

London Borough of Enfield

Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Date: 11th March 2021

Subject: Grant Applications
Cabinet Member: Cllr. M. Maguire
Executive Director: Fay Hammond

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the Council approach to actively seeking opportunities for bidding for additional grants. The report sets out the Council's approach to seeking these opportunities, examples of some of the key successes, the challenges and barriers that the Council faces in doing so and then finally the Governance arrangements.
2. Appendix A provides a summary of the grants that the Council has been successfully awarded.

Proposal

3. The Committee is asked to note the approach taken and the outcome achieved through the number of successful grant awards.

Reason for Proposal

4. To ensure that the Committee is aware of the Council approach and relative success.

Relevance to the Council Plan

5. The funding received through grant awards are a key part of the Council's financial strategy and are an essential funding source to the Council limited resources available to deliver the Council's objectives in 2020/21. These objectives are:
 - i. Good homes in well-connected neighbourhoods
 - ii. Sustain strong and healthy communities
 - iii. Build our local economy to create a thriving place

Background

6. Alongside those grants that services actively bid for, the Council also receives numerous grants as a direct award and for the purposes of this report should be considered business as usual, examples of such grants include the New Homes Bonus, Homelessness Prevention grant and the Housing Benefit Administration grant. These grants form a critical element of the Council's finances and any fluctuations in these are managed through the Medium Term Financial Plan.

7. However, alongside the other sources of funding these business as usual grants are insufficient alone to deliver all the Council's aims and objectives and as such seeking additional grant opportunities also forms a critical part of the Council's overall strategy.

Main Considerations for the Council

8. Approach to seeking grant opportunities
9. Each Directorate keeps up to date through horizon scanning to identify opportunities. Service leads will discuss proposals with awarding bodies prior to submission which helps ensure bid is line with objectives and ultimately the success of the bid. Service leads will pull together the bid with support from relevant services where required e.g. Knowledge & Insights, Finance etc. The bids are signed off by S151 where required but it should be noted that each bid will have different requirements.
10. Key Grant Successes
11. The volume and scope of successful bids is significant. However, the following are some of the key areas where additional funding has been received:
 - Rough sleepers
 - Climate - Retrofit of Council buildings
 - Culture
 - Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF)
 - Flood Alleviation
 - Town Centre Regeneration
 - Young Londoners Fund
12. The full schedule of successful grant bids is included in Appendix A.
13. Challenges and Barriers
14. As with many bidding processes the outcome is not guaranteed and there is always the risk that significant time and resources could be put in yet lead to an unsuccessful outcome. To help facilitate successful bids, officers will discuss applications and obtain a steer on the right direction with awarding bodies in advance which increases the chances of a successful outcome.
15. There is also a risk that the Council doesn't bid for these opportunities through not being aware that they exist. To reduce this risk the Council is signed up to a grant finder system that increases the awareness of these opportunities.
16. It should be noted that for many of these grant submissions, they require a significant draw on officers' capacity and resources.
17. Another challenge is that London is perceived to receive a lower proportion of funding due to the national levelling up agenda and this is seen in lower allocations for London and therefore lower grant awards to individual Councils.
18. Governance

19. The governance arrangements will vary depending on the specific grant conditions; however, the following provides the general governance that will apply:

- Significant grants are reported via the Quarterly Revenue or Capital Budget Monitoring reports or specific reports dependent on the value
- Section 151 or Chief Internal Auditor required to sign the majority of applications and also grant/legal agreements,
- Each grant has different monitoring arrangements – e.g. quarterly spend returns
- Risk management proportionate to grant conditions (e.g. HIF delivery reported via Meridian Water Executive Board and is included in Meridian Water risk registers).

Safeguarding Implications

20. There are no direct safeguarding implications arising from this report.

Public Health Implications

21. There are no direct Public Health implications arising from this report.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

22. There are no direct Equalities implications arising from this report

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

23. There are no direct Environmental and Climate implications arising from this report.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision and related work is not taken

24. The proposals in this report are for noting the approach and outcomes and there are no risks associated with this.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision is taken and actions that will be taken to manage these risks

25. The proposals in this report are for noting the approach and outcomes and there are no risks associated with this.

Financial Implications

26. Financial implications are implicit in the body of the report but it should be emphasised how critical the additional grant awards are in implementing the Councils financial strategy.

Legal Implications

27. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

Workforce Implications

28. There are no direct workforce implications arising from this report.

Property Implications

29. There are no direct Public Health implications arising from this report.

Other Implications

30. There are no direct property implications arising from this report.

Options Considered

31. This is not applicable to the proposals or purpose of this report.

Conclusions

32. Actively seeking additional grant is crucial in delivering the Council's objectives and financial strategy. They provide funding for a breadth of schemes and initiatives that deliver positive outcomes for the borough.

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Appendices

Appendix A: Summary of successful grant awards

Background Papers:

There are no background papers relevant to this report.

Summary of successful grant awards since January 2020

Service	Name of Grant	Value	Grant body	Revenue/Capital
Housing	Rough Sleeping Initiative	699,000	MHCLG	Revenue
Housing	Protect Plus	120,000	MHCLG	Revenue
Housing	Suspension of Derogation	207,125	MHCLG	Revenue
Housing	Cold Weather Funding	140,000	MHCLG	Revenue
Housing	Next Steps Accommodation Programme	1,181,258	GLA	Revenue
Housing	Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme	2,289,000	GLA	Revenue
Housing	Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme	6,793,000	GLA	Capital
Housing	Housing Advisors Programme	24,000	LGO	
Housing	Shared Outcomes Programme	30,000	CCG	
Environment & Operations	Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme	3,800,000	BEIS via Salix	Capital
Environment & Operations	Low Carbon Skills Fund	350,000	BEIS via Salix	Revenue
Culture	Capacity Building (Stories of Enfield)	200,000	National Lottery Heritage Fund	Revenue
Culture	Culture Recovery Fund – Forty Hall	137,250	DCMS via National Lottery Heritage Fund	Revenue
Culture	Culture Recovery Fund – Dugdale and Millfield	534,995	DCMS via Arts Council England	Revenue
Culture	Culture Recovery Fund II – Forty Hall	84,439	DCMS via National Lottery Heritage Fund	Revenue

Service	Name of Grant	Value	Grant body	Revenue/Capital
Culture	Culture Recovery Fund II – Dugdale	150,071	DCMS via Arts Council England	Revenue
Culture	Project funding	88,000	Arts Council England	Revenue
Property & Economy	Good Growth Fund	1,100,000	GLA	Revenue
Property & Economy	Kick Start	360,000	DWP	Revenue
Public Health	Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant	271,339	Department of Health and Social Care	Revenue
Public Health	PrEP-HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) Grant	65,389	Department of Health and Social Care	Revenue
Children's & Families	Covid-19 UASC Support	216,237	DfE	Revenue
Children's & Families	Operation Alliance	24,407	Metropolitan Police	Revenue
Children's & Families	National Assessment & Accreditation System	153,800	DfE	Revenue
Children's & Families	Critical Incident Grant	5,000	Mayor of London	Revenue
Children's & Families	Probation Co-Commission Fund	40,000	National Probation Service	Revenue

Service	Name of Grant	Value	Grant body	Revenue/Capital
Children's & Families	Appropriate Adult Service	60,000	MOPAC	Revenue
Children's & Families	Young Londoners Fund	1,326,588	GLA	Revenue
Place	Tennis Courts Works at Broomfield Park	150,000	London Marathon Charitable Trust £150k	Capital
Place	Tennis Courts Works at Broomfield Park	125,000	Sport England £125k	Capital
Place	REFIT 2 Energy Retrofitting	3,882,500	Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy: SALIX	Capital
Place	Reardon Court Development	9,400,000	GLA	Capital
Place	Flood Alleviation	est. 70,000	GLA	Capital
Place	Flood Alleviation	est. 586,000	Environment Agency	Capital
Place	Flood Alleviation	est. 200,000	National Lottery Heritage Fund	Capital
Place	Flood Alleviation	est. 80,000	Thames Water	Capital
Place	Flood Alleviation	est. 480,000	Forestry Commission	Capital
Place	Flood Alleviation	est. 100,000	Rivers Trust	Capital
Place	Meridian Water Housing Infrastructure Fund	est. 170,000,000	MHCLG	Capital

Service	Name of Grant	Value	Grant body	Revenue/Capital
Place	Development Programme	19,324,000	GLA	Capital
Place	Town Centre Regen	1,100,000	GLA Good Growth Fund	Capital
Place	Green Homes Grant - local authority delivery	305,000		Capital
Place	Go Ultra Low City Scheme	149,000	London Councils	Capital
Place	On-street Residential Chargepoint Scheme	45,000	Office for Zero Emission Vehicles	Capital
Place	Liveable Neighbourhood Fund	350,000	Transport for London	Capital
Place	Emergency Active Travel Fund	100,000	Department for Transport	Capital
Place	Active Travel Fund Tranche 2	1,500,000	Department for Transport	Capital
Place	Cycle Parking Fund	87,000	Transport for London	Capital
HRA	Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund	72,677	Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)	Revenue
HRA	Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund	1,097,818		Capital
Subsidiary Company: Energetik	Extension of Energetik's pipe network and retrofit project.	1,200,000	GLA	