

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

Report to: Cabinet

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Subject: Kings Coronation Youth Fund Award Report 2023

Report of: Cabinet Member for Public Realm, Councillor Sharon Holder

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SUMMARY

The Kings Coronation Youth Fund (KCYF) was launched in April 2023 to recognise the start of His Majesty King Charles III's reign and coronation. The fund is to provide support to young people across Hammersmith and Fulham to inspire the next generation. This has been a focus for the new King ever since he launched the Prince's Trust.

£1 million has been secured from s106 funding over two years to have a long term positive legacy benefit to people and places. As part of the application process, it is hoped that match funding will also be secured, therefore increasing the overall investment in these initiatives.

This report seeks agreement to award £706,940 of funding to 26 organisations for projects that both meet the ambitions and outcomes of the Fund and support the priorities of the Council and the needs of our young residents.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note that Appendix 2 is not for publication on the basis that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) as set out in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
 2. To provide funding of £706,940 to 26 organisations as outlined in Appendix 1, for 2023/24.
 3. That the uncommitted balance of £293,060 be made available for a second round of applications in 2024/25.
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Wards Affected: All

Our Values	Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Values
Building shared prosperity	Providing regular diversionary and educational activities for young people, will create a sense of commitment, integration and belonging. In time this could turn into a contribution to their communities.
Creating a compassionate council	Providing activities for refugees and young people with multiple needs, help integrate young people into society and gives them a sense of place and belonging.
Doing things with local residents, not to them	Co-producing activities with young people, young people for young people, provides a greater sense of ownership, trust, and appreciation.
Being ruthlessly financially efficient	Funding levels are proposed to be allocated based on value for money. I.e., where match funding has been secured and on where the cost per person is low for the activity.
Taking pride in H&F	Being part of an activity group and creating new and refurbished facilities, creates a sense of pride, ownership and belonging.
Rising to the challenge of the climate and ecological emergency	Ensuring activities and facilities are sustainable and do not have a negative impact on the environment is essential.

Financial Impact

The Council has approved £1m in S.106 developer contributions that has been committed to funding the King's Coronation Youth Fund across the 2 years 2023/24 and 2024/25. It is proposed to commit £706,940 of this funding to 26 organisations (£310,705 on community-based infrastructure facilities and £396,235 as one-off revenue spend). The balance of £293,060 will be made available for a second round of applications in 2024/25. It should be noted that this Council investment of £0.7m is matched by £1.1m of funding from the applicants, increasing the total investment in these projects to £1.8m. This therefore represents excellent value for money for the Council.

Kellie Gooch, Head of Finance (Environment), 4 July 2023

Verified by Andre Mark, Head of Finance (Strategic Planning and Investment), 5 July 2023

S.106 Impact

£1m in S.106 has been allocated to deliver the King's Coronation Youth Fund over two years. The Council secured the S.106 funding as an in-lieu contribution on the obligations to provide a youth facility within the Fulham Gas Works development (Planning ref 2018/02100/COMB & S.106 ref AKA 927). The objectives of the King's Coronation Youth Fund accord with the objectives of the S106 funding secured. The only restriction on the use of the S.106 funding is that it be used within the borough.

Drawdown upon the S.106 funding allocated to the Youth Fund will follow the usual end of year process. Project and finance officer leads will be responsible for ensuring spend through the King's Coronation Youth Fund does not exceed the S.106 funding allocation. Appropriate monitoring arrangements will also need to be established which provide evidence that the S.106 funding is being spent on the intended and approved purposes. This must include regular recording and reporting on the S.106 spent and the initiatives and benefits delivered. These records should be submitted as evidence in support of the year end S.106 drawdown and will be reported in H&F's annual Infrastructure Funding Statement.

Implications completed by Matt Paterson, Assistant Director of Spatial Planning, 5th July 2023.

Legal Implications

The Council has power to make grants to voluntary organisations in accordance with its Financial Regulations. The controls set out in F37 need to be implemented in respect of all grant funding. Grant funding agreements will need to be in place to ensure these controls are implemented.

The Council has the powers to fund the activities for which the grants are being made. In particular the Council can assist in providing funding for sports and leisure activities under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and for arts related activities under the Local Government Act 1972.

Each of the proposed grants represents minimal financial assistance under the Subsidy Control Act 2022 (SCA). The maximum amount that an organisation can receive by way of minimal financial assistance over a period of three financial years is £315,000. The recipient bodies will need to be sent a minimal assistance notification requiring confirmation that the above amount will not be exceeded. The grant cannot be paid until this confirmation is received. If the amount will be exceeded in respect of any organisation, further legal advice will need to be obtained to ensure compliance with the SCA before any grant is paid.

Contributions are secured from developments in the borough under planning agreements. These planning agreements specify that contributions should be spent for the purpose for which they were secured. The allocation to the KCYF was considered to be in accordance with the purpose for which the in-lieu contribution of £1million was secured. Likewise, the objectives set out in Appendix 1 are in accordance with the terms of the related planning agreement - S.106 ref AKA 927.

Mrinalini Rajaratnam – Chief Solicitor Planning and Property 3 August 2023

Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report - None

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Proposals

1. H&F wants to go above and beyond by creating a significant new fund to support projects and activities for young people that will have a long-lasting positive impact on them and the wider community.
2. Youth activities involving sport, culture, arts, music, and socialising in positive activities has long since been seen as a way of occupying and enriching young people and keeping them safe from anti-social behaviour, crime and gangs that can harm young lives.
3. Following the launch of the Fund, briefings were held with the sector on each of the specifications, to ensure that organisations understood the outcomes being sought and the process for applying. By the closing deadline, 26 applications had been received in accordance with the requirements set out in the application form and guidance notes.
4. The objectives of the fund are to support communities in the borough, and inspire young people aged 11 to 24 to engage in positive activities and reach their full potential by:
 - building **strong relationships in and across communities** through delivering inspirational events and activities for young people.
 - **improving the places and spaces that matter to young people**, enabling them to feel a sense of pride in their community.
 - helping more young people to **play, have fun and reach their potential** through arts, music, drama, and sporting activities.
 - providing **diversionary opportunities** for young people in H&F to divert them away from anti-social behaviour, crime and gangs and help them to overcome challenges.
 - **helping organisations** with equipment, hire of facilities, and facilitators to deliver youth activities.

Grant applications by type:

Application type	No. of Applications received	Value of applications received	Proposed value of the grants award
Capital	3	£310,705	£310,705
Revenue	23	£735,144	£396,235
Total	26	£1,045,849	£706,940

Recommendations:

5. Officers are recommending in most cases a lower level of funding award than organisations have requested. In determining the level of support for each applicant, consideration has been given to assessing which applications will meet the objectives of the fund and the key priorities of the council and provide value for

money. Assessment of applications and the scoring criteria are included in the exempt Appendix 2. In addition, revenue funding has only been allocated for one year, to ensure there is funding available for a second round of applications in 2024/25.

6. Funding recommendations are detailed in Appendix 1 and are summarised below under each service area. All applications recommended for funding will contribute to a variety of ways to the economic, environmental, and social well-being of the borough.
7. Three applications were received for capital schemes, requesting a total of £310,705. All applicants are match-funding their requests and therefore the total value of the investment in these projects is more than double at £632,142. The applications are from the Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust and Thames Valley Harriers Athletics club for the resurfacing of the athletics track and field event areas at Linford Christie Stadium. Refurbishment of basketball courts in South Park, and a music and video production room at Sands End Arts and Community Centre.
8. The remaining 23 applications were requests for revenue funding, with a total requested value of £735,144, compared to a proposed grant award value of £396,235. Including match funding from the applicants, the total investment in these schemes and programmes is £1,504,029. In summary there were 7 applications for sport, 9 for the arts, and 6 for Youth provision from across the borough. The final application was from Young Hammersmith and Fulham who propose to set up a Youth Panel to distribute small grants of up to £1,000 to young people in the borough to help with specialist equipment, attend specialist non education courses or attend a special event or activity. At the launch of the KCYF in April this year it was proposed to commit up to £500,000 per year, over two years. It is intended to increase the funding commitment from the £500,000 per year to £706,940 due to the number and quality of applications received. The balance of £293,080 is proposed be made available for a second round of applications in 2024/25.

Impact of Recommendations

9. From the 26 applications received approximately 48,130 young people will benefit from this Fund.

Grant Fund Balance

10. Officers recommend that the remaining uncommitted balance of the Kings Coronation Youth Fund i.e., £293,080, be carried forward to 2024/25 for a second round of applications.

Reasons for Decision

11. The allocation of funding follows an open application process, which requires authority from the Cabinet, as the decision affects all wards and is more than £300,000.
12. An estimated 48,130 young people in the borough will benefit from this proposed grant allocation. Youth activities include sport, culture, arts, music, and socialising in

positive activities. These opportunities will enrich the lives of young people and keep them safe from anti-social behaviour, crime, and gangs.

Equality Implications

13. An equalities impact has been completed. The grant application process was open to all organisations working in the borough. Activities offered will also be open to all.

Risk Management Implications

14. The report recommends establishing the King Charles III Coronation Youth Fund, with total investment of £1,000,000 over two years to fund the delivery of youth facilities, events, and activities. Officers should ensure that the s106 funds identified can be used for these purposes and that appropriate monitoring arrangements are instigated which provide assurance that funding is spent on the intended and approved purposes.

David Hughes, Director of Audit, Fraud, Risk and Insurance, 3 July 2023

Climate and Ecological Emergency Implications

15. All applicants will be assessed on their environmental impact including carbon emissions, ecology, and air quality. Applicants will be required to demonstrate their proposed activities minimise their carbon footprint and resources and guidance could be supplied if required. Contractors carrying capital works will also be asked for their own environmental policies and method statements to limit the impact on the climate.

Hinesh Mehta , Assistant Director ,Climate Change, 5 July 2023

LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Summary of applications received and proposed funding.

Exempt Appendix 2 - Scoring Criteria.

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