

# Fundraising Forum

27<sup>th</sup> March 2018

# Community Commissioning Programme



# Change summary

- Mainstream Grants end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019
- It's successor, **the Community Commissioning programme** will be a commissioned programme of services
- Starts April 2019 (no gap)
- The tender process (where you apply) will be July / August 2018
- New Grants Policy also coming into effect April 2019 onwards

# Proposals – Outcomes

- Two outcomes:
  - **Empowerment and Community Cohesion:** Including improved understanding and tolerance of people, active involvement in local communities, decreased isolation and the development of positive relationships between people.
  - **Reducing Poverty:** This included employment and addressing skills gaps, as well as tackling in-work poverty and increasing prosperity.

# Proposals – Approaches

- Two approaches to achieve outcomes:
  - **Prevention:** Addressing need at the earliest stage in all areas of provision.
  - **Co-production:** An overall focus on introducing elements of co-production with the community at service design and delivery level.

# Other proposals

- Proportionate monitoring
- Questions in application process on:
  - Evidencing local reach and relationships
  - Evidencing previous work with local communities
  - Local benefit (environment, people, economy)
- Capacity building programme
- Outcomes focus (more flexibility)
- Long term funding and flexibility (4 years, with two year review point)

# Next steps

- Initial proposals are reflected in a Cabinet report, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- Next workshops (detailed proposals):
  - Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 2pm – 5pm. At the Professional Development Centre, Bethnal Green Rd.
  - 16<sup>th</sup> April (venue TBC)
- Other ways to engage:
  - THCVS Community Commissioning Forum Meetings
  - Community Commissioning drop-in's – Thursdays 3:30pm-5pm @ Mulberry Place
  - Capacity Building Programme
- Final details in June 2018 Cabinet report

# **Grants Programme**



# Grants Policy Framework

- Characteristics of grants
- Funding themes
- Eligibility criteria
- Levels of funding
- Decision making and accountability
- Scheme template

# Funding themes

- **Innovation**  
to encourage innovation or pilot something new, especially where there is a gap;
- **Prevention**  
to promote grass roots activity to reduce the need for statutory services;
- **Neighbourhood action**  
to promote local neighbourhood initiatives;
- **Community cohesion**  
to develop community resilience, promote cultural opportunities and reduce social isolation;
- **Capacity building**  
to enable smaller organisations to become more sustainable, where appropriate providing core funding to lever in other resources, and to support infrastructure organisations, and
- **Partnership working**  
making the sector more effective through closer partnership working within the sector and across sectors.

# And What's Next

- Mar/Apr/May – Grant scheme development
- May/June – internal Council process
- July – Grants Programme launched
- July/Sept – Applications
- Oct/Dec – Assessment and decision making
- April 2019 – First projects start

# Developing the Themes

- Priorities
- Outcomes
- Good practice in grant making
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Funding Levels

# Opportunities to participate

- Network sessions
- Drop in – 9 April 1.00 to 5.00 MG4 Town Hall
- Drop in – 11 April 11.00 to 2.00 Brady Centre
- Feedback session 1 – Tues 24 April ([register here](#))
- Feedback session 2 – Early May (tba)
- Survey – questionnaire at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/councilgrants>

# Find out more...

- [https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/advice\\_and\\_benefits/voluntary\\_organisations/VCS\\_Grants\\_programme.aspx](https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/advice_and_benefits/voluntary_organisations/VCS_Grants_programme.aspx)
- <https://www.thcvs.org.uk/help-create-councils-new-grants-policy>
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**Any Questions?**

# Partnerships and Consortiums

Discussion



# **What THCVS is planning**

Discussion on what else  
the sector needs

# What LBTH should provide

Discussion

**Thank you for attending**

Close and networking