

Summary of questions and issues raised about the new Common Purpose grants at Common Purpose workshops

October 2018

These have been raised either directly with officers or at the two grant information workshops.

Please note: We have only included questions and issues that are **not** covered in documents available in the Common Purpose grants section of council website or that **just** relate to individual concerns.

Q1: The 1 year new ideas grant. What is meant by 'a new approach' & does it include core funding?

A: The purpose of the 1 year new ideas grant is to test out new ideas. The amount of funding applied for can include costs for management and infrastructure for the organisation. The primary purpose is to fund a project that will deliver the best outcomes for Southwark residents through meeting needs that are not currently being funded.

Q2: Is the grant able to fund projects for young people?

A: We cannot fund projects that we consider could or should be funded by other sections of the council.

The programme is not likely to fund a young people's specific project as these would fall within the remit of the Youth and Play grants scheme (Environment & Leisure department). However, new ideas grant applications targeted at young people to pilot a new approach, or a need not being met, could be considered. For the longer term grants, schemes that involve young people and people of other ages that bring communities together and deliver outcomes will be considered.

Q3: Where can I find out more about other funding from LBS?

A: A current overview of funding programmes (grants and contracts) is contained in the [VCS Commissioning Forward Plan](#) (6th paragraph down).

Q4: How much can you apply for per year?

A: For the 4 and 2 year grants there is no maximum or minimum, but as a guide the average amount awarded in 2017-18 under the old Community Capacity programme is £27,000. The one year new ideas grant has a maximum amount of £10,000 to £15,000 that can be applied for.

Q5: Does an application for the one year new ideas grant have to be totally original?

A: No, it could involve developing an existing idea or service in an original/innovative way.

Q6: Question 15 in application form says, “How many people do you expect to use the services or take part in activities”. Over what period?

A: Over the full length of proposed grant with an annual figure included.

Q7: Question 17 in application form, “Do you receive rate relief”. As a sum of money or percentage?

A: As a percentage.

Q8: Question 18 in application form: “Equalities”. Can I reference what is in our equalities and diversity policy rather than duplicate it all in this section? We will include policy in our application.

A: Yes, but please feel free to add additional information specific to the scheme you are applying for.

Q9: Question 21 in application form: “Duplication”. What should I put if am not aware of any?

A: Please state this, to show you have considered the question. Indicate how your scheme complements existing services you are aware of.

Q10: Question 22 in application form: “Other funding”; should I list funding for the organisation or just the project?

A: The organisation.

Q11: Question 23 in application form: “Outcomes”. How many outcomes and indicators to select?

A: We ask you to select a maximum of 4 outcomes in total. Applicants need to be wary of over committing themselves as you will be required to report on chosen outcomes and their respective Indicators. A workshop attendee with experience of Lottery fund outcomes reporting suggested no more than 2-4 Indicators per outcome chosen would be a feasible number of indicators.

Q12: Do we need to set targets for our chosen indicators?

A: No, not at this stage.

Q:13: “Please give us details of any income that will be generated by the project (i.e not a grant)”. Please explain.

A: For example from membership fees, trading income, hire charges and any others that are relevant.

Q14: For the 2 year and 4 year grants, how can we budget for increases in our costs due to inflation, pension costs etc over this period if we cannot request more funding for second year onwards?

A: Due to budgetary pressures the council is not currently in a position to increase the budget available year on year. The council is committing to longer term funding

which is intended to provide stability and sustainability. However, it is unable to commit to provide increases in funding year on year to those organisations awarded longer term grants. Organisations applying for funding for the first time or for a new project may have first year start up costs resulting in greater expenditure in the first year which could be considered. The grants programme aims to strike a balance between providing longer term funding and funding new ideas and organisations.

Q15: Regarding the 2 Year community engagement grants. Can you say more about Question 27 – ‘Describe how you work to connect communities or bring different communities together’ in application form?

A: The criteria are set out in the guidance. Organisations should evidence an inclusive approach, for example by encouraging and supporting service users to engage with other services.

Q16: If an organisation is awarded a 2 year or 4 year grant, can funding be carried over from one year to another?

A: It is not intended that funding be carried over from one year to another. Some carry over to take account of project set up time and other variables may be considered, subject to the delivery of project outcomes and satisfactory monitoring. However, there can be some flexibility. For example, there could be an event that is planned in February, but can't take place until April.

Some of the grant programmes currently open (in October 2018) are below:

LBS Neighbourhoods Fund

<http://www.southwark.gov.uk/engagement-and-consultations/grants-and-funding/neighbourhoods-fund>

Closing date Monday 22 October.

LBS Cleaner Greener Safer

<http://www.southwark.gov.uk/engagement-and-consultations/grants-and-funding/cleaner-greener-safer/cleaner-greener-safer-capital-grants?chapter=2>

Closing date Monday 22 October.

LBS High St Challenge

www.southwark.gov.uk/highstreetchallenge

Application deadline **Friday 9th November 2018.**