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**Local Community Fund Workshops**

# **Themes, Schemes and Bidding**

**6 February 2019**



# Session Programme

- Overview & brief Q&A
- Draft Schemes
- Criteria and Assessment Feedback
- Bidding
- Monitoring and Outcomes
- Next steps



# Overview

David Freeman  
VCS Strategy Manager



# Local Community Fund - Principles

- Jointly developed with VCS
- Outcomes focus
- Proportionate process
- ‘Light touch’ contracts
- Locally based
- Continuing Co-design
- Expenditure level maintained £2.66m pa.



# Local Community Fund - Process

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- Open and transparent bidding process
- External assessment
- Equality and Community Safety impact
- Proposals ratified by Chief Executive
- Outcomes based agreements
- Proportionate monitoring
- Annual reporting



**Slide 5**

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**GC1**

**Shortened these for clarity**

Gemma Cossins, 05/02/2019

# Shape of Local Community Fund

Theme	Funding	Schemes
Inclusion, Health & Wellbeing	£990k	5
Digital Inclusion & Awareness	£60k	3
Information and Advice	£980k	1
Employment and skills	£435k	3
Community safety	£195k	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2.660m</b>	<b>15</b>



# Timescales

Nov to Jan	Prospectus development
Feb	Prospectus sign off
Mar and Apr	Bidding open
May and June	Assessment
July	Decisions made
July to Sept	Mobilisation
Oct	New services begin





# Prospectus

- Background to the programme
- Tower Hamlets Plan and LBTH Strategic Plan
- General guidance
- Assessment criteria
  - Organisational requirements
  - Service delivery
- Training and support
- Schemes



# Winners and Losers

## Mitigation:

- Build capacity to improve chance of success
- Early indication of bid outcomes
- Capacity building & other support to assist transition to new funding (or no funding)
- Orderly change, particularly where this involves alternative provision for service users
- VCS Grants programme
- Emergency fund



# Questions?



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# Schemes

Gemma Cossins

Senior Strategy, Policy and Performance Officer



# Schemes

- Co-designed with VCS
- Outcomes focus
- Non-prescriptive
- Include local value
- Continuous co-design with users throughout contract
- Proportionate requirements



# Scheme structure

- Headline, e.g  
1C: Inclusion Health and Wellbeing  
Access, information and self management
- Strategic overview
- Priorities, e.g:  
Residents are better informed/equipped to  
manage health conditions



# Scheme structure

- Outcomes
  - Residents of all ages are better informed/ equipped to manage health conditions
  - Increased awareness of and access to local services, including crisis support
  - Residents and their families are aware of the benefits of healthy eating and eat more healthily
- Geographic spread
- Levels of funding



# Group Discussion

- Do the schemes contain enough guidance for you to submit a bid?
- Is anything missing?
- What questions might you have, having read everything through?



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# Short break



# Bidding – Key Questions

- Key questions
  - How will your proposal help achieve the outcomes set out in the scheme?
  - How will your proposal contribute towards community cohesion and reducing poverty?
  - How will your proposal demonstrate local value?
  - How will your proposal include further co-design with service users?



# Bidding – General Issues

- Can we bid under multiple themes
- Can we bid for more than one scheme within a theme?
- How many priorities should a project cover?
- How many outcomes within each priority will projects be expected to deliver?
- How much to bid for?



# Bidding – What will we ask?

- Organisational information
- Scheme you are bidding to
- Details of the proposal
  - Who?
  - What?
  - Where?
  - When?
  - How?



# Bidding – What will we ask?

- Outcomes you expect to achieve
  - Outcome
  - Indicator
  - Measure
- KPIs



# Bidding – What will we ask?

- Track record of delivery
- Local connection
- Continued Service Co-design
- Quality Assurance
- Equality and Diversity
- Cohesion and Reducing Poverty
- Value for money



# Monitoring & Outcomes

- Outcomes based
- Data from indicators measures impact not outputs
- Some KPIs to help demonstrate that project is on track
- Proportionate approach



**Overall outcome:**

More young people in Tower Hamlets get great jobs

**Specific outcomes:**

1. Better qualifications and improved job-ready skills

2. More diverse and accessible range of work experience

3. Increased aspirations among all local young people

**Activities:**

Workshops and activities?

Mentoring?

Work placement scheme?

Work with local employers?

**Key Performance Indicators:**

Numbers of sessions, attendance levels





# Summing Up

- Feedback
- Comments
- Questions
- Concerns



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# Next Steps

- Write up
- Circulation of draft
  - Written comment invited ([vcs@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:vcs@towerhamlets.gov.uk))
  - One to one conversations
- Sign off in February



# Information and support

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## THCVS

<https://thcvs.org.uk/projects/local-community-fund#overlay-context=search/node/community>

