

**Appendix 1a**

**VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND 2013 - 2016**

**SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED PROJECTS**

No.	Organisation	Theme(s) Selected	Title and Description of the Project	Amount requested over 3 years (£)	Recommended (£)
1	<b>Advance Advocacy</b>	Supporting Children and Families and enabling young people to thrive  Addressing Health and Wellbeing	<b>Safe to Achieve: Violence Prevention Education in Schools and communities</b>  Raising awareness and promoting education amongst agencies, communities, children and young people to prevent violence and abuse and promote safe, healthy relationships.	£75,000	£75,000
2	<b>Alzheimers Society</b>	Addressing Health and Wellbeing	<b>Dementia Information and Awareness Raising Service</b>  This project will increase dementia awareness in Brent and provide residents affected by dementia with accurate and accessible information on dementia and local support services. The aim is to increase knowledge of dementia and help people to seek early diagnosis and access support with a particular focus on BME groups.	£74,908	£74,908

3	<b>BPTRG</b>	Addressing Health and Wellbeing	<p><b>Healthier Homes</b></p> <p>The aim is to increase (by 90 -100 a year) the number of private tenants whose living conditions are improved thereby minimising health risks and promoting a sense of well-being for them and their families. This will make greater inroads into inequality and ill-health among vulnerable tenants in Brent's private rented sector than can be achieved under legal aid.</p>	£75,000	£75,000
4	<b>Brent Citizens Advice Bureau</b>	<p>Regeneration</p> <p>Addressing Health and Wellbeing</p>	<p>The project aims to raise the skill levels of local people in readiness for paid work by volunteering with BCAB. Through training structured and tailored to their needs, participants will be encouraged to break the cycle of benefit dependency by working through the three strands of the project: a) Work Experience b) Money Management Skills c) Job - hunting and Interpersonal Skills</p>	£71,311	£71,311
5	<b>Brent Mencap</b>	Addressing Health and Wellbeing	<p><b>Get Active</b></p> <p>The project aims to improve the health and wellbeing and tackle the health inequalities faced by Brent people with mild to moderate learning disabilities, by increasing their level of physical activity and improving their diet to help improve their physical condition and reduce levels of obesity. These preventive measures should help to reduce risk factors associated with hypertension, cardiovascular disease and diabetes.</p>	£73,651	£73,651

6	<b>Brent Mind</b>	Addressing Health and Wellbeing	<b>Community Engagement &amp; Mental Health Promotion</b>  Working with Mental Health Service Users aged 18 - 65 from Brent's black and minority ethnic and refugee (BMER) communities. The aim of the project is to raise awareness of mental health issues within Brent's BMER community and to professionals working in mental health field.	£74,456	£74,456
7	<b>Drama Workhouse</b>	Protecting our environment and enhancing our cultural offer	<b>Artspiration</b>  The rewards of cultural and community engagement are aspiration, creativity, entrepreneurship and confidence. The strategy "Positive for Youth" highlights the need to take up responsibilities and feel part of the community. DW's project works to nurture confidence and self-esteem in young people, showing them they matter, so to enable them to make better choices and raise their expectations.	£66,525	£66,525
8	<b>Energy Solutions</b>	Addressing Health and Wellbeing  Protecting our environment and enhancing our cultural offer	<b>Brent Community Co-operative (BRECO)</b>  The overall aim of the project is to make a noticeable contribution to the sustainable development and community regeneration of the Brent community.	£75,000	£75,000

9	<b>Hestia Housing Support</b>	Supporting Children & Families and enabling young people to thrive	<p><b>Hestia Brent Domestic Abuse Services Children's Art and Drama Therapy</b></p> <p>To support children to recover from the trauma of domestic violence by providing art or drama therapy sessions in the domestic violence refuges in Brent. To encourage children to express their emotions in a safe and welcoming environment, leading to a reduction in the emotional, developmental and behavioural issues caused by their experiences of domestic violence.</p>	£34,920	£34,920
10	<b>I Serve</b>	Regeneration	<p><b>Access to Employment</b></p> <p>To provide an integrated package of culturally-sensitive information, advice, and guidance (IAG), and job-readiness training in Stonebridge, Harlesden and Church End (Roundwood) area. This will equip residents with essential employability skills and labour market-orientation to access sustainable employment that will support their wider integration and participation in society.</p>	£64,060	£64,060

11	<b>Princes Trust</b>	Regeneration	<p><b>The Prince's Trust 'Get into Programme'</b></p> <p>The programme aims to give young people, who are work ready but do not have vocational skills, a mixture of practical training, certificated learning modules and hands-on work experience, that will enable them to get a job. The overall aim of Get into courses is to move young people into paid jobs, for example in the retail or construction sectors, or into other employment, training or voluntary employment opportunities and to equip all participants with key employability skills.</p>	£64,870	£64,870
12	<b>Relate London North West</b>	<p>Addressing Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>Supporting Children &amp; Families and enabling young people to thrive</p>	<p><b>Early Intervention Support for families</b></p> <p>This project aims to provide early intervention services for residents of Brent, both adults and children. Working closely with partners in the statutory and voluntary sectors, the organisation will offer our services to ensure mental health issues are addressed proactively in the community.</p>	£63,148	£63,148

13	<b>St Michael's Youth Programme</b>	<p>Addressing Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>Supporting Children &amp; Families and enabling young people to thrive</p> <p>Protecting our environment and enhancing our cultural offer</p>	<p><b>Steel Pan in The Community 2013 - 2016</b></p> <p>The overall aim of the project is to improve the achievement of local young people in Brent in their areas of need, including underperforming young people of Caribbean backgrounds. It is anticipated that the project will increase future opportunities of local young people through employment, higher and further education options and reduce the incidence of anti-social behaviour and truancy in Brent. The project will help young people (aged 8-25) develop their knowledge and skills and to recognise and take advantage of the opportunities available to them.</p>	£75,000	£75,000
14	<b>Toucan Employment</b>	<p>Protecting our environment and enhancing our cultural offer</p>	<p><b>The Green Works</b></p> <p>Toucan is setting up a project to work with people in day services and people not involved in activities in Brent. The aim is to set up an allotment site working with the intended group of people to teach them how to grow foods, learn about healthy eating. The end result is to get people on short term supported work experience leading onto volunteering in the community.</p>	£63,514	£63,514