



# Hackney Voluntary and Community Sector Grants Programme 2015-16 Outcomes Report

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## ***Introduction***

### **About the grants programme and the services and projects funded in 2015-16**

The 2015-16 Grants Programme awarded £2.59m to VCS organisations for projects benefiting Hackney residents.

This resulted in 117 grant awards across six different funding streams:

- Main Grants between £5,000 and £40,000
- Small Grants between £1,000 and £5,000
- Holiday Playschemes for up to £8,000
- Community Chest Grants of up to £1000
- Specialist Advice Grants providing specialist advice services
- Specialist Grants providing specific services by invited organisations.

The table below shows the amount of funding and number of grants awarded for each funding stream.

<b>Grant Type</b>	<b>Total award allocation</b>	<b>Grant amount available per award at application</b>	<b>Number grants awarded</b>
Main	<b>£921,543</b>	Up to £40,000	48
Small	<b>£102,543</b>	Up to £5,000	23
Holiday Playscheme	<b>£90,060</b>	Up to £8,000	15
Community Chest	<b>£13,220</b>	Up to £1,000	15
Specialist Advice	<b>£770,000</b>	N/A	3
Specialist	<b>£693,654</b>	N/A	13

The Main and Small grants were awarded for projects and services that contribute towards the six priorities and eighteen outcomes set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy. Holiday Playschemes were awarded funding for a seventh priority: the provision of high quality holiday play schemes for children.

<b>Sustainable Community Strategy Priority</b>	<b>No of main and small grants awarded per priority</b>
1. Reduce employment by supporting residents into sustainable employment and promoting employment opportunities	12
2. Help residents to become better qualified and raise educational aspirations	23
3. Promote health and wellbeing for all and support independent living	44
4. Make the borough safer and help people to feel safe in Hackney	10
5. Promote mixed communities in well-designed neighbourhoods, where people can access high quality affordable housing.	0
6. Be a sustainable community, where all citizens take pride in and take care of Hackney and its environment for future generations	5
7. Provide good quality holiday play schemes for children between the ages of 4 and 15.	15

### ***An overview of the projects and activities funded***

#### **Main, Small, Holiday Playscheme and Community Chest Grants Programmes**

As part of our grants monitoring process we ask community and voluntary groups to tell us about some of the key outcomes and outputs from their projects and the services that have been funded by the Grants Programme.

Here is a summary of the work carried out during 2015-16 as a result of the funding awards.

#### **Hackney: a great place to grow up**

##### **Children and young people's play provision**

The range of activities on offer included mobile play, reading sessions at the local library, cooking, art classes, drama, martial arts, bike rides on Hackney Marshes, rope course, gardening, upcycling, talent contests, rowing, DJ'ing, exploring reggae music and the history of British sound system, picnics, seaside trips and learning about wildlife and how to protect the natural environment in Epping Forest. There were specialist holiday schemes for young people from the Vietnamese, Muslim and

Orthodox Jewish communities and for those whose families are impacted by domestic violence or illness.

Over 1,000 play sessions were delivered by grant funded organisations, providing 16,500 hours of provision and over 43,000 individual play sessions.

Organisations reported that the activities had promoted team work, freedom and self-expression, good behaviour and school readiness, improved mental wellbeing and self-esteem. They had helped keep young people safe and occupied during the holidays, brought different communities together and enabled young people to learn new skills, experience challenging new activities and visit places they might not otherwise access. The provision of holiday playschemes either provided respite to parents or enabled them to keep working and provide financial security for their families.

### **Youth activities**

Activities included youth theatre, music technology and African arts for young people of all races. There were also specialist youth groups for young lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and well as young people affected by domestic violence.

Over 1,900 youth activity sessions were held in 2015-16 as a result of the Grants Programme. This amounts to just over 4,200 hours of youth activities and over 43,000 individual sessions. They also benefited from 244 hours of peer mentoring.

One of the benefits of funding youth and play activities was that just over 9,000 hours of respite were offered to parents and carers of young people, including parents/carers of disabled young people.

### **Hackney: A great place to succeed**

#### **Education**

A broad range of educational classes were run aimed at both adults and young people. Activities offered included extra-curricular activity for children in the Turkish/Kurdish, Orthodox Jewish, and African communities to help them achieve at school, creative activities for help develop the speech and language skills of young children, Saturday music classes for children and garment repair classes for unemployed residents and those over 50.

Over 3,400 education sessions were delivered in 2015/16, with over 13,000 attendances. Over 190 residents gained an external qualification or award as a result of these funded activities.

Activities increased residents' confidence and enabled them to access public services like libraries.

#### **Employment**

There were a range of activities such as employment skills and support to help people with mental health needs obtain, and remain in employment, support for migrants who may be having problems integrating into the community and need help learning

English, and employment and skills workshops for deaf people through the medium of British Sign Language.

In 2015/16 the Grants Programme funded just over 1,000 employment support sessions for residents.

Community organisations told us that they directly supported over 200 people into employment as a result of this support.

### **Advice Services**

The advice offered was on matters such as debt and money management, housing and homelessness, immigration, employment support, welfare benefits, mental health and education.

Over 19,000 hours of individual advice and support sessions were held across the programme, with over 17,000 hours of social welfare advice, including legal advice and advice on debt and welfare benefits. Over 7,200 families were better off as a result.

In addition to the social welfare advice, over 2,000 hours of support was provided to vulnerable people on issues such as domestic violence, homelessness and moving away from gang membership and offending lifestyles, resulting in an additional 388 becoming better off financially.

### **Hackney: A great place to enjoy**

#### **Health and Wellbeing**

Activities included a performing arts programme for people with learning difficulties, improving access to healthcare for homeless people, a playbus outreaching to parents and children under 5, who are not accessing children's centres and one to one counselling for women affected by domestic violence.

The grants investment funded over 4,400 health and wellbeing support and advice sessions as well as 400 health events in 2015/16. As a result of these activities 3,800 people reported an increase in their health and wellbeing.

These activities helped led to a reduced sense of loneliness and isolation and the opportunity for participants to share experiences and offer support.

#### **Sustainability**

Activities included support for residents wishing to set up a community garden, waste prevention work with families and schools and outdoor and environmental activities for young people.

In 2015/16 the Grants Programme funded nearly 700 activities promoting the environment and sustainable communities.

Organisations told us that the activities they organised brought neighbours together, increased pride in the local area and reduced environmental crime like vandalism and graffiti.

## **Community Activities**

As a result of the grants investment 58 community performances were held. Residents also went on 194 education trips which provided equality of opportunity by enabling access to these sorts of opportunities and helping to reduce social isolation.

## **Hackney: A great place to contribute**

### **Volunteering**

The broad range of volunteering opportunities provided by the Grants Programme contributes towards Hackney's strong sense of community cohesion and gave residents opportunities to develop new skills, build social networks and become involved in their local community.

Community groups and organisations told us that 2,927 volunteers were involved in delivering grant-funded projects. In addition to this the Volunteer Centre Hackney placed 495 people into volunteering roles within 60 local organisations.

The volunteers donated over 30,000 hours of their time. The economic value of volunteers' contribution is nearly £300,000 wage hours<sup>1</sup>. This is a useful illustration of the scale of the opportunities provided by the Council's grant investment. However the economic calculation does not fully capture the significance of volunteers' contribution to the local community, the social capital and sense of community cohesion generated by the contribution of volunteers and Grants Programme.

### ***Specialist Grants***

The Grants Programme invests in a number of specialist grants allocated through ring-fenced funding which are awarded directly to organisations or through a competitive process. The ring-fenced funding was divided into two funding streams: Specialist Grants and Specialist Advice Grants.

### **About the Specialist Grants**

In 2015/16 thirteen organisations received specialist grant funding to provide specific services to our residents and services for the VCS provided by infrastructure organisations. Details of these specialist awards are in the table below.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on the London Living Wage, currently £9.40 per hour

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Abney Park Trust	£20,000
Apples and Pears Play Association	£53,000
Community Accountancy Project	£15,000
Evergreen Play Association Ltd	£58,327
Hackney City Farm	£30,000
Hackney Council for Voluntary Services	£125,000
Hackney Play Association	£50,000
HCT Group	£100,000
Homerton Grove Adventure Playground, Hackney Play Association	£58,327
London Community Credit Union	£40,000
Shakespeare Walk Adventure Playground Association	£54,000
The Interlink Foundation	£35,000
Volunteer Centre Hackney	£55,000

### **Specialist Advice Grants**

In 2014/15 we introduced a new funding stream called the Specialist Advice grants for organisations delivering social welfare advice services to residents. The grant was introduced in response to welfare and legal aid reforms to ensure advice and support is available to residents as they adapt to changes in their personal circumstances as a result of these reforms.

The introduction of the Specialist Advice grants replaced advice provision from the other funding streams in the Grants Programme with the aim of improving the coordination and targeting of advice services in Hackney.

The Specialist Advice grant was split into the three areas: Generalist Help and Advice, Legal Help and Advice, and Community Advice Partnership. Four contracts were awarded to three lead agencies totalling £770k, through a competitive application process. The grants were awarded on a two year basis for 2014/15-2015/16 and each

contract was delivered with a range of partner organisations. Details of the grants and the lead agencies are below.

- **Generalist help and advice**
  - to provide a comprehensive general help and advice service which is accessible to all of Hackney's residents. The help available should support residents (particularly those most in need) to understand their rights, manage their problems and move their situation forward.
- **Legal help and advice**
  - to provide an accessible legal advice service to Hackney residents.
- **Community Advice Partnership**
  - recognising some residents have particular support needs which would make it difficult for them to access the general help and advice service, a grant was made available for partnership bids to develop a Community Advice Partnership that can respond to the needs of specific community groups.

<b>Specialist Advice Grant awarded</b>	<b>Grant type</b>	<b>Grant amount awarded</b>
Hackney CAB (in partnership with a number of providers)	Generalist help and advice	£370,000
Hackney Community Law Centre (in partnership with Hoxton Trust Legal Advice Service)	Legal help and advice	£200,000
Social Action for Health (in partnership with a number of providers)	Generalist help and advice	£200,000

***Match funding secured by organisations to run community projects and services in Hackney***

A number of the community projects and services awarded grant funding by Hackney Council in 2015/16 told us they had also managed to secure match funding from elsewhere; 63 of the projects secured external investment of just under 2.375m between them to run projects and services for residents of the borough.

***Infrastructure Support for the Voluntary and Community Sector***

The Specialist Grants funded a range organisations to provide developmental support to local VCS organisations. Over 3,200 organisations accessed these grant funded

support services which included support with funding applications, safeguarding requirements, financial management and effective governance arrangements.

### ***A profile of the people who benefited from taking part in the grant funded projects and services***

We ask groups and organisations to collect equality information on the people who have benefited from grant funded services, projects and activities. This information helps tell us about the profile of people who benefitted from the community grants awarded.

This report includes information on the age, ethnic background and gender of people who accessed the projects (the project beneficiaries) and the volunteers<sup>2</sup>. The information comes from nearly all of the grant funded organisations<sup>3</sup>.

There were significant gaps in the service user data provided by grantees which makes it difficult to draw conclusions about those who benefitted from the grant funded activities<sup>4</sup>. The level of data provided varies between protected characteristic, with particular gaps in the ethnicity data. These gaps are due to the nature of some of the projects delivered through the grants programme, such as community events, as well as the data recording systems used by the grantees.

Given the underreporting, the analysis of service user data in this report does not reflect the known targeting of grant funded projects which work with a high number of different community groups. We will continue to review our data collection form and guidance notes and work with organisations and community groups who are awarded grant funding to improve the collection of service user data.

### **Profile of project beneficiaries**

#### **Age**

Of the known data, grant funded projects were used by residents of all ages with the greatest percentage being those aged 16 and under. Some 17% of project beneficiaries were aged 55 plus. Those aged 18-55 made up 60.8% of beneficiaries (Table 1).

The known age profile of project beneficiaries broadly reflects the age profile of Hackney's population where 22% of the population are under 18 years old, 63% are between 18-55 years old and people over 55 make up 15% of the borough.

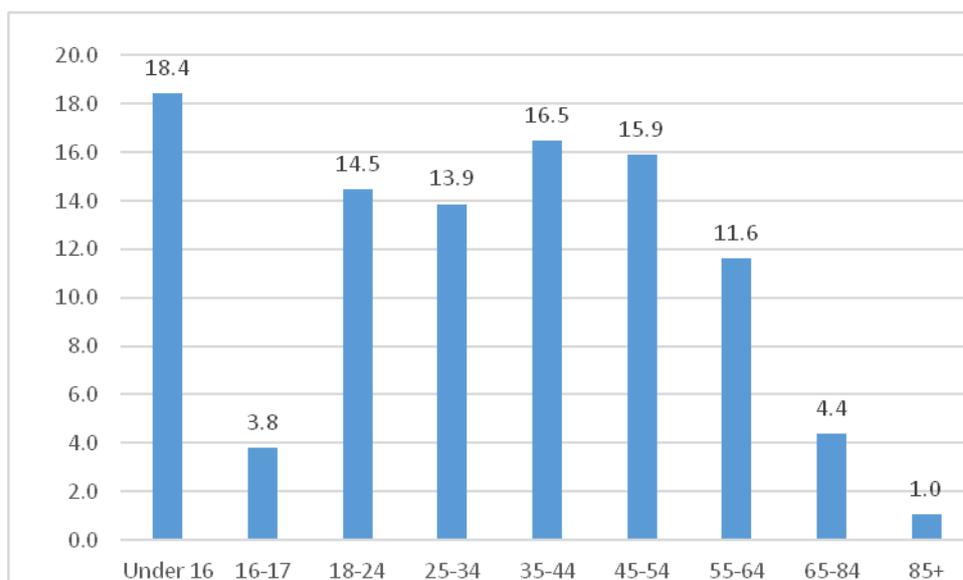
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<sup>2</sup> We have not included charts for disability, sexual identity and religion as only small numbers of beneficiaries were willing to disclose this information.

<sup>3</sup> Information on age is available for all groups except the Citizen's Advice Bureau and Social Action for Health, as the age bandings used by these organisations differed from those used by the others.

<sup>4</sup> The 'unknowns' in the charts are the proportion of all beneficiaries that we don't have equality monitoring information for.

## Age of project beneficiaries



*% of beneficiaries where age data is available*

## **Gender**

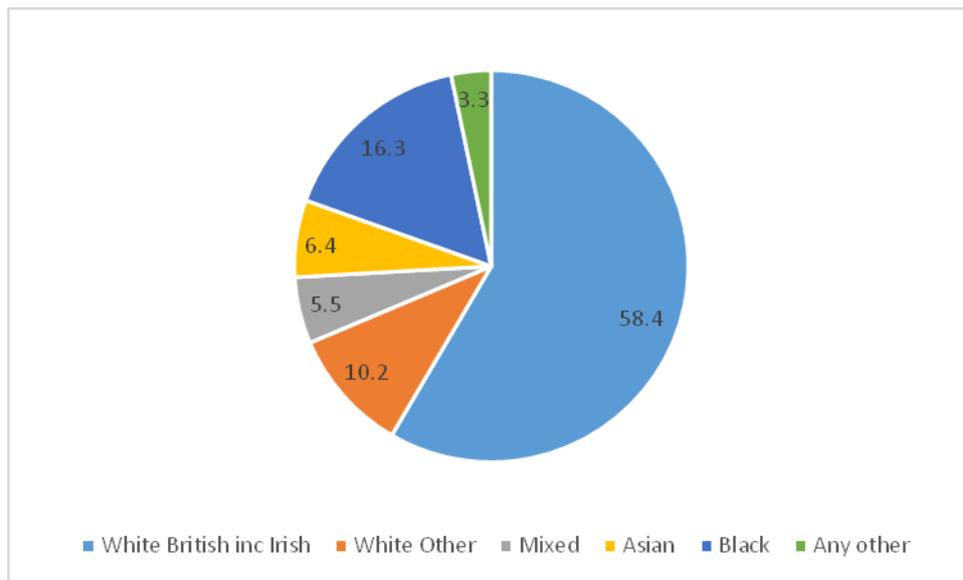
The data for known participants suggests there were slightly more females than males participating in grant funded activities, 50.7% females, compared with 49.3% males. Some 18 participants, 0.03% of known participants said their gender was different to that assigned at birth.

## **Ethnicity**

The available data shows that 58.4% of beneficiaries were White British and 10.2% were White Other compared to 36% and 18.5% of Hackney's population respectively (Table 2). The White Other population covers a wide range of ethnic groups including West, and Eastern Europeans, Australasians and North, and South Americans. Some members of the Turkish and Kurdish communities in Hackney may use other categories such as Arab, to describe their ethnic origin.

This analysis suggests grant-funded activities were disproportionately accessed by people from a White / White British background compared to Hackney's population.

## Ethnic background of project beneficiaries where data was provided



*% of beneficiaries where ethnic monitoring data was known*

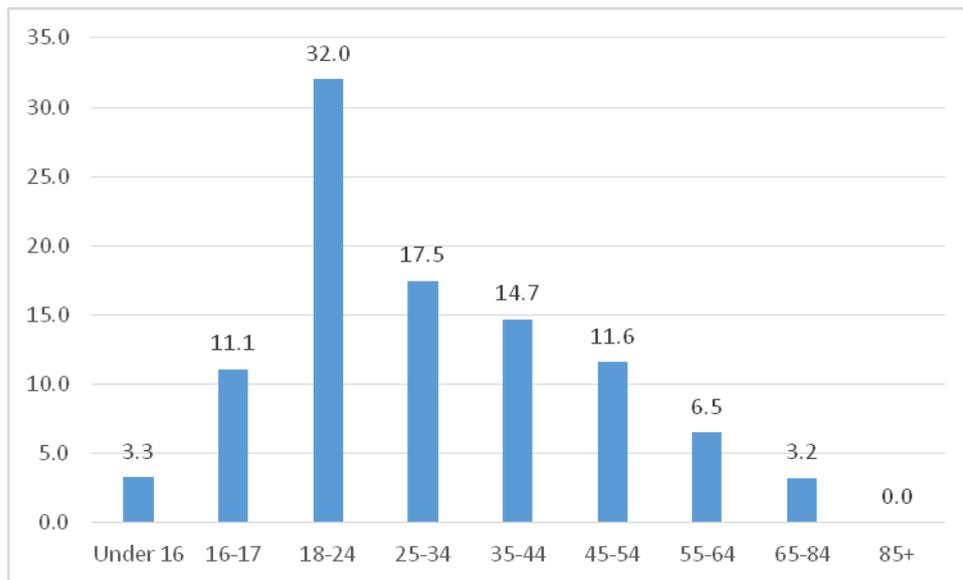
## Profile of volunteers involved in running grant funded projects and services

### Age

Just over 3,400 people volunteered to help run grant funded projects. Table 3 below provides a breakdown of volunteers by age.

The majority of volunteers involved whose age was known were between the ages of 18 and 44, which are the age bands with the largest proportion of Hackney's population. Of those who volunteered, 127 people were over 55 years, which suggests grant funded projects provided opportunities for older people to be involved in community life which helps reduce social isolation (Table 3).

## Age profile of volunteers



*% of volunteers where age data is available*

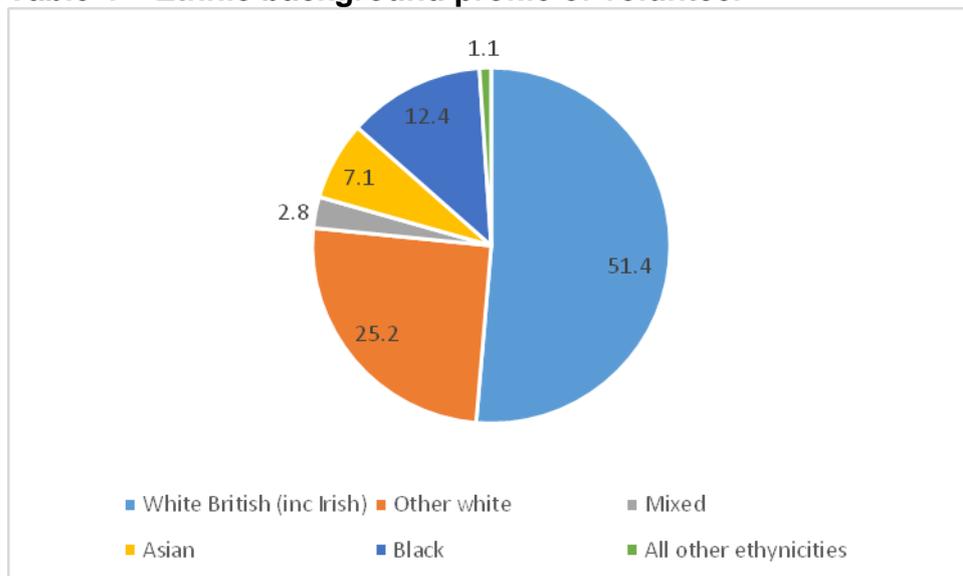
## Gender

Of those whose gender was known, there were more female volunteers recorded than male volunteers, 57.2 compared with 42.8,

## Ethnic background

The proportion of volunteers where ethnicity was known from White British and Other White backgrounds was higher than for the borough as a whole, 77%, compared with 55%, while the proportion of volunteers from Black communities was disproportionately lower, 12.4% compared with 23% of the population overall.

**Table 4 – Ethnic background profile of volunteer**



*% of volunteers where ethnicity is available*

### ***Case Studies of projects funded by the 2014/15 grants programme:***

We have included some case studies to illustrate the kinds of projects and services which were awarded grant funding in 2016/17 and the impacts these project can have for local residents. Thank you to the organisations below for sharing their reflections on what they have learnt from running the projects.

#### **Main Grants**

**The Woman's Trust** – awarded a main grant of £7,918 under Objective 3: *Promote health and wellbeing for all and support independent living.*

The Woman's Trust were awarded grant funding to provide one-to-one, person-centred counselling for women affected by domestic violence in Hackney. This service is free women to access; counselling sessions are delivered by Volunteer Counsellors with specialist training in domestic violence.

The project has helped women in Hackney to overcome the damaging mental health effects of abuse, and given them a safe space to talk about their experiences in order to move on. Women who attended the counselling programme reported to be healthier, had greater autonomy, better life choices, and were better able to function. Their children also benefited through a better relationship with their mothers and mothers felt better able to support them.

16 women were supported through the grant. Women reported increased levels of self-confidence, a reduction in anxiety and stress, had better knowledge of their rights and of available support services and were more able to interact with others and the community around them. Women who had reported suicidal feelings and self-harm when access the service felt less suicidal and less likely to self-harm.

One participant commented: "My experience with WT has been life changing. I am able to process my thoughts in a more positive way. I feel I am more in control of my thoughts and feelings. I have learnt not to blame myself."

**Immediate Theatre** – awarded main grant funding of £28,000 under Objective 4: *Make the borough safer and help people to feel safe in Hackney*

This grant supported youth theatre activities enabling young people at risk of antisocial behaviour to participate in progressive activities empowering them to make a positive contribution to the community.

As well as providing theatre workshops for young people on the Kingsmead Estate, Immediate Theatre worked with parents, who identified that they wanted to learn more about budgeting and being able to create behaviour charts for their children to use at home. Several also became involved as volunteers helping to prepare a hot meal for the group. The Christmas performance was very well attended by parents with more than 50 people. The youth theatre activities have had very high and consistent attendance levels demonstrating that taking a family approach is effective. In March Immediate Theatre, along with Hackney Marsh Partnership were given the Award for Community Spirit by the Sanctuary Hackney Community Awards 2016.

Overall, over 100 young people have performed in front of an audience. Issues explored have included identity, peer pressure, bullying. Immediate Theatre has also worked with a group of young disabled people, focussing themes like immigration and being "normal", the final performance took place at Rich Mix on February 2016. Young people were also involved in a film made for Hackney Homes called Home looking back at social housing in Hackney throughout the ages.

**The Timewise Foundation** – £24,280 was awarded under *Objective 1: Reduce employment by supporting residents into sustainable employment and promoting employment opportunities.*

The grant supported 60 mothers in low-income households to build confidence and develop employability skills - helping workless mothers progress towards sustainable employment and those on low-paid work into better quality jobs to help lift their families out of poverty. Those who were helped into work were on average nearly £6,500 better off.

Over 80% of participants made positive steps towards employment.

They gained practical skills -- e.g. CV writing, effective job search, job applications and interview techniques. 92% felt their CV was better than before; 60% are now finding jobs that are suitable for them; 45% are more confident with application forms and cover letters and are getting more job interviews than they were getting before.

Clients experienced an increase in confidence and resilience about their employment prospects. Three-quarters felt they were better at getting help when they needed it; 74% indicated that they were clearer about the job they wanted; 70% felt confident about making a future for themselves and their families; and 55% felt more in control of their situation.

Clients were able to increase their household income and improve their sense of wellbeing by getting family friendly jobs. Almost a third, are now placed into jobs (or better jobs). All of these clients feel that they are using their skills and potential more in their jobs; 80% have fed back that they are very happy in their new jobs; 74% feel that their working hours fit better around their families.

**Off Centre** – received a grant of 30,000 under Objective 4: *Make the borough safer and help people to feel safe in Hackney*

Project Indigo provides vital support for young LGBTQ people living in Hackney. This service is needed because some young LGBTQ people experience stigma and violence because of their gender identity or sexuality.

Project Indigo offers free social support group that meets weekly as well as individual counselling for LGBTQ young people. The individual sessions are particularly useful for young people that might not yet have the confidence to be part of a group of LGBTQ young people but who might need support with issues such as feeling different, coming out or bullying.

The group provides a regular space in which young people can meet other young LGBTQ people, and to begin to build a network of friends. Everything we do at the group is chosen by the young members themselves at a quarterly planning meeting as a result of our commitment to the Hear by Right participation framework. The activities chosen range from relaxed sessions where we listen to music, make art about issues that affect the members (such as mental health or transphobia) or discuss important issues (such as homophobia in sport) to more active trips to exciting, relevant events.

This year, some of the events we have attended this year include a group trip to London Pride March, a visit to Hackney Museum's Black Art and Activism exhibition for Black History Month and being involved in the Arcola Theatre's play about gay singer Labi Siffre.

The young people who use the group often say how much it has helped them. One member said: "It has been really helpful for me since I started to come to the Indigo project. It has helped me to be myself and to feel free to be who I am."

**The Sharp End** were awarded a small grant of £3,475 under Objective 3: *Promote health and wellbeing for all and support independent living*

The new Sharp End Choir, which is made up of older residents, promotes better health for members and offers entertainment for others as well as helping challenge ageism.

Participants attending the sessions regularly have increased confidence, as a result of the vocal exercises and singing lessons. This added physiological value in addition to the socio-psychological benefit meant the more 'shy' members in the group had a strength in their voice and an increase in self-esteem. A social group was formed, whereby members developed friendship and camaraderie, alleviating their sense of loneliness and for some isolation.

A client, who is experiencing dementia, has been able to reclaim part of their sense of self and access a part of the life they once lead in their younger days. The session has allowed him to continue being part of mainstream society, offering an opportunity to meet peers and be in a safe environment.

The Sharp End is self-funding the on-going cost of the Choir. If you would like to join speak to Naz on 020 7923 0350.

## 2015/16 Grant Funded Organisations

### 2015/16 List of Grants Awarded Specialist, Specialist Advice, Main, Holiday Playscheme, Small and Community Chest

Main Grant					
	Organisation	Type	Objective	Project Title	Recommended Amount
1	Access all Areas	Main Grant	3	A performing arts programme for adults with learning disabilities. Catering for client groups ranging from mild to moderate, to multiple and profound, participants will attend bespoke programmes to increase their wellbeing and build life skills.	£19,000
2	African Community School	Main Grant	2	'Educare 2015' will support 6-16 years to develop their literacy and numeracy skills, improve their achievement and aspiration to work towards educational goals, through the provision of ICT embedded with financial literacy and family learning.	£27,536
3	Albion Kids Show (Mobile Play in Hackney)	Main Grant	4	Albion Kids Show will visit 12 Hackney estates, all year round. Providing free access, mobile play sessions, utilising arts, crafts sports & play resources & activities, with versatile & innovative play structures & environments.	£25,000
4	Alevi Cultural Centre and Cemevi	Main Grant	2	With this grant the Alevi Centre and Cemevi will develop its profile in the wider community and improve the services it provides for vulnerable Turkish/Kurdish groups including young people, the elderly and women who use the Centre.	£20,000
5	Artburst Ltd	Main Grant	2	Artburst Minis is an award-winning Family Learning programme offering disadvantaged children (2-5 years old) creative ways to improve their speech, language and communication skills enabling them to make successful Early Years educational transitions.	£22,673
6	Breakthrough (Deaf - Hearing Integration)	Main Grant	3	To extend our "Managing your Hearing Loss" Project for hard of hearing people aged 45+ including 2 x 7-week lip reading/developing coping strategies course, 1:1 support, advice and information. To raise awareness in Hackney of age-related hearing loss.	£15,000

7	Chats Palace Ltd	Main Grant	2	We will continue to work with local schools to engage disadvantaged young people, and bring all activities back to Chats Palace to strengthen local people's (this includes the young people's families) engagement and ownership of their local arts space.	£25,000
8	City and Hackney Association for Mental Health (CHAMH) Ltd	Main Grant	1	An Employment and Job Retention Programme which supports people with mental health problems to secure suitable paid employment, and then provides additional one-to-one support to ensure they retain employment and maintain wellbeing.	£25,000
9	Clapton Common Boys Club	Main Grant	2	Learn4Life will provide vulnerable boys with imperative life-skills and opportunities to improve their overall educational aspirations via a holistic homework /reading booster programme, thus reducing children's risk of life-limiting issues (e.g. NEET).	£20,000
10	Community Centre for Refugees from Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia	Main Grant	3	The Project aims at enhancing participants' awareness of physical and mental health related diseases and promoting a healthy lifestyle through fun and enjoyable fitness activities as well as food safety and hygiene and cookery training.	£20,000
11	Cordwainers Grow	Main Grant	6	The aim of the project is to deliver a theoretical and practical training course and series of workshops for people or groups who want to learn how to set up and run a new community gardening project in Hackney.	£10,000
12	Core Arts	Main Grant	3	Core Sports: a solution offering improved physical health outcomes for adults suffering severe mental health issues. Promoting the benefits of fitness via coached group sports sessions and nutrition advice in supported educational environments.	£25,000
13	Derman	Main Grant	4	To provide support to victims of domestic violence, forced marriage and honour based violence within the Turkish, Kurdish and Turkish Cypriot communities in Hackney.	£24,654

14	East London Advanced Technology Training	Main Grant	1	This project will provide a one stop shop to support 80 migrants in Hackney who are struggling to integrate into their communities, who lack English skills and who experience emotional and practical barriers that prevent sustainable employment.	£25,000
15	ecoACTIVE Education	Main Grant	6	An education and awareness raising project to increase waste prevention, enabling families and schools to understand the impact of resource use on the environment and take action to save resources and money.	£11,400
16	ELOP - East London Out Project	Main Grant	3	Mental health & wellbeing support services to Hackney's LGB&T residents including 1:1 & relationship counselling, therapy & support groups, & varied user identified health & wellbeing workshops that are affirmative of sexual orientation & gender identity.	£13,000
17	Finsbury Park Homeless Families Project	Main Grant	1	An extension of our successful Employment Support project for homeless and other vulnerable people in Hackney. We have developed the model to provide more in depth support resulting in higher employment outcomes.	£20,000
18	Gingerbread, the charity for single parent families	Main Grant	1	This grant will fund a programme of support for workless single parents resident in Hackney. The programme will consist of employability training including a work placement in order to support single parents into employment.	£20,031
19	Groundswell Network Support UK	Main Grant	3	Groundswell is requesting funding to deliver the Homeless Health Peer Advocacy service in Hackney. This service works to address the health inequalities faced by homeless people by improving their access to healthcare.	£15,000
20	Hackney Chinese Community Services	Main Grant	1	This project aims to provide tri-lingual Mandarin, Cantonese and English speaking employment advice and support to the Chinese community in Hackney to enable them to re-enter the job market or to gain the skills needed.	£10,000
21	Hackney District Woodcraft Folk	Main Grant	6	Continuing to organise groups meeting weekly in term time and camps at weekends and during school holidays for children and young people across Hackney developing social and environmental education, outdoor activities and the empowerment of young people.	£6,000

22	Hackney Play Association	Main Grant	3	This grant will fund free, after school play sessions with a wide range of activities including healthy eating, play and exercise for 35-50 children per day on Clapton Park estate in King's Park ward, Monday - Friday, during term time.	£25,000
23	Hackney Playbus	Main Grant	3	Hackney Playbus will take a mobile early years' service into the community engaging families with children under five who are not accessing services and linking them into Children's Centre and appropriate support and provision.	£25,000
24	Hackney Youth Orchestras Trust	Main Grant	2	A Saturday music school for children and young people, offering: Orchestras, individual instrument lessons, music theory, starter groups, public concert performances, opportunity to take music exams, assessments, subsidised fees, further concessions.	£17,774
25	Hoxton Hall	Main Grant	1	Practical, comprehensive professional skills development and employment programme for Hackney residents (14-25) to help build skills confidence and work experience in a Creative Career (youth work, performing arts technical theatre and graphic arts).	£17,000
26	Hoxton Health	Main Grant	3	To run a series of Healthy Living Groups for people 65+ with mental health-related problems or age-related disabilities to promote health awareness and motivate participants to become more active, fitter and able to participate in their communities.	£15,000
27	Immediate Theatre	Main Grant	4	This grant will support youth theatre activities in areas of high deprivation, enabling young people who are at risk of antisocial behaviour to participate in progressive activities empowering them to make a positive contribution to the community.	£28,000
28	Laburnum Boat Club	Main Grant	3	This project will provide a substantial all-year-round social and recreational water sports facility for young people (9 to 19 years old) from all around Hackney - particularly those with disabilities.	£30,000
29	Mind Yourself	Main Grant	3	We will use the grant to improve health/wellbeing of the Irish community in Hackney by improving access to timely and appropriate healthcare. We will seek out and support people who don't engage with health services or who use them inappropriately.	£15,000

30	MISGAV	Main Grant	3	Splash of Health! An exciting fitness program of Swimming, Netball, Cook and Eat Healthy classes, culminating in a Community Awareness Event. This year long program will target Orthodox Jewish Hackney women with a wide range of physical and learning disabilities.	£20,000
31	North London Muslim Community Centre	Main Grant	4	Provide out of school hours services for young people that address; 1. anti-social behaviour 2. Tackles obesity and promotes healthy lifestyles.	£15,000
32	Off Centre	Main Grant	4	Project Indigo provides specialist support for young Hackney LGBTQ residents who face significant barriers to safety in the community through stigmatisation & threat of violence, which often seriously impact mental health and wellbeing.	£30,000
33	Refuge	Main Grant	4	To recruit an outreach worker to offer support to women and children victims of domestic abuse in Hackney's South Asian, South East Asian and Muslim Community. They will also conduct domestic abuse training and awareness raising activities in Hackney.	£32,000
34	Roj Women's Association	Main Grant	1	Services for women from ethnic minorities (Kurdish and Turkish-speaking) to gain employability and to access decent jobs through mentoring, advice, guidance and networking.	£16,000
35	Royal Association for Deaf people	Main Grant	1	'Show Me How' will deliver employability and skills workshops to low --skilled Deaf adults living in Hackney in their preferred language, BSL. Our aim is to increase their basic skills and employability skills to move them forward towards employment.	£13,261
36	Royal London Society for Blind People	Main Grant	1	RLSB's employability project provides bespoke learning, skills and work placement opportunities to help those with sight loss aged 18 -- 25 have the tools they will need to meet the stark challenges and they face in the job market.	£15,011
37	S Pinter Youth Project	Main Grant	2	Out-of-school programme in term time for CYP aged 9-11 years, to prevent the NEET's problem and encourage young people to remain in education and have better future job prospects by offering academic support, recreational/educational courses.	£20,520

38	SHAAREI PARNOSOH TOIVA	Main Grant	1	Provision and support for SPT - the sole provider of employment and skills training in the Charedi Community. This includes: Advanced Skills-Vocational Training; Business-Hub; Jobs advice; Recruitment; Community Mentorships.	£28,000
39	Step By Step	Main Grant	3	Step Up will offer full-day Sunday Clubs to disabled adolescent boys and girls. Users enjoy enriching, enjoyable experiences, health-promoting activities, gain independence skills and feel less isolated.	£20,000
40	Sunbeams London Ltd	Main Grant	3	We will provide vulnerable OJ girls with nurturing, guidance and inspiration needed to become happier more confident young women, by pairing them with 'big sisters'. They will meet with weekly providing friendship, guidance, activities, and trips.	£10,000
41	Teens and Toddlers	Main Grant	2	This project will enable 48 disadvantaged, disengaged young people at-risk of dropping out of school, to improve their skills, gain a qualification, improve educational achievement and improve wellbeing through a unique mentoring/coaching programme.	£26,000
42	The New Hackney Education Business Partnership trading as Inspire!	Main Grant	1	Inspired Pathways: Earn and Learn will work with 6th form students and their schools, providing information and tailored support to help young people identify work-based pathways towards their chosen career goal as an alternative to an academic route.	£24,866
43	The Open Door Drop-in Centre	Main Grant	3	The Open Door Drop-in Centre's purpose is to continue supporting rough sleepers in Hackney to help them turn their lives around and to re-establish themselves to live independent lives in the community where they base.	£7,000
44	The Timewise Foundation CIC	Main Grant	1	Support 60 mothers in low-income households build confidence and develop employability skills - helping workless mothers progress towards sustainable employment and those on low-pay work into better quality jobs to help lift their families out of poverty.	£24,280
45	TIKVA	Main Grant	3	Tikva is a two pronged organisation in the Charedi community which supports aging and burnt out parent-carers of severely disabled adults, as well as the disabled adults themselves - two unique and desperately needed projects in the community.	£15,000

46	Woman's Trust	Main Grant	3	One-to-one, person-centred counselling for women affected by domestic violence in Hackney. This free service will be delivered by Volunteer Counsellors with specialist training in domestic violence issues.	£7,918
47	YOH Ltd	Main Grant	3	Choices will improve the health and well-being of vulnerable teenagers through discussion and activity workshops on key health-related themes, provide one-to-one support, referrals to specialist services and whole-family consultation.	£12,000
48	Youthdirect	Main Grant	2	Out of School Club. We aim to proactively aid the social, emotional and educational development of children and young people through confidence and self-esteem building activities, consisting of C.D.T. (craft, design, technology) and Art.	£20,000

### Holiday Playscheme

	Organisation	Type	Objective	Project Title	Recommended Amount
1	African Community School	Holiday Playscheme Grant	7	A four week Summer programme of activities, which will encourage young people to develop a wide range of free play, educational and personal development skills and opportunities to fulfil their potential.	£7,697
2	Albion Kids Show	Holiday Playscheme Grant	7	Albion Kids Show will deliver 16 x 4 hour holiday mobile play sessions on 8 Hackney Estates based in connected clusters around the borough compass and additional sessions for the Muslim & Hassidic Jewish community at a venue of their choosing.	£8,000
3	Clapton Common Boys Club	Holiday Playscheme Grant	7	Love the Planet - is a highly successful low-cost summer holiday playscheme. The project aims to provide: respite for parents and families of young children, environmentally friendly low-costing Holiday Play & valuable work experience for volunteers.	£4,800
4	Community Centre for Refugees from Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia	Holiday Playscheme Grant	7	The Summer Play Scheme offers disadvantaged children and young people from the Vietnamese and other ethnic backgrounds life opportunities.	£5,000
5	Hackney Play Association	Holiday Playscheme Grant	7	Clapton Park Play Project will provide free, open access holiday play sessions for children from Clapton Park and the surrounding area. Play sessions will take place, Monday - Friday, 10.30-5.30pm, during school holidays.	£8,000

6	Hackney Young Peoples Universtiy (HYPU)	Holiday Playscheme Grant	7	The project "music can inspire a generation" project will recruit 25 young people between the ages of 11 - 15 at risk of offending and committing antisocial behaviour to organise a professional exhibition focusing on British sound systems.	£7,999
7	Hestia Housing and Support	Holiday Playscheme Grant	7	To provide a range of activities, during the 13 weeks of school holidays, for the women and children living in our refuges to help them to recover from the trauma of domestic abuse through participating in fun, healthy and educational group activities.	£5,065
8	High Hill Estate Tenants & Residents Association	Holiday Playscheme Grant	7	To provide a range of high quality diversionary, interesting, fun, confidence building activities and sports for young people between the ages of 8-16.	£8,000
9	North London Muslim Community Centre	Holiday Playscheme Grant	7	Play schemes for young people from the Muslim and Asian communities between the ages of 8-15 years operating between the hours of 9:00-4:00 (35 hour per week). Delivery comprises of both in-house and outdoor activities.	£7,000
10	S Pinter Youth Project	Holiday Playscheme Grant	7	"Integrated" Holiday Play schemes during Winter, Easter and Summer holidays for 550 children and for 50 youth volunteers, 5-16 years with moderate to severe emotional/physical/mental/behavioural/learning disabilities and special needs.	£8,000
11	Step By Step	Holiday Playscheme Grant	7	High-quality holiday play-schemes in a safe environment for 65 children/young people with moderate/severe disabilities aged 3-18. The play-schemes will take place from 10am-4pm, 6 days a week, Sunday to Friday during: Easter, Summer and Winter.	£8,000
12	The Trinity Centre (Dalston)	Holiday Playscheme Grant	7	To improve children's health, offer them alternative activity to engaging in crime and anti-social behaviour the Centre will provide a holiday club, during the April half term and the Summer holiday periods.	£4,000
13	Voice of Youth	Holiday Playscheme Grant	7	Voice of Youth, is requesting a grant to support our summer 2015 playscheme based on three estates in North East Hackney: Lea View, Amwell Court and Jack Watts.	£4,500

14	Youthdirect	Holiday Playscheme Grant	7	Youthdirect would like to offer two weeks summer scheme for up to 200 children and young people many who come from low income families, families where a parent or sibling is coping with illness.	£4,000
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<b>Specialist Grant</b>				
	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Summary of Service</b>	<b>Recommended Amount</b>
1	Abney Park Trust	Specialist Grant	The project will pay towards our core costs to ensure Abney Park is kept open and freely accessible at no charge to the general public, and the grounds are maintained as a local green resource. It enables us to promote healthy activities at on-site facilities such as our Classroom, children's Garden, Visitor Centre, Volunteer Rooms, and Stone/Woodcraft facilities. It underpins education and play in a healthy outdoor environment, crafts skill training, community arts/performance events.	£20,000
2	Apples and Pears Play Association	Specialist Grant	The Apples and Pears Project is an open access adventure playground providing free play activities that meet the physical, social, emotional, cultural and creative development needs of children.	£53,000
3	Community Accountancy Project	Specialist Grant	The project will provide financial and accountancy training, information and advice to voluntary and community groups in Hackney. The focus will be to build the capacity and sustainability in order to increase community involvement.	£15,000
4	Evergreen Play Association Ltd	Specialist Grant	To provide a free, supervised, inclusive playground with over 30 years' experience of providing varied, challenging, child led activities all year round.	£58,327
5	Hackney City Farm	Specialist Grant	Hackney City Farm exists to provide learning and leisure activities based around food and farming and the wider environment to people living in and around the borough of Hackney.	£30,000
6	Hackney Council for Voluntary Services	Specialist Grant	To build the Third Sector Infrastructure in Hackney by building a sustainable sector, bringing public and voluntary services closer together & Increasing community engagement and VCS involvement in the delivery of the SCS.	£125,000
7	Hackney Play Association	Specialist Grant	Providing capacity building, financial and business support to Hackney Play Providers.	£50,000
8	HCT Group	Specialist Grant	Provision of a range of community transport services and representation and promotion of Social Enterprises within the London Borough of Hackney.	£100,000
9	Homerton Grove Adventure Playground, Hackney Play Association	Specialist Grant	An inclusive, creative and free open play provision for age groups 6years to fifteen years old, resident in the local community. Homerton Grove covers a large catchment area due to the lack of other play facilities nearby, due to high density housing.	£58,327

10	London Community Credit Union	Specialist Grant	This project will re-establish a community credit union in Hackney, for residents, students and workers, which will offer special support to the financially vulnerable.	£40,000
11	Shakespeare Walk Adventure Playground Association	Specialist Grant	Provide children (aged 5-15) in N16 area with freely chosen play opportunities, after school and during holidays. Children will benefit from being able to access activities that support physical development, healthier lifestyle and social cohesion.	£54,000
12	The Interlink Foundation	Specialist Grant	This project will promote cohesion and prevent the marginalisation of Hackney's Charedi community in line with Hackney's sustainable community strategy.	£35,000
13	Volunteer Centre Hackney	Specialist Grant	Act as infrastructure lead on volunteering initiatives across Hackney.	£55,000

### Specialist Advice Grant

	Organisation	Type	Type of Advice	Recommended Amount
1	East End Citizens Advice Bureau	Specialist Advice Grant	General Help and Advice.	£370,000
2	Hackney Community Law Centre	Specialist Advice Grant	Legal Help and Advice.	£200,000
3	Social Action for Health	Specialist Advice Grant	General Help and Advice.	£200,000

### Small Grant 1st Round

	Organisation	Type	Objective	Project Title	Recommended Amount
1	Beyond Feelings Community Counselling Service	Small Grant	3	Walk this way - Community walking project for adults. Offers exercise in a group setting preventing isolation and its associated health risks, depression, loneliness, self-neglect and mental illness.	£2,000
2	Day-Mer Turkish & Kurdish Community Centre	Small Grant	2	A culturally-sensitive educational support service outside school hours consisting of a supplementary school, homework club, parenting activities mainly but not exclusively for the Turkish-Kurdish residents of the borough with evidenced attainment needs.	£5,000
3	Gahu Dramatic Arts	Small Grant	4	The Kente project offers young people of all races the opportunity to socialise and make friends while appreciating African culture in a safe environment.	£4,940

4	Hackney Chinese Community Services	Small Grant	3	This project aims to provide bi-lingual health workshops and exercise classes for the isolated Chinese older people in order to improve the health and wellbeing of this specific target group.	£3,940
5	Hackney Youth Orchestras Trust	Small Grant	2	Six day Summer Music School, providing: Creative orchestral workshops for beginners, culminating in a public concert performance, together with students involved in other music programmes and from different parts of the borough.	£4,953
6	Kids N' Action	Small Grant	3	A NEW injection of funding would allow Kids N Action to expand their after-school daily supervised exercise classes leading to AQA accreditation, with specially qualified fitness instructors for young girls aged 11- 14 years.	£3,500
7	Mimbre Ltd	Small Grant	3	The Mimbre Youth Programme on Milton Gardens Estate is a healthy living programme using high-quality acrobatics, dance and performance to promote healthy living and wellbeing for young people (aged 5-14), their families and the communities they live in.	£4,969
8	Mind Your Language International cic	Small Grant	2	The Hackney Francophone Saturday School will offer supplementary educational support in Literacy, Maths and French to BME francophone children aged 8-16 living and schooling in Hackney. It will be open to other BME children.	£4,750
9	Senoirs Health and Active Retirement Project	Small Grant	3	Brand new Sharp End Choir promoting better health for members and offering peer generated entertainment for other as well as helping challenge ageism with the potential to be mainstreamed if successful.	£3,475
10	St John the Evangelist Parochial Church Council (Kids' Café project.)	Small Grant	6	Support and expansion of our Kids' Café project, an after-school play-and-stay for children and their parents and carers.	£2,000
11	St Luke's Church, Hackney	Small Grant	3	We currently run an arts based after-school club called New Starz and we wish to develop the work in a new direction to promote healthy living, positive self-image and the raising of aspirations for young people (7-11) and their parents.	£4,980

### Small Grant 2nd Round

	Organisation	Type	Objective	Project Title	Recommended Amount
1	Beersheba-Living Well	Small Grant	3	The Living Well Club engages people with type 2 diabetes in a holistic way. To increase awareness about their health status, feel confident and empowered to better manage their condition and know how to access services that promote health.	£4,991
2	Blueprint: Film Foundation LTD	Small Grant	2	We propose a series of filmmaking workshops for young people to develop their skills in writing, practical filmmaking, IT, interpersonal skills & confidence. The workshops will promote employability in young people and encourage educational aspirations.	£4,575
3	Corner Space	Small Grant	3	Yoga Chai aims to promote the health and wellbeing of Hackney residents with life limiting conditions through basic gentle yoga and meditation chai. This will involve services users exercising, meditating and socialising.	£4,988
4	Educators Forum	Small Grant	2	This proposal is an after school club project for KS1 and KS2 kids to improve their skills in reading, writing and analytical thinking by engaging them into writing and problem solving.	£4,697
5	Helping Hackney Health; The Gaby Tobias Community Trust Fund	Small Grant	3	The grant will fund free, informative, Cook and Eat sessions for people with learning disabilities and their carers to contribute to improved health and independent living. The aim is to develop and evaluate this approach to their nutritional needs.	£5,000
6	Hot Line Meals Service (London)	Small Grant	3	A young peoples' volunteering project and skills development program will support 20 young people in preparing, cooking, packing and delivering hot nutritious meals to housebound frail and elderly people in their own homes.	£5,000
7	Interlinkx CiC	Small Grant	3	Delivery of cycle maintenance sessions in the Fawcett and Nightingale estates leading to cycle sporting opportunities in Queen Elizabeth Velopark for marginalised youths and their families targeting BAMA communities. Increasing wellbeing and fitness.	£5,000

8	Making Dance Music Drama Arts and Sports	Small Grant	4	StudioNights A program of 20 3hr workshops over 6 months, in Music Technology and Creative Writing. Recording and video documenting the process onto CD/DVD. Including two performance workshops to showcase the work achieved and certificates presentation.	£4,915
9	MISGAV	Small Grant	3	Musical Stars: a first-time opportunity for 16 women with physical and learning disabilities to learn to play the keyboard. The program will target OJ women in Hackney culminating in a musical-concert showcasing participants' achievements.	£4,990
10	Raging Calm Productions Ltd.	Small Grant	2	Working with WDP Hackney and St. Mungo's we will engage vulnerable adults affected by addiction in an empowering, aspirational arts project called 'HOME', culminating in a public presentation of their work to the local community and online documentary.	£4,000
11	RAINBOW COMMUNITY CARE ASSOCIATION (RCCA)	Small Grant	2	We will run courses in garment repair for the long-term unemployed and over-50s. 5 students will graduate after 16 weeks equipped to seek employment or progress into self-employment repairing garments. They'll also learn to save themselves money.	£4,881
12	St John's Church Hoxton	Small Grant	3	The grant will be used to fund the coordination and delivery of weekly session for pre-school children with their parents / carers and a weekly KS2 after-school club during term time.	£5,000

### Community Chest 1st Round

	Organisation	Type	Objective	Project Title	Recommended Amount
1	Burma Court Community Playgroup	Community Chest Grant	n/a	Creating a sensory garden with playgroup children and their community within a self-contained area that concentrates a wide range of sensory experiences designed to provide a valuable resource for education & recreation.	£1,000
2	Canals in Hackney Users Group	Community Chest Grant	n/a	To create community gardens along the Haggerston stretch of Regents Canal working with charity Skyway for disadvantaged youth in Hackney to build the gardens for local community to improve the Haggerston canal and create community pride in the area.	£1,000

3	Cazenove Area Action Group Residents' Association	Community Chest Grant	n/a	We plan to hold a street party based in Kyverdale Road and Windus Walk principally for children but with a significant number of events for adults. We would expect it to be attended mainly by residents within Cazenove Ward.	£1,000
4	Daubeney Fields Forever	Community Chest Grant	n/a	A free Summer Fun Day on Daubeney Fields organised by the local community for around 500 people in the neighbourhood of Clapton Park, Kingsmead and local streets. This will be the third year the Fun Day's has run.	£960
5	LandSky CIC	Community Chest Grant	n/a	Two summer Literature Walks for children (aged 7 -- 11) and their families, in the Central Hackney and Stoke Newington areas. Each cost-free walk will use local landmarks to inspire the childrens' imaginations and broaden their awareness of literature.	£1,000
6	Manor House Luncheon Club	Community Chest Grant	n/a	Our community group provides healthy meals and facilitates entertainment and friendship opportunities for local elder residents from the estate of Woodberry Down. We aim at reducing isolation and increasing life quality for our local area.	£1,000
7	Millfields Users Group	Community Chest Grant	n/a	In a circle of mature trees in Millfields Park E5, we create a free community cinema showing family films for all the local residents. We've been doing it annually for the last 3 years and it is very popular!	£800
8	S Pinter Youth Project	Community Chest Grant	n/a	We are planning an event prior to the Succot holidays in September 2015 whereby children will create magnificent crafts to enhance their festival. This will foster good relations and build a sense of pride in the children of their community.	£1,000
9	Seniors Health and Active Retirement Project	Community Chest Grant	n/a	To bring together service users of user led services, and local residents in the borough for a celebration summer party and barbeque to promote cohesion across services and to celebrate user led services in the borough.	£1,000
10	Sustainable Hackney	Community Chest Grant	n/a	4 x Community electrical repair events 1 x Community "bring and fix" event with several types of repair available (electrical, clothing, cycles plus others) 2 x Training workshops for electrical repairers one for women, 1 for young people.	£1,000

## Community Chest 2nd Round

	Organisation	Type	Objective	Project Title	Recommended Amount
1	International Youth Centre	Community Chest Grant	n/a	International Youth Centre is applying the Community Chest to organise a free Community Christmas Party, for young people and their families, all residents in the Kings Old Kings Estate in Hackney Victoria Ward.	£1,000
2	Making Dance Music Drama Arts and Sports	Community Chest Grant	n/a	It will help fund a community performance day celebrating the achievements and skills learnt through a series of music tuition workshops entitled BANDTASIC Presenting certificates, prizes and being entertained by course participants.	£1,000
3	Redmond Roots gardening group	Community Chest Grant	n/a	The Redmond Roots, is a community gardening club which meets every Wednesday at the Redmond Community Centre in Manor House where we grow a range of produce. This project will help to fund improvements to the garden and improve accessibility.	£680
4	Reel Rebels Radio (RRR)	Community Chest Grant	n/a	Stoke Newington Community Feast is an outreach & networking event where local residents, food coops, housing and homeless peoples organisations and local business people share info and a community meal.	£1,000
5	Star Children Initiative Ltd	Community Chest Grant	n/a	This funding will be used to start a Parents' Peer Group. The primary aim is to provide support, motivate, empower, share information and ideas regarding our disabled children and address issues of isolation and, cultural stigmatization.	£580