people and generating a 'can do' outlook on life chances. Funding will enable us to coordinate and develop a cohort of 20 'Youth Ambassadors' to deliver a series of awareness and consciousness raising opportunities with their peers: 'Tomorrow is not promised' (raising educational aspirations). 'Promises are a comfort to a fool' (challenging gang involvement) and 'Change is in our hands' (campaigning and taking responsibilities) - Establishment of a Social Action model of a Young People's Network (YPN), facilitated by and for young people.	£ 5,000