

SUMMARY OF GRANT ASSESSMENT: A-H

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2012-15**

1.	Project Title	Better Health	
2.	Name of Organisation	Asian People's Disability Alliance (1)	
3.	Organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide needs-led and user-led culturally appropriate services that mainstream service providers are unable to provide due to lack of expertise in culturally related matters of Asian disabled people, their carers and their families Work in partnership and in collaboration with service planners and other mainstream bodies to help incorporate particular needs of APDA's client groups in service planning and other programmes that affect their lives <p>APDA provides the following main activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day care services for older people, women, diabetics, heart, stroke and mental health patients social skills and independent living support, access to aids and equipment Personal Assistance Schemes, yoga and keep-fit sessions, complimentary therapies, transport services, literacy and numeracy classes, dance therapy culturally sensitive respite care and support to housebound users Recruitment and training of unemployed people in social care skills through volunteering support Acts as resource for Asian disabled people, their carers and families, offering peer and social support and information exchange Collaboration with service planners and mainstream organizations in order to raise awareness to needs of Asian disabled people and help them incorporate these needs into service plans Providing opportunities for Asian disabled people to put forward their views about their needs in order to improve services 		
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	£15,220.00 p/a £90,432.00 p/a £5409.00 p/a £110,971.00 p/a	MPG C&F Carers Project (HSC) Day Care Services Project
5.	Amount Requested	£ 18,500.00 £ 24,200.00 £ 23,600.00 £ 66,300.00	1 st Nine Months yr2 yr3
6.	Contribution from other sources	N/A	
7.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting Project will aim to improve health and wellbeing of hard-to-reach disadvantaged groups in Brent focussing on service users in priority areas such as Harlesden, Stonebridge, Church End & Roundwood, Chalkhill and St Raphs in Brent.		

	Year 1		
	Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printing publicity materials on three main information factors 		Number benefiting not always indicated
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reaching out to groups creating - group and 1-1 sessions with users 	Two sessions per week	100
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up sessions with community groups, 	2 sessions per week, group and 1-1 sessions, db dept in 3mths	100
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further sessions conducted, and 	2 sessions per week, group and 1-1 sessions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up sessions 	2 sessions a week	
	Year 2		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support, encourage groups - individuals contacted 	2 sessions per wk	200
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out to the extended – supporting and strengthening beneficiaries 	2 sessions per week	200
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New groups targeted to created awareness of issues supporting them 	2 sessions per week	200
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up sessions with groups and individuals 	2 sessions per week focusing on new and existing groups	300
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on person centred approach 	1 session per week, one day of 1-1	300
	Year 3		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide train the trainer sessions to community leaders 	2 sessions per week	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback 	On-going reporting feedback from groups	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train the trainer, new trainers delivering workshops and 	Two sessions per week	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback 	On-going	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist three target groups: individuals, groups, trained 	1 day per week – group sessions summing up current work and	

8.	<p>Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years</p> <p>First 9 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information made easier and accessible • Support given to specific groups and people most disadvantaged • Needs will be assessed through our out reach and further action taken to support; appropriate to the needs of the group. For instance Braille information for groups with Visual impairment • Support in filling up user diaries • Assess the impact of the work and improvements in health and understanding of health • Outcome will be assessed in numbers attending the sessions as well as the difference these sessions make in improving people's health such as people engaging in physical activity, attending doctor's appointments, reducing or stopping to smoke, reducing sugar intake etc. These will be logged in their own personal health diary • Support given to specific groups and people most disadvantaged and or needing extra support • The need assessment will identify the groups and support will be need specific • Assess the impact of work and improvements in health and understanding of health • It will be done through seeing their health diaries and personal milestones achieved or support in achieving them <p>Year 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability of the project is the key and it will increase further awareness with minimal costs • Assess the level of information gained and understanding acquired through sessions with them • Distance covered assessed through their personal health diaries • Success will be community champions coming forward and engaging in community awareness • Feedback sessions to assess the impact and difference the project makes and identify areas for further work • Assessed through personal diaries and champions assisting and supporting groups and individuals • Narrowing and specifically targeting through one to one support one day a week • 1 day a week (one session) out reach work • Alongside these sessions assessing health diaries to support in improving health <p>Year 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They will be able to train others to provide and support continuous growth and expansion in information provision for all • To develop a support network and re emphasize on the work done in the past one and a half year • Acquire and assess information gathered from groups and individual to assess performance • New trainers equipped to deliver trainings independently • Individuals, groups and trainers trained to carry on the work • Individuals: improve in their health diary targets and personal health targets • Groups - meeting up with groups and passing on info • Trainers - developing workshops in their local communities and areas • Feedback - assessing the success of the project
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9	<p>Alignment to Borough Plan Theme</p> <p>Project Title: Better Health Project Theme: Addressing health & wellbeing</p> <p>Some evidence of need was provided linked to groups expected to benefit from the project. The proposed project had some alignment to borough plan priorities relating to the health and well being theme.</p>
10.	<p>Monitoring and Evaluating methods</p> <p>APDA has set out how the project would be monitored but these measures could be developed further</p>
11.	<p>Joint working with other organisations</p> <p>APDA set out some links to other organisations to support their application but these were not considered formal partnerships and this would limit referrals.</p>
12.	<p>Financial Analysis</p> <p>The bid is for a revenue grant of £66,300.00 over 2 years and nine months from Jul 1st 2012 until 31st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream.</p> <p>This organisation met the financial criteria. APDA does not set out other sources of funding to support this project.</p> <p>The level of funding sought, the project outlined for the proposed number of beneficiaries could be challenging depending on the level of need of individuals supported and the specialist support required.</p>
13.	<p>Equality and Diversity</p> <p>APDA has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Equality data about present provision by the organisation suggests that adult, disabled people from an Asian ethnic background would be the main beneficiaries of the project.</p>
14.	<p>Internal Consultation</p> <p>The council leases an asset to this organisation. Departments already working with this organisation gave a favourable response about their experience.</p>
15.	<p>Officers Assessment</p> <p>APDA have been funded to provide some Adult Social Care services to the council. The organisation has provided 2 independent references and consultation with other council departments providing some favourable feedback. The proposed exit strategy relies on training the trainer and further fund raising. The need for further development of evidence of need, partnership and measures for this project means that the project has not met the criteria for funding on this occasion.</p>

16.	Recommendations This project is not recommended for funding.
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Date	April 2012

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2012-15**

1.	Project Title	Accessible Sports and Leisure							
2.	Name of Organisation	Asian People's Disability Alliance (2)							
3.	Organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide needs-led and user-led culturally appropriate services that mainstream service providers are unable to provide due to lack of expertise in culturally related matters of Asian disabled people, their carers and their families Work in partnership and in collaboration with service planners and other mainstream bodies to help incorporate particular needs of APDA's client groups in service planning and other programmes that affect their lives <p>Main activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day care and social development using trained staff in different languages in a cultural and traditional environment Social interaction between clients to avoid isolation and promote confidence, assertiveness in independent living Asian home respite care Sports projects Volunteering projects Support services using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts, sports and IT to develop independent skills Confidence development to improve health and well-being Elimination of isolation and improvement of social inclusion Increased awareness and understanding of community link for service Project's work with complimentary community groups, voluntary organisations and statutory organisations to build links to promote volunteering and recruit diverse range of volunteers 								
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	£15,220.00 p/a £90,432.00 p/a £5,409.00 p/a £110,971.00 p/a	MPG C&F Carers Project (HSC) Day Care Services Project						
5.	Amount Requested	£ 18,716.00 £ 24,955.00 £ 24,955.00 £ 68,626.00	1 st Nine Months yr2 yr3						
6.	Contribution from other sources	N/A							
7.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting The project aims to improve the quality of life of Asian young disabled people and those with learning difficulties in the Borough of Brent by providing socially inclusive access to sports and leisure activities as well as training. Activities cited include: Year 1 <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Activity</th><th>frequency</th><th>No of beneficiaries</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot activity sessions for young people and disabled </td><td>Beginning 1st July on Saturdays during school term at Woodfield Special Sports College,</td><td>108 people expected to benefit</td></tr> </tbody> </table>			Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot activity sessions for young people and disabled 	Beginning 1 st July on Saturdays during school term at Woodfield Special Sports College,	108 people expected to benefit
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	<p>people Sessions delivered by highly qualified and experienced coach specialised in delivering sporting activities for special needs people</p>	Kingsbury	
	Year 2		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure activity sessions • Swimming at Vale Farm Sports Centre and Willesden Sports Centre • Horseriding, cycling and fishing – location to be finalised session to be delivered by authorised coach from relevant service provider 	Beginning in 3 rd year, on Saturdays during half term and school holidays	
	Year 3		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training in sports skills given to a selected group of young talented disabled people 	Starting from 3 rd year on school holidays	
8.	<p>Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years</p> <p>First 9 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement in mobility • Improve mental health • Reduce social exclusion and personal isolation • Increase involvement in Sports <p>Year 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement in mobility • Improve mental health • Reduce social exclusion and personal isolation • Increase involvement in Sports <p>Year 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement in mobility • Improve mental health • Reduce social exclusion and personal isolation • Increase involvement in Sports 		
9.	<p>Alignment to Borough Plan Theme</p> <p>Project Title: Accessible Sports and Leisure</p> <p>Project Theme: Addressing health & wellbeing</p>		

	Some evidence of need was provided and linked to groups expected to benefit from the project but this could have been developed further. The proposed project has some alignment to borough plan priorities.
10.	Monitoring and Evaluating methods APDA has set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated through self certification but the measures need further development.
11.	Joint working with other organisations APDA set out partnerships in the borough which will enhance their ability to deliver
12.	Financial Analysis The project bid is for a revenue grant of £68,626.00 over 2 years and nine months from Jul1st 2012 until 31 st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream. The organisation met the financial criteria. APDA does not set out other sources of funding to support the project The level of funding sought; the project outlined for the proposed number of beneficiaries appeared to be deliverable in the main, depending upon development of measures and the level of specialist support required for the cohort of people benefiting.
13.	Equality and Diversity APDA has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Equality data about present provision by the organisation suggests that adult, disabled people from an Asian ethnic background would be the main beneficiaries of the project, with more of them being male than female.
14.	Internal Consultation The council leases an asset to this organisation. One of the departments already working with this organisation provided a favourable reference. Officers were keen to see measures further developed and clarification on the level of specialist support which could be offered with the funding proposed.
15.	Officers Assessment APDA has been funded to deliver some Adult Social Care Services and leases a property from the Council. The organisation has provided 2 independent references and consultation with other council departments providing some favourable feedback. The exit strategy relies on further fundraising. The proposed project has some alignment with Borough Plan priorities but it is not assessed as sufficiently different to the project previously granted three year funding and for which there was a requirement for an exit strategy. The numbers of people expected to benefit is high for the level of funding sought and activities set out in the bid. In view of the combined assessment, the bid has not met the criteria for funding on this occasion.

16.	Recommendations The project is not recommended for funding.
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1.	Project Title	Children and Family										
2.	Name of Organisation	Asian People's Disability Alliance (3)										
3.	Organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> APDA is a user-led registered charity of Asian Disability People that provides health, social care and education services for Asian People with disabilities, their families and carers Activities provided include : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home respite care Daycare Health awareness IT training Sport and leisure Employment training via work experience placement and support Supports peer and social support and Information exchange Collaborating with service planners and mainstream organizations to raise awareness to needs of Asian disabled people and help incorporate these into service plans Providing opportunities for Asian disabled people to put forward their views about service improvement 											
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6.	Contribution from other sources	N/A										
7.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enable children with learning disability of Brent to maximise their potential and improve their quality of life, socially, emotionally and financially by participating in music and dance. Enable group leaders to identify children with a strong interest in any of three activity groups including dance, music, fashion/printing, body art, and income generating potential, possibly leading to paid employment Provide users with names of organisation's which would participate in apprenticeship schemes leading to offer of paid employment Will enhance APDA's commitment to reducing poverty, redressing inequality and preventing exclusion Activities cited include: 											
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	<p>a suitably adapted dance style and explore balance and use of space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given opportunity to develop own movement ideas Workshops will be designed to encourage creativity, improved co-ordination and increased confidence <p>Fashion/Printing/Body Art</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Users will be taught about colours, patterns and symmetry Users will learn to create beautiful henna tattoos design for themselves and create a week-lasting design 	<p>six sessions Co-ordinator will use a combination of music including pop songs, popular Indian tunes, nursery rhymes and music from TV shows Frequency: Fridays &/or Saturday mornings Location: APDA day centre</p> <p>Six week session workshops to be delivered over 12 hours Frequency: Fridays &/or Saturdays Location: APDA day centre</p>	12 users will benefit
	Year 2		
	<p>Dance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to encourage creativity, improve co-ordination, increase confidence and develop rhythm and musicality <p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to experiment with sound, create own selected music and song <p>Fashion/Body Art</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<p>Frequency: Weekly Fridays &/or Saturdays Location: APDA day centre</p> <p>Frequency: Weekly Fridays &/or Saturdays Location: APDA day centre</p>	<p>12 users</p> <p>12 users</p> <p>12 users</p>
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	<p>Dance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiaries continue with the chosen dance Shortlist of beneficiaries interested in participating in exhibition 	Location and frequency continued	12 users

11.	Joint working with other organisations APDA set out some linkages to partners agencies as part of the project but needed to develop this further.
12.	Financial Analysis The organisation seeks a revenue grant of £68,626.00 over 2 years and nine months from Jul 1st 2012 until 31 st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream. The organisation met the financial criteria. APDA does not set out other sources of funding to support the project.
13.	Equality and Diversity APDA has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Equality data about present provision by the organisation suggests that adult, disabled people from an Asian ethnic background would be the main beneficiaries of the project.
14.	Internal Consultation The council already funds this organisation to work on a sporting project in the three-year Main Programme Grant 2009-12. The council leases an asset to this organisation. Departments already working with this organisation gave a favourable response about their experience. In assessing the project they raised areas of the proposed approach and measurement which need development alongside the need for further development of partnership linkages.
15.	Officers Assessment APDA has been funded to deliver some Adult Social Care Services and leases a property from the Council. The organisation has provided 2 independent references and consultation with other council departments providing some favourable feedback. The exit strategy relies on further fundraising The proposed project has some alignment with the Borough Plan priorities but the evidence of need, alignment with statutory provision and partnership working with other organisations in the borough needed further development. In view of the combined assessment, the bid has not met the criteria for funding on this occasion.
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1.	Project Title	Asian Women's Resource Centre's (AWRC) Young Women's Project
2.	Name of Organisation	Asian Women's Resource Centre (AWRC)
3.	<p>Organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities</p> <p>Key aims of AWRC include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering frontline services to women affected by domestic abuse across London, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Physical, domestic and sexual violence ○ forced marriages ○ honour-based violence, ○ trafficking ○ women with no recourse to public funds • provides information and advice services in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Homelessness ○ Welfare benefits ○ Child contact and immigration (particularly with regard to women with no access to public funds) ○ Family law • Raising awareness to issues affecting BAMER women and children through public, media and professional services and acting as catalyst for change • Provide a voice for BAMER women and children, locally, nationally and internationally <p>Activities provided by AWRC include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support services to women experiencing domestic violence • Provision of free and confidential advice in the following areas of law: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asylum ○ Welfare benefits ○ Immigration ○ Housing and homelessness ○ Debt/money advice ○ Education and employment ○ Health ○ Racial discrimination, ○ Domestic violence ○ Community care and ○ Tax credits • Legal representation in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asylum support ○ Immigration and welfare benefits • Support to young women in Brent experiencing abuse • Support to non-residential Indian women experiencing abuse with no recourse to public funds • Training to frontline staff from both voluntary and statutory sectors on domestic abuse affecting BMER women • Women's drop-in sessions • Domestic violence support group aimed at survivors of domestic violence • Crèche services 	

4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	£16,613.00 (MPG 2009-12) £16,613.00									
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	<p>DV support service for BAMER women aged bet 13-25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out risk assessment • Provide young women's support group to provide structured programme of activities aimed at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Educating ○ Raising awareness, and ○ Encouraging young people to positively engaging with their communities • Issues addressed will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Domestic violence ○ Healthy relationships ○ Mental health ○ Careers advice ○ Confidence building • Provide training to frontline staff on domestic abuse as it affects young women • Providing volunteering opportunities to five young BAMER from local community in year 1 	<p>Location: AWRC and outreach venues</p> <p>AWRC where volunteers will be supported by DV officer</p>	5
	Year 3		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue 1-1 DV support services • Carry out risk assessment • Continue to provide a young women's BAMER from local communities in year one • Provide training to frontline staff on Domestic abuse as it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWRC • 10 am to 5 pm every week day 	30 young women

	affects young women		
8.	<p>Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years</p> <p>First 9 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young women (YW) will be involved in development of project from beginning to end • Design of promotional and publicity materials • YW will protect their lives and safeguard their physical/mental health after coming out of abusive relationships • Young BAMER women will have a better understanding of their rights and entitlements and be better able to make informed choices in accessing services • YW will have improved self-esteem and confidence • YW will be able to voice issues of concern to decision making • YW from local communities will take up volunteering opportunities at AWRC to provide them with skills and knowledge for job opportunities <p>Year 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YW will protect their lives and safeguard physical/mental health after coming out of abusive relationship • Young BAMER women will have a better understanding of their rights and entitlement and be better able to make informed choices and access services • YW will have improved self-esteem • YW will improve their emotional and physical health and well-being • YW will have motivation/engagement with other services and attend AWRC activities • YW will have access to advice and information on health related issues such as health and relationships, education and healthy eating • YW will be supported through abstinence and reduced frequency to alcohol and drug abuse • YW will learn about money management, reduced/managing debt and increased income • Service providers will have a better understanding of DV issues as they affect YW to create responsiveness to their needs • Young BAMER women from local community will be encouraged to take up volunteering opportunities at AWRC to gain skills and knowledge and improve their chances of employment <p>Year 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YW will protect their lives and safeguard physical/mental health after coming out of abusive relationship • Young BAMER women will have a better understanding of their rights and entitlement and be better able to make informed choices and access services • YW will have improved self-esteem • YW will improve their emotional and physical health and well-being • YW will have motivation/engagement with other services and attend AWRC activities • YW will have access to advice and information on health related issues such as health and relationships, education and healthy eating • YW will be supported through abstinence and reduced frequency to alcohol and drug abuse • YW will learn about money management, reduced/managing debt and increased income • Service providers will have a better understanding of DV issues as they affect 		

	<p>YW to create responsiveness to their needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young BAMER women from local community will be encouraged to take up volunteering opportunities at AWRC to gain skills and knowledge and improve their chances of employment
9.	<p>Alignment to Borough Plan Theme</p> <p>Project Title: AWRC's Young Women's Project</p> <p>Project Theme: Supporting children and families and enabling young people to thrive Addressing health and well-being</p> <p>Evidence of need was provided and this linked well to groups expected to benefit from the project. The proposed project had some alignment to borough plan priorities.</p>
10.	<p>Monitoring and Evaluating methods</p> <p>AWRC set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated.</p>
11.	<p>Joint working with other organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not specified but AWRC claims links with the Asian and wider communities • AWRC has links with voluntary and statutory sectors in Brent and across London including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community safety teams ○ Social services ○ Specialist DV co-ordinators ○ Witness services ○ DV advocacy projects ○ DV forums ○ Solicitors, PCTs ○ Housing departments ○ Refugees ○ Women's centres/organisations ○ Health centres and ○ schools <p>AWRC set out working partnerships in the borough</p>
12.	<p>Financial Analysis</p> <p>The organisation is seeking a revenue grant of £68,750 for 2 years and nine months from Jul 1st 2012 until 31st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream.</p> <p>The organisation does not meet the financial criteria for funding.</p> <p>The level of funding sought and the project outlined for the proposed number of beneficiaries appears to be deliverable were the rest of the financial criteria met.</p>

13.	Equality and Diversity AWRC has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Equality data about present provision by the organisation shows that Asian females under 25 are expected to benefit from the project, with a large number from Muslim and Christian faiths.
14.	Internal Consultation The council has already funded this organisation under the Main Programme Grant to recruit a staff member to support young people experiencing or at risk of domestic abuse. Departments already working with this organisation gave a favourable response about their experience. They raised questions about the way in which the proposed approach would align with the statutory commissioned provision in the borough.
15.	Officers Assessment AWRC has been funded to provide services for women. The alignment of the proposed project to borough plan priorities is clear, but financial assessment criteria were not met. There is also need for further clarification on the alignment of the proposed approach to previously funded work and statutory provision. In view of the combined assessment, officers are not satisfied that the project has met the criteria for funding on this occasion.
16.	Recommendations This project is not recommended for funding on this occasion.
Report Author	Augusta Morton
Date	April 2012

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2012-15**

1.	Project Title	CREATIVE MINDS
2.	Name of Organisation	HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM VOLUNTEER CENTRE operating in Brent as BRENT ACTIVE CITIZENS (BAC)
3.	Organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities Key aims include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promote and develop volunteering opportunities • recruit, support and place volunteers especially from BAMER/white working class to increase involvement and to provide assistance through information, advice and guidance (IAG) and training • develop good practice in use of volunteers in H&F and across West London by providing support and training to voluntary organisations that use volunteers • improve services for community through facilitation of volunteering opportunities • promote volunteering to voluntary, statutory and business sectors to minimise social exclusion in development of social and employment skills • to provide pre-employment and employability skills training and support • maintain viability of HFVC through fundraising activities and development of services • facilitating one-off volunteering challenges for business sector to develop employee volunteering and skills based volunteering Activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disseminating information on local volunteering opportunities to prospective volunteers in West London • recruit, support and place volunteers with voluntary organisations, community groups and statutory service providers • provides support and training to groups and volunteers in particular BAMER groups, white working class and eastern Europeans • promote good practice to VCOs by organising and delivering training widely related issues such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ in law ○ Extra support needs ○ Involving young volunteers ○ Good practice, and ○ Volunteer management • Runs volunteer organisers' forum, disseminating IAG to VCOs that promoting sharing of skills and experience • Since 2002 runs Brent Active Citizens providing volunteering support and opportunities to Brent residents • Runs a number of youth projects including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Events 4 Youth (Big Lottery Fund) ○ You & Me Mentoring Project ○ Creative Minds (Comic Relief- mental health) ○ European Voluntary Service (EVS) ○ Foundation Learning – enabling organisations to contribute to the sector through volunteering, 	

4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	N/A									
5.	Amount Requested	£18,750.00 1 st Nine Months £ 24,900.00 yr2 £ 24,900.00 yr3 £68,550.00									
6.	Contribution from other sources	£ 8,132 Organisation contribution to project £ 8,132 confirmed									
7.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project is a peer mentoring programme that encourages young people (aged bt 16-25) with mental health problems to be inspired to achieve their goals through 1-1 support and creative group activities giving then a chance to be involved in local communities and develop social networks Will train peer mentors and volunteers to support young people (YP) to build up resilience, self-esteem and confidence to self manage their condition and become less dependent on public services Will afford participants with opportunities to gain valuable experience in mental health and general social care and enhance their chances of employment and career in the sector Provide training for youth workers and local service providers to be better prepared when dealing with clients with mental health needs Promote and raise awareness of mental health issues in wider community to tackle stigma and reduce discrimination Year 1 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Activity</th><th>frequency</th><th>No of beneficiaries</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up youth panel (8-10 yp) consisting of YP, MHPs, young volunteers and peer mentors involving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Forums Kingswood C'ty Day Centre Met Police Volunteering Programme Brent Mind Youth panel meets </td><td> In 2 months Fortnightly BAC office </td><td> 8-10 yp 40 young people with MHPs 40 mentors and volunteers </td></tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentoring and group activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outreach and promotion recruitment MH awareness training Mentoring </td><td> BAC offices Weekly activities at educational institutions + partners Bi-monthly meetings – BAC offices </td><td>20 yp</td></tr> </tbody> </table>		Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up youth panel (8-10 yp) consisting of YP, MHPs, young volunteers and peer mentors involving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Forums Kingswood C'ty Day Centre Met Police Volunteering Programme Brent Mind Youth panel meets 	In 2 months Fortnightly BAC office	8-10 yp 40 young people with MHPs 40 mentors and volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentoring and group activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outreach and promotion recruitment MH awareness training Mentoring 	BAC offices Weekly activities at educational institutions + partners Bi-monthly meetings – BAC offices	20 yp
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	<p>As in year 1 but without panel set-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth panel meetings • Mentoring and group activities • Celebrity events and • VCOs and other service providers 	Locations as stated and regular intervals	40 young people
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	<p>As in year 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth panel meetings • Mentoring and group activities • Celebratory • VCOs and other service providers 	Locations as stated and regular intervals	40 young people
8.	<p>Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years</p> <p>First 9 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User Involvement: young people (YP) will be fully involved in design/planning, 		

	<p>running and evaluation of project activities to ensure response to needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YP with mental health problems (MHP) will have measurable improvement motivation, and confidence to self-manage their mental health and become less dependent on public services • YP with MHP will be more socially active. 1-1 and group work will give them opportunity to engage in positive activities, create social networks and re-engage in community through volunteering • YP will develop knowledge, experience and employable skills in MH and social skills • Training will give them basic skills and provide invaluable experience • Public events will raise awareness of MH issues and will contribute to reduction in stigma and discrimination • Service providers will become more responsive to needs of YP with MH issues affecting them and be better able to support clients with MHP. <p>Year 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected outcomes will be as in Year 1 above <p>Year 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As in Year 1 above
9.	<p>Alignment to Borough Plan Theme</p> <p>Project Title: Creative Minds Project Theme: Addressing health and well being</p> <p>Evidence of need was provided and this linked well to groups expected to benefit from the project. The proposed project has alignment to borough plan priorities relating to health and well being of young people.</p>
10.	<p>Monitoring and Evaluating methods</p> <p>The organisation has set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated</p>
11.	<p>Joint working with other organisations</p> <p>HFVC/BAC has set out working partnerships with 10 organisations in the borough which will enhance their ability to deliver including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age UK Brent (Age Concern Brent) People • Brent Mind • Brent Association of Disabled People • Cricklewood Homeless Concern • St Mungos • Child Care Centres • Met Police Volunteering Programme • Local Community Centres • Refugee groups • Faith groups <p>HFVC/BAC set out proposed partnership working to enhance the project and participate in the follow forums:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer Partnerships • Brent Providers Forum • Local Strategic Partnership

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brent Council <p>HFVC/BAC will receive referrals from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job Centre Plus • Brent Mind • Genesis Housing • The Career Development Group • Youth Services • Local voluntary and community organisations
12.	<p>Financial Analysis</p> <p>Approval is sought for a revenue grant of £68,550.00 over 2 years and nine months from Jul 1st 2012 until 31st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream.</p> <p>The organisation met the financial criteria. The organisation sets out other sources of funding which will support the project</p> <p>The level of funding sought, the project outlined and the proposed number of beneficiaries appear to be deliverable</p>
13.	<p>Equality and Diversity</p> <p>Brent Active Citizens has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Equality data about present provision by the organisation suggests that young people from black ethnic backgrounds will benefit most with some young people from Asian and White ethnic backgrounds, and that all these young people will have a disability.</p>
14.	<p>Internal Consultation</p> <p>The council does not fund this organisation at present. The organisation has provided 2 independent references and departments who have worked in partnership with this organisation gave a favourable response.</p>
15.	<p>Officers Assessment</p> <p>The proposed project aligns with the Borough Plan priorities and offers a strong conceptual approach making use of local partnerships across sectors and championing volunteering in the borough. The exit strategy includes the sharing of best practice, getting awareness raising to continue via those who benefit from the project and looking to extend the project via sponsorship from Corporates.</p> <p>In view of the overall assessment, officers are satisfied that the project has met the criteria for funding.</p>
16	<p>Recommendations and any conditions</p> <p>The proposed project is recommended</p>

	<p>The recommendation is subject to the following requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing appropriate linkages to the work programme and central government's youth contract • Engaging with the council on any work with families where this project could offer support • Clarifying more specifically the mental health needs which can be supported through the project. <p>The amount recommended is:</p> <table> <tr> <td>First 9 months:</td><td>£18,750.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>2nd Year</td><td>£24,900.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>3rd year</td><td>£24,900.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>£68,550.00</td></tr> </table>	First 9 months:	£18,750.00	2 nd Year	£24,900.00	3 rd year	£24,900.00	Total	£68,550.00
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**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2012-15**

1.	Project Title	Health and Wellbeing Advocacy Coordinator													
2.	Name of Organisation	Brent Advocacy Concerns (BAC)													
3.	Organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities BAC aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide relief to disabled people in Brent by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Providing advocacy support in different styles ○ Maintaining and enabling civic partnership ○ Promoting the rights of disabled people, and ○ Enhancing their independence and freedom Activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-1 advocacy support • CHIEF - Self-help advocacy group meeting with housing service providers • Provide peer and crisis advocacy through staff teams and volunteer networks • Signposting disabled people to other organisations better placed to provide support • Provision of information to help disabled people make informed choices • Provision of disability equality training including development of programmes and personalisation • Networking wider within the advocacy world to keep abreast of current trends 														
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	£28,735.00 (MPG one-year grant)	£256.00 (Adoption/Placement Ser)												
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5.	Amount Requested	£18,750.00 1 st Nine Months	£25,000.00 yr 2												
		£25,000.00 yr 3													
		£68, 750													
6.	Contribution from other sources (State amount and details of funders)	N/A													
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7.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting The aim of the project is to employ an advocacy worker to provide direct advocacy support through a named worker, and volunteers, disabled people in Brent, regardless of impairment, who can substantiate that their issues affect their health and wellbeing. Year 1 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Activity</th><th>frequency</th><th>No of beneficiaries</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>• Confirm appointment of advocacy worker by management committee</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>• Provision of 1-1 advocacy</td><td>Three days per week</td><td>5 users</td></tr> <tr> <td>• Recording impact on</td><td>3 days per week</td><td>5 users</td></tr> </tbody> </table>			Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries	• Confirm appointment of advocacy worker by management committee			• Provision of 1-1 advocacy	Three days per week	5 users	• Recording impact on	3 days per week	5 users
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	health and wellbeing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate Brent CHIEF Follow-up volunteer advocates 	Monthly Weekly	
	Year 2		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued advocacy provision All activities repeated as for year 1 	3 days per week	5 disabled people
	Year 3		
	Continued advocacy provision as per Yrs 1 and 2	3 days per week	5 disabled people
8.	Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years First 9 months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved health and wellbeing through resolution of issues and empowerment Development of a report of issues and empowerment Development of a report on nature of anecdotal evidence Providing ability for self advocates to engage with service providers and have a say whilst developing an agenda for change Ensuring that support, supervision and training remains in place Year 2: Outcomes as stated for year 1 Year 3: Outcomes stated are as for years 1 and 2		
9.	Alignment to Borough Plan Theme Project Title: Health & Wellbeing Advocacy Coordinator Project Theme: Addressing Health & Well being Some evidence of need was provided and this linked well to groups expected to benefit from the project. The proposed project has alignment to borough plan health and well being priorities.		
10.	Monitoring and Evaluating methods Brent Advocacy Concerns set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated but the measures of success could be developed further to ensure clear linkage to specific health and well being strategy priorities for the borough.		
11.	Joint working with other organisations BAC set out working partnerships with 10 organisations in the borough which will enhance their ability to deliver. These include: Referrals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy Network Asian People's Disability Alliance Brent Carers Centre 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brent Connexions • Brent Mental Health Users Group • Huntingon DA • ICCs • Jewish Care • Lifeways • Motor neurone Disease Association • Lifeways and 6 others <p>Referral and Partnerships from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPs • Health workers • And residential homes not separately identified. • Age Concern (Age UK Brent) • Brent Association of Disabled People • Brent Law Centre • Brent Mencap <p>Members of</p> <p>London Inclusion Action for Advocacy Brent Disabled User Forum Brent LINK British Council of Disabled People The National Centre for Independent Living and The Care Quality Commission's Speak Out Network Facilitates CHIEF (Campaign for Housing, Independence and Equality),</p>
12.	<p>Financial Analysis</p> <p>The bid seeks a revenue grant of £68, 750 for 2 years and nine months from Jul1st 2012 until 31st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream.</p> <p>The organisation met the financial criteria. The organisation does not set out other sources of funding to support the project</p>
13.	<p>Equality and Diversity</p> <p>Brent Advocacy Concerns has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Equality data about present provision by the organisation suggests that mainly adults between 25 and 75 from a range of ethnic backgrounds will benefit (with the largest groups from black and white ethnic backgrounds). Three quarters of the people benefiting are disabled.</p>
14.	<p>Internal Consultation</p> <p>Officers were aware of the organisation and work it has undertaken in the borough over the years. There was a need for further information about proposed activity in order to assess whether the level of funding sought, the project outlined and the proposed number of beneficiaries were deliverable.</p>
15.	<p>Officers Assessment</p> <p>The council funded this organisation via a one year Main Programme Grant in</p>

	<p>2011/2012. The organisation has provided 2 independent references. Departments already working with this organisation gave a favourable response about their experience.</p> <p>The proposed project has some alignment with the Borough Plan priorities but the proposed approach, alignment to statutory provision and measurement of success needed to be developed further.</p> <p>In view of the overall assessment, officers are not satisfied that the proposed project has met the criteria for funding on this occasion.</p>	
16.	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>The proposed project is not recommended.</p>	
Report Author		Augusta Morton
Date		April 2012

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2012-15**

1.	Project Title	Bereavement Counselling for Adults	
2.	Name of Organisation	BRENT BEREAVEMENT SERVICES (BBS)	
3.	Organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities The main aims of BBS are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relief of suffering and psychological and behavioural problems associated with bereavement and loss• Reduce hospital admissions, GP visits and social services intervention• To support and empower bereaved individuals to lead healthy lives to enable them to work, study and live in community to their best potential• BBS works to the highest professional standards including full insurance, appropriate policies and procedures to enable safety of clients and volunteers and staff Activities undertaken by BBS includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1-1 individual counselling and support for bereaved adults• Twice-weekly drop-in centre for bereaved people in distress• Telephone help-line to provide instant support for bereaved people in crisis• Children's special service offering individual counselling and support for families and teachers• Specialist Young People's Service providing counselling and support for young people to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ return to education or work○ prevent crime○ domestic violence○ drug and alcohol abuse○ teenage pregnancy• training for health and social services staff, schools, colleges and day centres		
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	£13,824.00 pa (MPG for children service) £16,039.00 (Brent Housing Partnership) £29,863.00	
5.	Amount Requested	£16,870.00 £23,620.00 £23,620.00 £64,110.00	1 st Nine Months yr2 yr3
6.	Contribution from other sources	£4,200 Evening Standard Dispossessed Fund £215,200 Bids awaiting confirmation £ 4,200 confirmed	
7.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting The aim of the project is to improve lives of bereaved adults and to prevent them falling into crime and other anti-social behaviours which can sometimes result from bereavement. The project will help adults build up their lives by improving their health, improving social cohesion, education and become affirmative adults.		

	Year 1		
	Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advertising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 500 flyers to be distributed by volunteers to social and health related services in Brent 	Monthly	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of 4000 counselling sessions provided by 30 volunteer counsellors 	Daily 1-hr long sessions in counselling rooms at 'Willesden Centre for Health and Care (WCHC) Times and dates selected by users	300 people
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer counsellors to provide 6 supervision groups of 2.5 hrs duration 	WCHC Fortnightly	30 users
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 training sessions a year for volunteers. Workshops in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding Mental health issues Evaluation and monitoring Therapeutic approaches 	Quarterly at WCHC	Counsellors
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment of 6 volunteers to supplement annual turnover 		6 volunteers
	Year 2		
	Repeat as for year 1		
	Year 3		
	Repeat as for yrs 1 & 2		
8.	Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years		
	First 9 months:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise people's awareness to BBS service provision Reduction in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental health problems Need for social services and health related support Use of prescription drugs and alcohol Increase in social cohesion and family understanding Professionally supported volunteers Increase in knowledge of volunteers Increased safety for clients, volunteers and staff Increased knowledge of volunteers and staff Enhanced service provision 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to maintain services <p>Year 2: As in year 2</p> <p>Year 3: As in years 2 & 3</p>
9.	<p>Alignment to Borough Plan Theme</p> <p>Project Title: Bereavement Counselling for Adults Project Theme: Addressing health and well being</p> <p>Some evidence of need was provided and this had some linkages to groups expected to benefit from the project The proposed project has some alignment to borough plan priorities.</p>
10.	<p>Monitoring and Evaluating methods</p> <p>The organisation set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated but a number of the methods for collection of data and a few of the measures needed further development.</p>
11.	<p>Joint working with other organisations</p> <p>BBS has working partnerships with the following organisations in the borough which enhance their ability to deliver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brent Council Social Services • Brent Mental health Team • Brent NHS – GPs and hospitals • Brent Mind • Brent Victim Support • Brent IAPT • Brent Association of Disabled People • 30 schools and colleges in Brent <p>The organisation stated the intention to meet social services, health and voluntary sector organisations on a quarterly basis to support the linkages to statutory provision.</p>
12.	<p>Financial Analysis</p> <p>The bid seeks a revenue grant of £64,110 over 2 years and nine months from Jul1st 2012 until 31st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream.</p> <p>The organisation met the financial criteria. The organisation sets out other sources of funding which will support the project.</p> <p>The level of funding sought and the project outlined for the proposed number of beneficiaries appears to be deliverable but the measures proposed could be developed further.</p>
13.	<p>Equality and Diversity</p> <p>The organisation has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Equality data about present provision by the organisation suggests that the project will benefit adults from a range of ethnic and faith backgrounds, many of whom are disabled.</p>

14.	Internal Consultation The council has funded this organisation to provide bereavement services for children and young people via Main Programme Grant 2009-12 and funds this organisation for housing related services through Brent Housing Partnership. Departments already working with this organisation gave a favourable response about their experience.
15.	Officers Assessment The organisation has been operating for 27 years and is a registered charity. They provide counselling and support for bereaved people. The Council funds this organisation to provide services to bereaved people in Brent. The organisation has provided 2 independent references and consultation with other council departments highlighted a positive track record. The proposed project has alignment to borough plan priorities but in the assessment of the range of bids received the bid was not as strong as others and the proposed project did not align with priorities as well as others. In view of the combined assessment, officers are not satisfied that the project has met the criteria for funding on this occasion.
16.	Recommendations The proposed project is not recommended for funding.
Report Author	Augusta Morton
Date	April 2012

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2012-15**

1.	Project Title	Adolescents at risk
2.	Name of Organisation	Brent Centre for Young People (Brent Adolescents Centre) (BCYP)
3.	Organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities Key objectives of BCYP includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide tailored treatment and support to vulnerable young people aged 14-24 with emotional and mental difficulties • Develop research into working therapy with young people • Work in innovative way addressing a range of needs including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ anxiety and depression ○ self-harm ○ eating disorders ○ substance misuse ○ offending behaviour • Centre aims to fulfil gap provision of effective mental health care for adolescents • Clinicians are sensitive to developmental needs of young people and able to help them achieve positive changes and a better future for themselves, their families and communities BCYP provides the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adolescent Exploratory Therapy (AET) • Psychotherapy • Family therapy • Provision of outreach services for 8 secondary schools • Work with Brent Youth Offending Service (YOS) • Stage 4 Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) delivering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individual therapy ○ Group work, and ○ Staff support • BCYP continues to develop research into working with adolescents and currently working on a study researching effects of group therapy with young offenders 	
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	£15,136.00 (MPG 2009-12) £680.00 (Behaviour att/Connex.) £15,816.00
5.	Amount Requested	£18,750.00 1 st Nine Months £25,000.00 yr2 £25,000.00 yr3 £68,750.00
6.	Contribution from other sources	£3,157 Children in Need £7,762 Bid to be confirmed £ 3,157 Confirmed
7.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting The Adolescents at Risk project will aim to engage vulnerable young people in Brent who have offended or at risk of offending in behaviour group therapy. Project aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve emotional well being of vulnerable young people • Reduce re-offending rates of YP 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve life chances of vulnerable YP• Engage excluded YP and provide sensitive information on a number of relevant issues										
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	Year 2		
	Repeated as for year 1		
	Year 3		
	Repeated as for years 2 and 3		
8.	Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years		
	First 9 months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved knowledge of issues affecting YP e.g. sexual health Increased interest in YP's own emotional well being More YP engaged in therapeutic work YP more able to listen to and respect other people's opinions Improved knowledge of relevant YPs services Increased understanding of YP's legal rights Improved self-esteem YP able to think about and make decisions around reducing their re-offending YP more able to talk about issues they find difficult to think about More young people engaging in therapeutic work YP more able to think about their offending behaviour YP more able to think about their hopes for the future Increased referrals for individual therapy and further group therapy at BCYP Improved emotional well being More young people making decisions about receiving support for their MH Increased referrals to long term individual psychotherapy Young people better able to identify and think about their roles within group situations 		

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9.	<p>Alignment to Borough Plan Theme</p> <p>Project Title: Adolescents at risk Project Theme: Supporting children and families and enabling them to thrive</p> <p>Evidence of need was provided and this linked well to groups expected to benefit from the project. The proposed project has strong alignment to borough plan priorities relating to children and young people and associated statutory provision in the borough.</p>
10.	<p>Monitoring and Evaluating methods</p> <p>Brent Centre for Young People has clearly set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated</p>
11.	<p>Joint working with other organisations</p> <p>BCYP set out working partnerships with three organisations in the borough which will enhance their ability to deliver including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) Youth Offending Service (YOS) Brent Child and Adolescent Mental Health teams (CAMHS) <p>BCYP staff make referral to other partners to a network of partner organisations which provide :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAMHS assessment teams Brief Assessment Team The Prince's Trust Social Services and GPs <p>BCYP provides information to other services for YP such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Brandon Centre Shelter Samaritans, and Alone in London
12.	<p>Financial Analysis</p> <p>The bid seeks a total revenue grant of £68,750.00 over 2 years and nine months from Jul 1st 2012 until 31st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream.</p> <p>The organisation met the financial criteria. The organisation sets out other sources of funding which will support the project.</p> <p>The level of funding sought and the project outlined for the proposed number of</p>

	beneficiaries appears to be deliverable								
13.	<p>Equality and Diversity</p> <p>Brent Centre for young people has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Equality data about present provision by the organisation suggests that young people from a range of ethnic backgrounds and with mental health conditions would benefit from this project.</p>								
14.	<p>Internal Consultation</p> <p>The council has paid some small sums of money to Brent Centre for Young people for work with children and young people and grant funded a project through main programme grant to provide drugs advice in schools. Departments already working with this organisation gave a favourable response about their experience. In assessing the project officers were very positive about the alignment to statutory service provision and approach to delivery</p>								
15.	<p>Officers Assessment</p> <p>The Council funds this organisation to provide services for children and young people in Brent. The proposed project aligns with the Borough Plan priorities for children and young people by focussing on reducing reoffending risk taking behaviour and setting out strong alignment with statutory provision in the borough. The approach to delivery was also considered strong.</p> <p>In view of the combined assessment, officers are satisfied that the project has met the criteria for funding.</p>								
16.	<p>Recommendations and any conditions</p> <p>The proposed project is recommended because of the strong alignment to borough plan priorities and statutory provision, partnership linkages and the proposed approach to delivery.</p> <p>The recommendation is subject to the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of early intervention with young people • Establishment of linkages to parenting support for the family • Engagement with work with families by the council where the project might provide appropriate support <p>The amount recommended is</p> <table> <tr> <td>£18,750</td><td>1st Nine Months</td></tr> <tr> <td>£25,000</td><td>yr2</td></tr> <tr> <td>£25,000</td><td>yr3</td></tr> <tr> <td>£68,750</td><td></td></tr> </table>	£18,750	1 st Nine Months	£25,000	yr2	£25,000	yr3	£68,750	
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**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2012-15**

1.	Project Title	BICC Health Project							
2.	Name of Organisation	Brent Indian Community Centre (BICC)							
3.	Organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities BICC mainly addresses needs of the local community including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving quality of life for Brent residents by educating and promoting healthy regime of activities, to reduce dependence on local services • Increasing integration of the large ethnic population in Brent by emphasising equal opportunities for women to enable them to join in activities in a secure and safe environment • Prioritising employment opportunities for long-term unemployed people to bring them into the work force • Support and educate younger members to broaden their knowledge and ensure a tie-in with traditions to make them better citizens Activities cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yoga • Luncheon club for older and disabled people • Day centre for Asian elders • Day trips for Asian elders • Computer classes for all adults living in Brent • Gujarati school for young people • Health seminars 								
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	£14,014.00	(MPG – one-year grant)						
5.	Amount Requested	£13,892.00	1 st Nine Months						
		£24,158.00	yr2						
		£24,940.00	yr3						
		£62,990.00							
6.	Contribution from other sources	£ 9,000 BICC Contribution £ 9,000 confirmed							
7.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting The request is for activities for older people to participate in initiatives to improve their health. It aims are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a wide range of preventative activities, which will prevent or delay ill health • To enable well being and social inclusion for Asian elders in Brent • Support more people at home and reducing dependence on hospital and long term care • Older people to live their lives with dignity Year 1 <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Activity</th><th>frequency</th><th>No of beneficiaries</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Gradual build up of</td><td>Four days a week at</td><td>250</td></tr> </tbody> </table>			Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries	Gradual build up of	Four days a week at	250
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	activities, to strengthen body and mind, including dancing classes	Brent Indian Community Centre	
	Walking activities	Monthly at local parks and twice a year to the seaside	
	Yoga exercises to reduce pain by strengthening back, arms and legs	4 days per week - Yoga teacher demonstrating correct posture and exercises to build body strength	
	Healthy cooking classes	Weekly Monthly cooking simple foods with reduced oil and salt content classes	
	Blood pressure, sugar level and BMI monitoring	Basic monitoring of health twice a month, at Centre	
	Year 2		
	Activities as in year 1		
	Year 3		
	Activities as in years 1 & 2		
8.	Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years First 9 months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building self confidence and strength • Improve breathing techniques, stability and balance • Reduce pain and improve flexibility with improved body circulation • Change of habit, cheaper cooking and improved diet • Improved awareness and maintenance of stability of health and advanced notice of deteriorating health Year 2: As in year 1 Year 3: As in years 1 and 2		
9.	Alignment to Borough Plan Theme Project Title: BICC Health Project Project Theme: Addressing health and well being The description of the evidence of need in the application had limitations. The proposed project has some alignment to borough plan priorities relating to addressing health and well being		
10.	Monitoring and Evaluating methods The organisation has set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated		
11.	Joint working with other organisations BICC sets out working partnerships with 8 organisations in the borough:		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brent Social Services• Brent Mencap• Age UK Brent• Brent Mind• Hindu Council Brent• CVS Brent and• Genesis <p>BICC did not set out working partnerships with other organisations to support their project specifically</p>
12.	<p>Financial Analysis</p> <p>The bid seeks a revenue grant of £62,990 over 2 years and nine months from Jul 1st 2012 until 31st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream.</p> <p>The organisation does not meet the financial criteria. The organisation sets out other sources of funding which will support the project.</p>
13.	<p>Equality and Diversity</p> <p>The organisation has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Equality data about present provision by the organisation suggests that adults predominantly from Asian ethnic backgrounds would benefit, with more females than males and some disabled benefiting.</p>
14.	<p>Internal Consultation</p> <p>The council has funded this organisation to provide services for older people. Departments already working with this organisation gave a favourable response about their experience. The council leases an asset to this organisation. In assessing the proposed project officers raised questions about the stated evidence of need and proposed budget.</p>
15.	<p>Officers Assessment</p> <p>BICC has been operating for 34 years as a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. BICC has provided 2 independent references and consultation with other council departments highlighted a positive track record.</p> <p>The proposed project aligns with the Borough Plan priorities for addressing health and well being but does not meet the financial criteria for funding. There was also a need to develop the evidence of need and partnership linkages further.</p>
16.	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>The proposed project is not recommended</p>
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**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2012-15**

1.	Project Title	BRENT H3 – the 3-lane highway to health							
2.	Name of Organisation	Brent Private Tenant's Rights Group Limited (BPTG)							
3.	Organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities The BPTG aims to improve living conditions of private tenants in Brent. Activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running a housing advice centre offering specialist advice under contract to Legal Services Commission • Provide additional support for older private tenants beyond strict definition of legal advice • Co-ordinate tenant-centred activities to ensure tenants' views and needs are fully reflected in policy development and campaigns to bring about improvements in conditions of privately rented housing • Promote financial inclusion through Credit Union, Brent Mutual (a branch of Hillingdon Credit Union) and related activities such as help with household budgeting skills 								
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	£33,228	Private Tenant Engagement And small sums on adhoc basis						
5.	Amount Requested	£18,750.00	1 st Nine Months						
		£24,930.00	yr2						
		£24,930.00	yr3						
		£68,610.00							
6.	Contribution from other sources	£ 55,000	Bids to be confirmed						
		£ 0 confirmed							
7.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting The proposal aims to improve health and well-being for two groups of people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those recently discharged from hospital and • Those with long-term mental and physical ill-health BPTG will collaborate with NW London Hospitals NHS Trust (focusing on Northwick Park) to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that in-patients being discharged and those regularly attending out-patients clinics are aware of the project and appropriate referrals made; • Referred people will receive rounded advice, support, advocacy and/or representation to improve homes, affordable heating and lifestyle changes • Other target groups will be added later. Year 1 <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Activity</th><th>frequency</th><th>No of beneficiaries</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Production and distribution of advice and publicity materials</td><td>Distributed in relevant parts of Northwick Park Hospital. In addition to regular</td><td>5000 leaflets will be distribute</td></tr> </tbody> </table>			Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries	Production and distribution of advice and publicity materials	Distributed in relevant parts of Northwick Park Hospital. In addition to regular	5000 leaflets will be distribute
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		distribution channels distribution will take place in wards and out-patients clinics	
	Individual advice sessions for patients/clients	Beginning August 2012 weekly appointments 2 rising to 3 appointments beginning September Delivered from Housing Advice Centre (HAC) or through home visits (adviser resources 1 day pw)	90 clients
	On-going casework	As needed from HAC and through referral partners	
	Cases completed and closed	Through our casework	10 homes improved 18 people show improved health and well-being 25 people benefit from reduced energy use/fuel poverty
	Year 2		
	Activities as in year 1 – with the following at the end of the year		
	Production of report analysing how the project is producing savings to NHS	Produce in-house report with assistance of data collection from NHS. If funding from other sources obtained, an independent evaluator will be employed	
	Year 3		
	As in years 1 and 2 with production of final evaluation report and cost benefit analysis.		
8.	Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years First 9 months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People at risk will be made aware of impact of poor housing and steps that can be taken to access the Brent BH3 service • Problems identified, initial advice given and case plan agreed with client. • Tenants will note progress towards a resolution of their poor housing and is in itself will lift their morale and sense of well-being • Number of decent homes in Brent will be increased and energy consumption and fuel poverty will be reduced • Clients show improvements in health and well being Year 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As in year 1 Year 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As in years 1 and 2 		
9.	Alignment to Borough Plan Theme Project Title: BRENT H3 – the 3-lane highway to Health Project Theme: Addressing health and well being The description of the evidence of need in the application had limitations. The		

	proposed project has some alignment to borough plan priorities relating to addressing health and well being.
10.	Monitoring and Evaluating methods The organisation has set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated
11.	Joint working with other organisations BPTG set out working partnerships with a number of organisations in the borough which will enhance their ability to deliver as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North West London Hospitals Trust • Brent Council • Brent Winter Weather Watch • Brent Start Plus • Brent Community Law Centre and Brent CAB • National Private Tenants Organisation • The Mayor's Housing Forum, etc.
12.	Financial Analysis The bid seeks a revenue grant of £68,610.00 for 2 years and nine months from Jul1st 2012 until 31 st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream. The organisation met the financial criteria.
13.	Equality and Diversity The project has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Equality data about present provision by the organisation suggests that adults from a range of ethnic backgrounds would benefit from the project, with more female than male and some disabled.
14.	Internal Consultation The council already funds this organisation to give a voice to private sector tenants. Officers gave a favourable response about their experience of the Winter Weather Watch project. Officers assessing the alignment of the project to statutory service provision raised questions about the way the different elements of the proposed project fitted together.
15.	Officers Assessment BPTG has been operating for 23 years and is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. The Council funds this organisation to provide housing advice and other services. BPTG has provided 2 independent references and consultation with other council departments highlighted a positive track record. The proposed project has alignment to borough plan priorities but in the assessment of the range of bids received the bid was not as strong as others and the proposed project did not align to priorities as well. In view of the combined assessment, officers are not satisfied that the project has

	met the criteria for funding
16.	Recommendations, reasons and any conditions The proposed project is not recommended
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Date	April 2012

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2012-15**

1.	Project Title	Sweet Inspiration									
2.	Name of Organisation	Carib Theatre Productions									
3.	Summary of organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities Missing from application										
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	N/A									
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6.	Contribution from other sources	N/A									
7.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting <p>The Carib Theatre proposes to run a drama workshop with young people during school holidays and half-term aimed at breaking down barriers and bringing together people of different cultures and generations.</p> <p>Carib Theatre will develop a three-phase project to create an environment in which a diverse group of young people will explore their creative skills and express themselves emotionally while culturally learning from older members of the community as well as professional creatives.</p> <p>Year 1</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Activity</th><th>frequency</th><th>No of beneficiaries</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>School holiday workshops on drama and story telling for young people aged 12-16. Delivered by actors, singers, professional tutor</td><td> Weekly as follows: Week 1: drama demonstration of cultural performance of heritage material and introduction to the project. Location: Brent Theatre Space Week 2: drama workshop breaking down barriers between the group Location proposed: Granville Youth Centre, Stonebridge Community Centre, Roundwood Week 3 & 4: Story telling sessions with older volunteers and project team designed to connect </td><td>Number of beneficiaries not indicated but organisation aims to work with 50+ young people</td></tr> </tbody> </table>			Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries	School holiday workshops on drama and story telling for young people aged 12-16. Delivered by actors, singers, professional tutor	Weekly as follows: Week 1: drama demonstration of cultural performance of heritage material and introduction to the project. Location: Brent Theatre Space Week 2: drama workshop breaking down barriers between the group Location proposed: Granville Youth Centre, Stonebridge Community Centre, Roundwood Week 3 & 4: Story telling sessions with older volunteers and project team designed to connect	Number of beneficiaries not indicated but organisation aims to work with 50+ young people		
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		the generations. Drama improvisations and dramatization of stories told by elders	
	Rehearsal for performance	Week 5 – two rehearsals for a live performance of material developed in the workshops	
	Performance	Week 6 – friends, family and elder volunteers and members of the community invited to see young people perform their work Location: one of Brent's performing spaces – Tricycle, Capital Academy or Brent Town Hall	
	Performance filming	Week 7 – performance will be filmed, friends, family and community members will be asked to give brief comments on camera. Filmed by a camera operator	
	Screening of film for all participants	Week 8/9	
	Year 2		

	Weekly school holiday workshops with same set of students as for year 1	Workshop location to be confirmed Week 1 – drama improvisation workshop Week 2 – re-introduction to elder volunteers, sharing cultural stories, music, literature and poetry Week 3 – participants invited to share their own poems, and improvised drama pieces based on their own experiences. Elders invited to participate Week 4 – development of individuals performance pieces based on work done so far.	
	Filming of participants performance pieces – filmed to a high standard by professional team	Weeks 5 and 6 – filming of individuals performance pieces on locations in Brent.	
	Screening of filmed performances for participants, volunteers, friends, family and wider community	Week 9 – screening of edited stylised performance pieces. Location: local library, museum or Tricycle Theatre or Lexi Cinema	
	Year 3		
	School holiday film project – weekly workshops improvising and working with a screen writer to develop a film script Workshops delivered by project team, drama tutor and attended by elderly volunteers	Weeks 1-4 workshop location to be announced 1 workshop attended by elderly volunteers	
	Rehearsal and shooting of film	Week 5-6 – rehearsal location tbc – end of project gratitude event and screen of film, venue to announced – possibly	

		Tricycle Theatre and Lexi Cinema	
8.	<p>Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years</p> <p>First 9 months:</p> <p>Outcomes for young people will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved confidence • self expression, self-discipline, intergenerational and cultural learning skills as well as performance skills • Improvements in performance skills, confidence, literacy in addition to above • Improved confidence serving as an acknowledgement of achievement and designed to instil sense of self belief • Improved confidence by sending copies of DVD to schools to make teachers aware of pupils' achievements <p>Year 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building a micro-community by keeping relations between young and old alive • Introduction to professional media worlds, exposure to skills and possible career pathways • Develop self-confidence in cultural expression • Breaking down barriers by showcasing talent and hard work displayed by young people • Instilling a sense of achievement through work • Copies of film to be sent to schools to raise teachers' awareness to achievements of students <p>Year 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to screen writing, improved drama skills, continued relationship with elderly community, improvement in drama and literacy skills • Working with film industry professionals • Introduction to new skills and career options • Improving performance • Achievement gained from completing a project and acting in a professionally shot film 		
9.	<p>Alignment to Borough Plan Theme</p> <p>Project Title: Sweet Inspiration</p> <p>Project Theme: Protecting our environment and enhancing our cultural offer</p> <p>Some evidence of need was provided and this linked to groups expected to benefit from the project. The proposed project has some alignment to borough plan priorities.</p>		
10.	<p>Monitoring and Evaluating methods</p> <p>Carib Theatre set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated but measures of success need further development.</p>		
11.	<p>Joint working with other organisations</p> <p>The bid does not set out working partnerships in the borough.</p>		

12.	Financial Analysis <p>The bid is seeking a revenue grant of £68,750.00 over 2 years and nine months from Jul 1st 2012 until 31st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream.</p> <p>The organisation met the financial assessment criteria. The organisation does not set out other sources of funding to support the project</p> <p>A proper assessment of the level of funding sought, the project outlined and the proposed number of beneficiaries could not be made because of missing information on the application form.</p>
13.	Equality and Diversity <p>Carib Theatre has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. There was no equality data about present provision by the organisation on which to make an assessment of likely beneficiaries.</p>
14.	Internal Consultation <p>Feedback from officers who have worked with the organisation in the past was positive but the missing information meant that a full assessment of the bid could not be made.</p>
15.	Officers Assessment <p>Carib theatre did not provide 2 independent references. The proposed project has some alignment with the Borough Plan priorities but there was not enough information in the application in order to assess the bid against all the criteria for funding. The exit strategy is based on the DVD product and letter of achievement young people would take away with them form the project.</p> <p>In view of the overall assessment, officers are not satisfied that this project met the criteria for funding.</p>
16.	Recommendations <p>The proposed project is not recommended for funding.</p>
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**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2012-15**

1.	Project Title	Prisoner Family Support
2.	Name of Organisation	Centre for Peaceful Solutions (CPS)
3	Summary of organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities CPS aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish projects that change attitudes to conflict • Help people resolve conflicts without resorting to emotional or physical violence • Strengthen families and create stronger communities • Introduce conflict resolution and non-violence to people living and working in marginalised, 'hard-to-reach' disempowered communities • CPS works with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ gang members ○ school children and their families ○ vulnerable children and people from different faiths/ethnic backgrounds, ○ develop strong partnership with local groups • CPS provides conflict resolution skills training through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ tailored workshops ○ One-to-one training and ○ On-going support • To enable mediation to work effectively CPS trains and supports individuals in each project to become fully trained mediators to ensure continuation of projects at end of funding Activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching non-violent mediation to YP in danger of becoming gang members for application at home, street level and at school • Work is in partnership with local residents, local groups, charities, schools, statutory authorities and directly with families' • CPS also works on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ developing peer mediation in schools ○ developing training and workshops ○ facilitation ○ emotional support for frontline staff ○ dealing with workplace stress • CPS also works with families on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Divorce, separation, child contact issues ○ Division of finances and on-going financial issues • Neighbour mediation including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focusing on warring neighbours in long term disputes ○ Restorative justice for victim/offender issues 	
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	£12,322.00 (per year MPG 2009 - 2012) £12,322.00
5.	Amount Requested	£18,440.00 1 st Nine Months £20,000.00 yr2 £20,000.00 yr3 £58,440.00
6.	Contribution from other sources	£15,000 Porticus Trust £10,000 Bid to be confirmed £ 15,000 confirmed

7.

Detail of project

How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting

The proposal is for a family mediation project to support children and families of people in prison, a new innovative programme not yet provided by any mediation organisation, with a potential of becoming a national scheme. CPS is seeking to develop and build best practice in Brent. This is a partnership project between CPS and PLIAS, a prison resettlement project. Project will aim to:

- help families communicate effectively through mediation the physical and verbal violence that occur frequently on release
- bridging gap between offenders and their families
- help build communication skills
- provide early intervention with families and young people by providing mediation and parenting training

Year 1

Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries
CPS implements partnership with PLIAS. Activities to include exchange policies, setup referral procedures, data sharing, risk assessment, safeguarding protocols and developing monitoring evaluation process	First quarter	
Developing marketing, publicity and briefing materials	CPS and volunteers	
Receiving referrals from PLIAS and other agencies	On-going referrals from month 4	10-15 referrals
Contact made with referrals to explore options	CPS offices and referrals' homes according to need	
Go between services – CPS mediates between 'at home' and prisoner member of family	Frequency determined according to need	
Mediation meeting	Family mediation according to need	10-15 families

Year 2

Referrals from PLIAS and other agencies with CPS mediator	CPS Offices and outreach homes – frequency determined according to need	10-15 referrals
Casework continues as in Year 1	Activity continues in year 1	10-15 referrals – different from Year 1
Families helped in year 1 contacted for continuity and offered training in conflict resolution and	training offered at CPS offices	Up to 12 people contacted and can use Dialogue Road Map

	parenting		
	Families offered regular on-going support for six months	CPS	Up to 12 families
	Evaluation and review of projects to enable adjustments – mid programme review	PLIAS and CPS	
	Family members who have aptitude are approached to trained as mediators	Mediation training takes place at CPS	8 people trained as mediators and preparing to volunteer
	Year 3		
	Repeat of year 2 on casework	Volunteers mediators supervised to build confidence on casework	8 volunteers helping families in similar situations 10 – 15 families helped
	Project cemented with networking and sharing meetings	Quarterly at CPS	
	Volunteers coached and mentored to do personal development work - Help with employability, confidence building and CV building	CPS training office	8 volunteers ready to support new volunteers
	Mediation training as in year 2 – supported by CPS		10-15 families
	Exit strategy – write up project and seek self-sustainability	CPS and PLIAS	Seek to take up project regionally
8.	Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years First 9 months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust delivery framework set up • Excellent partnership protocol • Informing relevant agencies about project and offering scope for self-referral • Increased understanding of benefits of mediation • Reduction in fear of the future for participants • Engagement in the process • Emotional support for children and family • Appropriate signposting for other help • Reduction in uncertainty and conflict attitude • Problem solving and conflict resolution coaching to consider complexities and outcomes for family • Resolution to issues with clear plan and remedies for issues raised Year 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families attend training and are able to use the Dialogue Road Map in 		

	<p>communication to de-escalate family conflict</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of regular contact with mediator to listen, empathise and empower the family to problem solve • Volunteers trained as mediators <p>Year 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families assisted through mediation • Conflict resolution coaching and mentoring • Mediation training • Volunteer development • Project evaluation
9.	<p>Alignment to Borough Plan Theme</p> <p>Project Title: Prisoner Family Support Project Theme: Supporting children and families and enabling young people to thrive</p> <p>Evidence of need was provided and this linked to groups expected to benefit from the project. The proposed project had some alignment to borough plan priorities for children and young people but would better fit with community safety priorities.</p>
10	<p>Monitoring and Evaluating methods</p> <p>Centre for Peaceful Solutions set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated but measures of success could be developed further.</p>
11.	<p>Joint working with other organisations</p> <p>CPS sets out working partnerships with PLIAS Resettlement in the borough which will enhance their ability to deliver. Other organisations that CPS will work with include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brent Youth Service – local schools and families on bullying issues in Brent • Brent Education Alternative Provision • Restorative Justice Council • Catalyst Housing • Coram Supported Housing • Arneway Housing, and • Links with schools and GP surgeries in the borough for referrals <p>CPS is acting as a lead organisation for another organisation to deliver this project and as the lead organisation would be accountable for delivered the project and adhering to associated grant terms and conditions.</p>
12	<p>Financial Analysis</p> <p>The bid seeks a revenue grant of £58,440.00 over 2 years and nine months from Jul 1st 2012 until 31st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream.</p> <p>The organisation meets the financial criteria. The organisation set out other sources of funding which will support the project.</p>
13.	<p>Equality and Diversity</p> <p>Centre for Peaceful Solutions has a policy setting out its commitment to equal</p>

	opportunities. The organisation states that the project will focus on the cohort of offenders whatever their background.
14.	<p>Internal Consultation</p> <p>The project linked to the borough plan but the alignment to the statutory provision of integrated offender management needed development. Professionals working with offenders raised questions about the proposed approach to supporting the cohort of families with complex needs.</p>
15.	<p>Officers Assessment</p> <p>The council has funded this organisation through main programme grant to provide mediation services for children and young people in schools. Centre for Peaceful Solutions has provided 2 references.</p> <p>The proposed project aligned with Borough Plan priorities for children and young people but that to statutory provision and proposed approach needed further development. In the assessment of the range of bids this bid was not as strong as others.</p> <p>In view of the overall assessment, officers are not satisfied that the project has met the criteria for funding on this occasion.</p>
16.	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>The proposed project is not recommended</p>
Report Author	Augusta Morton
Date	April 2012

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2012-15**

1.	Project Title	Chalkhill Cre8								
2.	Name of Organisation	Chalkhill Community Centre (CCC)								
3	Summary of organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities The main aims of the CCC include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving life chances of members of local community by creating a socially, economically and emotionally sustainable and community based organisation • CCC enables local residents to meet and work together with local authority, voluntary organisations and other groups in an effort to provide activities in the interest of social welfare, health and recreation • CCC deems it essential for local communities to have a place to meet, socialise for single mothers, old age pensioners, and young people. Activities provided at the Centre include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitness for over 50s • DJ workshops • Community choir (Brent Mixed Voices) • Mum & toddler playgroups • Youth groups • Healthy cooking classes • Yoga, aerobics • Drama classes • Large free events for the community including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open day with lots of fun such as: ○ Easter egg hunt ○ Black history month – celebrating cultural diversity ○ International food day and ○ AGM 									
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	Small sums on adhoc basis for hiring of venue								
5	Amount Requested	<table> <tr> <td>£17,288.00</td> <td>1st Nine Months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£22,832.00</td> <td>yr2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£22,932.00</td> <td>yr3</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">£63,052.00</td> </tr> </table>	£17,288.00	1 st Nine Months	£22,832.00	yr2	£22,932.00	yr3	£63,052.00	
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6.	Contribution from other sources	N/A <hr/> £ 0								
7.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aim of this project is to provide after school and holiday time sports and creative activities for young people between the ages of 8 and 19. • The project will provide constructive, creative, and educational activities for local youth in a safe and supportive environment • On a longer term the activity will empower YP allowing their confidence to grow and enable them to make clear decisions about some life choices. Year 1:									

	Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries
	Tennis sessions for children aged 8-19	Weekly – two sessions on Wednesdays Location: the Centre	50 children and YP
	Creative writing workshop for children aged 14-19	Weekly on Wednesday afternoons Location: the Centre	
	Dance classes for children aged between 8-13	Weekly on Wednesday afternoons and early evenings Location: The Centre	
	Organised trip for children aged 8-13	Once a year during summer holidays. Destination to be agreed	
	Final event to showcase work, open to community. Including table tennis	Annually in April at the Centre	
	Year 2:		
	Activities and location as in Year 1		60 children and YP
	Year 3:		
	Activities as in years 1 & 2		60 children and YP
8.	Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years First 9 months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a safe environment for YP, to encourage exercise and promote socialising between groups and build self-esteem To promote creativity, improve literacy skills, promote constructive way of dealing with issues Promote exercise and build self-esteem To educate and inform YP and promote socialising Bring the community together to bring about self-esteem Year 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expected outcomes and achievements as in Year 1 Year 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expected outcomes and achievements as in Year 1 		
9.	Alignment to Borough Plan Theme Project Title: Chalkhill Cre8 Project Theme: Supporting children and families and enabling young people to thrive Addressing health and well being Evidence of need was provided and this linked well to groups expected to benefit from the project. The proposed project aligns to borough plan priorities relating to children and young people and health and well being.		

10.	Monitoring and Evaluating methods Chalkhill Community Centre has set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated, some of these measures could be strengthened.
11.	Joint working with other organisations CCC set out working partnerships with five organisations in the borough which will enhance their ability to deliver. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Housing Partnership • Brent Council • Chalkhill Youth Forum • Brent Active Citizens • British Judo Association
12.	Financial Analysis The bid seeks a revenue grant of £63,050 over 2 years and nine months from Jul 1st 2012 until 31 st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream. Subject to the provision of the signed copy of the accounts already submitted, this organisation would meet the financial assessment criteria. The organisation does not set out other sources of funding to support the project. The level of funding sought, the project outlined and the proposed number of beneficiaries appear to be deliverable but the level of support costs sought is slightly above that which we would expect to see for project funding.
13.	Equality and Diversity Chalkhill Community Centre has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Equality data about present provision by the organisation suggests that children and young people from a range of ethnic backgrounds (the largest groups being Mixed, Black and Asian with some from White ethnic backgrounds) and faith backgrounds (with Muslim and Christian the largest groups) would benefit with more males than females and some disabled people benefiting.
14.	Internal Consultation Chalkhill Community Centres provided 2 references and departments already working with this organisation gave a favourable response about their experience. The proposed package of activities was viewed positively.
15.	Officers Assessment The proposed project aligns with the Borough Plan priorities for children and young people and health and well being. The proposed package of activities, partnership linkages and evidence of need were well argued. The Council funds this organisation to provide services for all categories of residents. In view of the overall assessment, officers are satisfied that project has met the criteria for funding, subject to some conditions.

16.	<p>Recommendations and any conditions</p> <p>The proposed project is recommended because of the strong evidence of local need, alignment with other provision and the suggested approach to delivery.</p> <p>The recommendation is subject to the following requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing further linkages outside the immediate locality • Reduction of support costs set out in budget • Subject to provision of outstanding additional information • Work with officers to strengthen measures of success <p>The amount recommended is</p> <table> <tr> <td>First 9 months</td><td>£17,015.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>2nd Year</td><td>£22,468.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>3rd year</td><td>£22,568.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>£62,051.00</td></tr> </table>	First 9 months	£17,015.00	2 nd Year	£22,468.00	3 rd year	£22,568.00	Total	£62,051.00
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**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2013-15**

1.	Project Title	None indicated
2.	Name of Organisation	The Chameleons Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS)
3.	Summary of organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities The main objects of the Society are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To produce and perform shows for the entertainment of the general public • To make available for the benefit of members all things reasonably necessary for achieving the above object including (but not limited to) provision of facilities for auditions, rehearsals and other matters • To provide and arrange for other advantages and benefits such as social events and fundraising usually associated with an amateur dramatic society In practice aims are interpreted by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including as many people as possible in performance to deliver productions • Being as inclusive as possible and count people of all backgrounds and abilities as participants and members of the group • Aim to make productions accessible for wide range of audience members by producing varied programme of productions each year. Activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production of two plays per year in Brent, bringing in members from across the borough and beyond, to a largely disparate audience • Performances have always been in Brent Town Hall until recently when they have had to go elsewhere due to inaccessibility of the stage. • CADS performs two plays per year in Kingsland Hall, United Reformed Church (URC) in East Lane, Wembley 	
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	£2,440.00 (per year MPG 2009-12)
5.	Amount Requested	£2,375.00 1 st Nine Months £4,553.00 yr2 £5,500.00 yr3 £12,428.00
6.	Contribution from other sources	£ 2,100 Fundraising to be confirmed £0 confirmed
7.	Alignment to Borough Plan Theme Project Title: None indicated Project Theme: Protecting our environment and enhancing our cultural offer Evidence of need was provided but this was not linked to specific groups expected to benefit from the project. The proposed project has alignment to borough plan priorities relating to culture.	
8.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting The aims of the project are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase participation in performing arts across the borough • Increase attendance at theatrical events by residents of the borough 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a lasting legacy for delivery of amateur theatre in the borough <p>These would be delivered by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertisement and promotion • Increase in audiences particularly encouraging participation of under-represented areas of the community • Involving schoolchildren, and • Providing a legacy venue and framework that will increase participation <p>Year 1:</p> <table> <tr> <th>Activity</th><th>frequency</th><th>No of beneficiaries</th></tr> <tr> <td>Membership/participation campaign for local adults and for children in Brent schools</td><td>August/September Membership campaign</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Co-ordinate and distribute tickets for charities and other groups normally unable to attend theatre for the January 2013 pantomime</td><td>2012</td><td>100 audience members from local charities and other groups</td></tr> <tr> <td>Identify protected characteristics of participants/audience across the year, together with Brent residential status – statistics</td><td>on-going</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Workshops in local schools for Spring Show which will be related to GCSE syllabus</td><td>April/May 2013</td><td>Workshops delivered to 100+ school children – free tickets for schools in URC, East Lane</td></tr> </table> <p>Year 2</p> <table> <tr> <td>Co-ordinate and distribute tickets for charities and other groups normally unable to attend theatre for the January 2013 pantomime</td><td>Communications with groups November/December 2013</td><td>200 audience members from charities and other groups</td></tr> <tr> <td>Introduce discount for Brent residents to encourage theatrical participation based on survey</td><td>On-going</td><td>Increase of 10% in Brent audience members</td></tr> <tr> <td>Target groups with under-represented protected characteristics to increase breadth of participation – both for membership and viewing. Continue monitoring</td><td>On-going e.g. leaflets to affected groups areas, depending on what found out in survey</td><td>Based on results of Year 1 survey</td></tr> <tr> <td>Workshops in local schools for the spring show which will be related to GCSE</td><td>April/May 2014</td><td>Workshops delivered to 200+children on play of curriculum interest – free tickets for schools in</td></tr> </table>			Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries	Membership/participation campaign for local adults and for children in Brent schools	August/September Membership campaign		Co-ordinate and distribute tickets for charities and other groups normally unable to attend theatre for the January 2013 pantomime	2012	100 audience members from local charities and other groups	Identify protected characteristics of participants/audience across the year, together with Brent residential status – statistics	on-going		Workshops in local schools for Spring Show which will be related to GCSE syllabus	April/May 2013	Workshops delivered to 100+ school children – free tickets for schools in URC, East Lane	Co-ordinate and distribute tickets for charities and other groups normally unable to attend theatre for the January 2013 pantomime	Communications with groups November/December 2013	200 audience members from charities and other groups	Introduce discount for Brent residents to encourage theatrical participation based on survey	On-going	Increase of 10% in Brent audience members	Target groups with under-represented protected characteristics to increase breadth of participation – both for membership and viewing. Continue monitoring	On-going e.g. leaflets to affected groups areas, depending on what found out in survey	Based on results of Year 1 survey	Workshops in local schools for the spring show which will be related to GCSE	April/May 2014	Workshops delivered to 200+children on play of curriculum interest – free tickets for schools in
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	syllabuses		URC, East Lane
	Membership/participation campaign for local adults/children in Brent Schools		Increase community participation in Pantomime to follow through to Spring/Autumn shows
	Collaborate with other local amateur groups and partner organisations (e.g. Brent Council, Brent Arts Council), to establish a venue for amateur theatre	Workshops and meetings with stakeholders to investigate possibility of establishing more permanent (shared?) home for amateur theatre in Brent – early 2014	Establishment of partner organisations and formation of a working group
	Year 3:		
	Workshops in local schools for spring show related to GCSE syllabus	April/May 2015	300+ children on play of curriculum interest. Free tickets to schools in new venue to be identified
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	Target groups with under-represented protected characteristics to increase breadth of participation – both for membership and viewing. Continue monitoring	On-going e.g. leaflets to affected groups areas, depending on what found out in survey	Based on results of Years 1 and 2 survey
	Identify venue for continued delivery of plays within Brent. Identify investment needs and plan to 2020 to make financially sustainable	Early 2015	Identify a venue to support 2015 audience and those of partner organisations. Development of action plan 2015-2020
	Continued discount for Brent residents to encourage theatrical participation based on Survey	On-going	Increase of 15% in Brent audience members above year 2
9.	Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years First 9 months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership/participation campaign for adults and children in Brent • Co-ordinate and distribute tickets to charities who would not normally be able to attend theatre January pantomime • Identify protected characteristics of participants/audience across the year, together with Brent residential status • Workshops in local schools for spring show which will be related to GCSE Year 2:		

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10.	<p>Monitoring and Evaluating methods</p> <p>Chameleons set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated</p>
11.	<p>Joint working with other organisations</p> <p>CADA sets out working partnerships with six organisations in the borough which will enhance their ability to deliver including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Operatic and Dramatic Organisation • Claremont School, Kenton • Neasden Methodist Church • United Reformed Church, Wembley, and • Brent Council (for grant)
12.	<p>Financial Analysis</p> <p>The bid seeks a revenue grant of £12,428.00 over 2 years and nine months from Jul 1st 2012 until 31st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream.</p> <p>The full financial assessment for this organisation could not be completed based on the information submitted by the organisation. Chameleons sets out other funding being sought to support the project</p> <p>The level of funding sought, the project outlined and the proposed number of beneficiaries appear to be deliverable but questions were raised about the sustainability of the proposal or proposed exit strategy.</p>
13.	<p>Equality and Diversity</p> <p>Chameleons has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities and are awaiting actual data on children and young people who would benefit from the project.</p>
14.	<p>Internal Consultation</p> <p>The council already funds this organisation to provide dramatic activities for young people under the 2009-12 MPG. Departments already working with this organisation gave a favourable response about their experience. The proposed approach to widening participation needed further development of partnership linkages within the borough.</p>
15.	<p>Officers Assessment</p>

	<p>Chameleons have provided 2 independent references.</p> <p>The proposed project has some alignment to the Borough Plan priorities for culture but the project approach proposed needed further development of evidence of need and partnership linkages. In the range of bids assessed this was not as strong as others. Gaps in information meant the financial assessment could not be completed.</p> <p>In view of the overall assessment, officers are not satisfied that the project has met the criteria for funding.</p>	
16.	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>The proposed project is not recommended for funding.</p>	
Report Author		Augusta Morton
Date		April 2012

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2013-15**

1.	Project Title	Rapport	
2.	Name of Organisation	Concrete Canvas Arts (CCA)	
3.	Summary of organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities CCA seeks to offer creative and inspiring programmes in drama, music making, fashion, journalism, filmmaking, sports and leadership to children and young people aged 25 and below: Some of their aims include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating an innovative, proactive and creative learning environment that complements formal educational systems• Use programmes to develop artistic, social and awareness skills, responsibility and aspiration in YP• Help strengthen South Kilburn community through promotion of positive activities for local young people and relationship-building events which involve the whole community• Promote a positive image of YP as productive, active and inspirational members of society• Work with other local service providers to ensure that a full and accessible spectrum of cultural activity is available for all young people in the area• Provide routes in, or back into education, training and employment for young people, where possible accrediting courses CCA provides high quality creative courses to a broad spectrum of groups and individuals but with a particular emphasis on children. Principal activities cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delivering arts and media workshops and courses to engage YP and support their transition to employment, including courses in drama, filmmaking and multimedia• A youth ambassador programme that reaches out to NEET YP and hard-to-reach young people• Workshops in schools designed to add value to school curriculum• Providing free training, consulting mentoring and multimedia		
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	£3,960 £36,230.00 £9,240.00 £7,000.00 £52,470.00	Ward Working (Improving opportunities)
5.	Amount Requested	£16,650 £16,650 £16,650 £49.950	1 st Nine Months yr2 yr3
6.	Contribution from other sources	£16,000 £18,000 £ 16,000	Children in need Bids to be confirmed
7.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting CCA is seeking funding for a project that would: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raise education attainment of YP within South Kilburn and its surrounding boroughs• Improve career opportunities through delivery of arts education activities by raising awareness to careers within the creative industries and beyond		

- Enhance social development among residents through increasing their involvement in positive educational activities
- Foster closer local partnerships among community providers through production of short educational video

Year 1

Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries
Structured performing arts and filmmaking training sessions aimed at children and YP in South Kilburn	Weekly evening training delivered by experienced industry professionals at a youth centre in South Kilburn Once-weekly evening drama sessions that will offer YP the opportunity to participate in a positive and enriching environment designed to meet their developmental needs Weekly film sessions for YP to form mini production companies	60 young people
Youth development and volunteer programme facilitating volunteering opportunities within CCA and partner organisations	A young leaders programme will train 8 new 'youth ambassadors' to run concurrently with film and drama classes Will involve: 10 course session 7 creative volunteering sessions and 3 supervision sessions over a period of 5 months Tailored support and advice delivered through one-to-one mentoring sessions	
Multimedia training open young people from Brent	Weekly courses Young people receive training in online broadcasting and journalism to develop an on-line website/magazine that will showcase local talent and present a more positive image of young people	
Youth mentoring and career guidance	YP will receive ongoing mentoring from industry professionals to help them be job ready should employment opportunities	

		<p>arise They would also be supported to become role models for YP in South Kilburn, thus leaving</p>	
	Year 2		
	As in year 1		
	Year 3		
	As in years 1 & 2		
8.	<p>Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years</p> <p>First 9 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better understanding of personal, social, health and economic wellbeing among YP through production of learning resources • Raised aspirations of YP in the area through development and exposure to a new art form and skills • Reduction in crime and fear of crime with in the community by engaging more young people in diversionary activities • Better understanding of careers in creative industries through greater access to careers' advice • Improved communication skills • Increased awareness of actions and greater responsibility amongst YP • Greater respect for wider environment and in particular their local community • More local groups and training providers involved in project and increasing referrals among providers • Young people receiving certificates of achievement or on their way to achieving a recognised qualification • More YP involved in diversionary activities • Improved communication skills • Increased awareness among YP of career and education pathways <p>Year 2: As in year 1</p> <p>Year 3: As in years 1 and 2</p>		
9.	<p>Alignment to Borough Plan Theme</p> <p>Project Title: Rapport</p> <p>Project Theme: Supporting children and families and enabling young people to thrive</p> <p>Evidence of need was provided and this linked well to groups expected to benefit from the project. The proposed project has alignment to borough plan priorities relating to supporting children and families and enabling young people to thrive theme</p>		
10.	<p>Monitoring and Evaluating methods</p> <p>CCA has set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated</p>		
11.	<p>Joint working with other organisations</p> <p>CCA set out working partnerships with organisations in the borough which will enhance their ability to deliver. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Life Arts in Kilburn, and • Sky Arts and Multi-media 		

	<p>CCA set out other existing relationships which will support their work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Schools• Addaction for referrals• Being part of a consortium of local arts youth service providers NLA - currently made up of CCA, Kilburn Youth Centre, Oxford and Kilburn Club, Tabot Centre and the Granville Plus Youth Arts Centre
12.	<p>Financial Analysis</p> <p>The bid seeks a revenue grant of £49,950.00 over 2 years and nine months from Jul1st 2012 until 31st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream.</p> <p>The organisation does not meet the financial criteria.</p> <p>CCA sets out other sources of funding which will support the project. The level of funding sought, the project outlined and the proposed number of beneficiaries appears to be deliverable although the proposed budget for the first nine months should be adjusted to be a percentage of that sought for the following two full years.</p>
13.	<p>Equality and Diversity</p> <p>CCA has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Equality data about present provision by the organisation suggests that young people from black, whit and mixed ethnic backgrounds would benefit with an even split between males and females.</p>
14.	<p>Internal Consultation</p> <p>Departments already working with this organisation gave a favourable response about their experience. The assessment of the proposed project highlighted as positive response to the evidence of need and associated structured response to outcomes for young people alongside the proposed exit strategy.</p>
15.	<p>Officers Assessment</p> <p>CCA has been operating for eight years as a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. They provide services in arts and drama. The Council funds this organisation to provide services that improve opportunities and promote safe and strong communities in Brent.</p> <p>The proposed project aligns with the Borough Plan priorities but does not meet all of the financial criteria. In assessing the range of projects the bid was not as strong as others.</p> <p>In view of the combined assessment, officers are not satisfied that the project has met the criteria for funding.</p>
16.	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>The proposed project is not recommended.</p>
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VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2012-15

1.	Project Title	HB+HM=HF (Healthy body +healthy mind=Healthy Future)	
2.	Name of Organisation	Cricklewood Homeless Concern (CHC)	
3.	Summary of organisation’s description of aims, objectives and activities The aims of CHC includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relief of poverty• Relief of unemployment• Advancement of education• Advancement of health• Relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or• other disadvantage, in particular, provision of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ advice○ practical assistance, including provision of day care and primary treatment centre and related services• Vision includes rebuilding lives and developing communities• CHC regularly engages with local community to agree support for the<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Homeless○ Vulnerable members• Services include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Housing services information○ Drug and alcohol services○ Advice and support○ Day centre, training and employability programmes		
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	£85,000.00 £87,087.00 £20,867.00 £22,477.00 215,431.00	Brent Housing Dept Brent Supporting People MPG Brent Wards
5.	Amount Requested	£ 18,750.00 £25,000.00 £25,000.00 £68,750.00	1 st Nine Months yr2 yr3
6.	Contribution from other sources	£15,000 City Bridge £25,000 Monument Trust £3,125 Lloyds TSB Foundation £3,000 Football Foundation £30,000 NHS London £31,147 Lottery and other Trusts £ 77,272	
7.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CHC proposes to provide services to young people aged between 16-25 years of age to improve their physical and mental well being. The project will address some of the most common health issues affecting young people including:		

- Lack of exercise
- Poor diet/nutrition
- Low self-esteem
- Poor mental health
- Tobacco, drug and alcohol misuse
- Violence and injuries, and
- Those resulting from sexual activities such as early pregnancy, childbirth and sexually transmitted diseases

Activities will include:

Year 1

Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries
Sport activity for 16 – 25 yr-olds	Weekly – Minimum 2 days per week for 2 hours Delivered by qualified trainers in a suitable environment e.g. park	40 YP
Delivery of at least 4 health and well being events targeting young people	4 full days events where people from different disciplines will be available through the day including GPs, MH, substance misuse practitioners Also nutrition and keep-fit workshops	40 YP
Cooking and nutrition courses	Minimum of 15 training sessions in basic healthy eating by teaching basic cooking skills and nutrition within budgets	20 YP
Mental health awareness training	Delivering a minimum of 12 sessions addressing issues such as general MH and specific in areas such as anxiety, depression, self image and confidence, stress, etc.	25
Keep safe interventions to a minimum	10 workshops on how to keep away from gangs, crime, drugs and alcohol	20

Year 2

As in year 1 but with 25% increase in participants

Development, management and delivery of 2 community activities	Undertaken by YP and will benefit local community, e.g. cleaning and updating a run-down area Celebration/festivity event etc Activities to be determined by YP and	
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		local people	
	Year 3		
	As in years 1 and 2, but with 30% increase in participants		
	Further community activities as per year 2	To develop, manage and deliver further 2 community activities that differ in scope and nature to those of yr 2	
	Legacy – pass it on	Development of stay healthy stay safe toolkit for YP. Production of recipe book based on learn a healthy eating resource book that would include how to eat healthy within budget, choosing the right ingredients and list of cheap healthy and easy to do recipes	
8.	Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years First 9 months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve physical fitness of individuals • Develop an individual action plan based on informed choices • Being able to produce healthy and nutritious meals in a budget • Increase of confidence and self-esteem of participants so the feel fit to make decisions regarding their lives • Reduction in the number of YP involved in gangs and crime • Reduction in the intake of drugs and alcohol Year 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per year 1 and • Increased community cohesion ad understanding between YP and other members of the community Year 3: As per years 1 & 2		
9.	Alignment to Borough Plan Theme Project Title: HB+HM=HF (Healthy body +healthy mind=Healthy Future Project Theme: Addressing health and well being Evidence of need was provided and this linked well to groups expected to benefit from the project. The proposed project has alignment to borough plan priorities relating to Addressing health and well being theme		
10.	Monitoring and Evaluating methods The organisation has set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated.		

11.	Joint working with other organisations CHC set out working partnerships with a large number of organisations within and outside the borough which will enhance their ability to deliver. They also work with a large number of statutory organisations including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brent Housing Partnership • Brent PCT • Brent Connexions
12.	Financial Analysis The bid seeks a revenue grant of £68,750 over 2 years and nine months from Jul1st 2012 until 31 st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream. The organisation met the financial criteria. The organisation sets out other sources of funding which will support the project. The level of funding sought and the project outlined for the proposed number of beneficiaries appears to be deliverable
13.	Equality and Diversity CHC has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Equality data about present provision by the organisation suggests that young people from White, Black and Asian ethnic backgrounds and mainly from Christian and Muslim backgrounds would benefit from the project. More males than females and some disabled young people would benefit.
14.	Internal Consultation The council already funds this organisation to support and provide services to homeless people in Brent. Departments already working with this organisation gave a favourable response about their experience and were positive about the alignment of this project with statutory work in the borough. In assessing the project officers gave positive feedback about the proposed progression of activities over the funding period.
15	Officers Assessment CHC has been operating for 29 years as a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. They provide services to address housing issues, unemployment and health. The Council funds this organisation to provide housing services and support for homeless people in Brent. CHC has provided 2 independent references and consultation with other council departments highlighted a positive track record. The proposed project aligns with the Borough Plan priorities by addressing health and well being, with a good approach to measurement of success. In view of the combined assessment, officers are satisfied that CHC has met the criteria for funding.

16.	<p>Recommendations and any conditions</p> <p>The proposed project is recommended .The recommendation is subject to the following condition in addition to standard grant conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with a named officer in sports to enhance alignment of existing sports work • Engaging with the council on any work with families where this project could offer support • Exit strategy development over the funding period • Provision of any outstanding additional information <p>The amount recommended is</p> <p>£ 18,750.00 1st Nine Months</p> <p>£25,000.00 yr2</p> <p>£25,000.00 yr3</p> <p>£68,750.00</p>
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**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2012-15**

1.	Project Title	Brent Excite
2.	Name of Organisation	Drama Workhouse,
3.	Organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities The main aims of the Drama Workhouse include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To advance education and training of all people in drama and in life skills, especially the disadvantaged • Drama is used to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enhance skills ○ Participation has a positive effect on people's confidence, self-esteem and improves their resilience ○ Helps participants to make better choices Activities undertaken by DW cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drama workhouse provides inclusive drama-based training to people motivate people, particularly young people, and increase their confidence, interpersonal skills and communication • Saturday Crew: weekly Saturday workshops for children and young people (aged between 7-9, 10-12 and 13-18), Referrals taken from EILT's – experienced in working with looked-after children • Open College Networks – accredited courses recognised by social services commissioners such as Young Offenders Institutions; • Other institutions take reference • Employability workshops through Speak Up series at Unity Centre in Harlesden – available to unemployed adults • Reintegration workshop for members of the community reintegration service at North Westminster Drug and Alcohol Service • Focus on building confidence and life skills –specially tailored to recovering addicts – similar workshops run for Link (formerly BHUG) and St Giles Trust • Starfish Project; partnership of 4 local groups providing a wrap-around service to children/families in Churchend and Roundwood, with Empowering Families, Potential Mentoring and Brent Samaritans • "Da Word Out Show Live" – collaboration with Genesis Radio DJ at Albany Theatre in Deptford. On-going culminating in work with 11 students from St Matthew Academy on miscommunication and relationships. 	
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	£10,492.00 (MPG 2009-12 – C&F) £150.00 (youth parliament) £1750.00 (Summer University) <hr/> £12,392.00
5.	Amount Requested	£18,700.00 1 st Nine Months £25,000.00 yr2 £25,000.00 yr3 <hr/> £68,700.00
6.	Contribution from other sources	£48,400 In bids to be confirmed <hr/> £ 0 confirmed
7.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting	

- The main aim of the project is to improve aspiration and resilience, a sense of belonging to a community and long term prospects for vulnerable young people.
- The project will work intensively in a varied creative way within localities, delivering integrated, inter-generational, youth and family-focused activities
- The project wants to give YP a platform for:
 - delivering original work;
 - Leaving a legacy for the community
 - Showcase their work, letting them know they matter and holding them up as positive role models
- The project would aim to help YP and their families to thrive by improving cultural opportunities available to them, regardless of background or ability

Year 1

Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries
Consultation with Council to identify first school community and pupil referral unit to target	Meeting with council staff (including VSIF) team as soon as grant is announced	
Consultation and development with head teacher, relevant key workers and early intervention practitioners for project in school community Themes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing extremism; e-safety • Bullying, homophobia • Knowledge of rights and responsibilities • Risky behaviours • Personal safety, being streetwise • Healthy relationships • Perception of youth by community 	First meeting before summer 2012 – activities menu can be reviewed and revised Young people will decide activities to provide in family/community series Teachers will promote life skills workshops Key worker will refer YP with extreme needs to workshops	
Citizenship & life skills workshops for young people in school community	3 groups of people meet for 4, 2-hour workshops before half term	20-25 people
Delivery of OCN Level 1 course to YP at Pupil Referral Unit	To take place in second half of autumn term	
Development and consultation with core team (CT) in school community who will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • administer, develop and collate surveys for parents, teachers and peers • Reach out to community groups 	Second half of autumn term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take referrals for CT from teachers and support staff • Recruit via life skills workshops • Initiate discussion of important issues for 	

	<p>and local businesses to survey them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set targets for project • Decide theme for family and community workshops • Set schedule for family/community workshops, find and book space • Begin outreach and recruitment of group • Recruit YP for legacy project • Begin planning for final event 	<p>YP in relation to adults and the community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide CTs in reaching out to businesses • Select target groups • Show them how to use Brent website and other resources to connect people, generate discussion to bring their own ideas • Have discussion with CT and support staff about issues seen in their families and in community and get them to refer to survey 	
	<p>Delivery of family and community workshops to families and community members in school community</p>	<p>Spring term before half term</p> <p>Workshops might focus on employability with unemployed parents, reintegration following addiction, young or sole parental confidence, etc.</p>	
	<p>Legacy project in school community – CT recruits and forms legacy team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Together with CT discuss preferred outcomes from project, materials to develop and disseminate throughout the community • Their preferred project to run with local businesses and other community groups • The best approach with limitations of a tight budget and time frame 	<p>Assembled at start of spring term – delivered over course of spring term, to be completed in time for final event</p> <p>Materials created (pamphlets, posters, websites, etc.) will be presented at final event</p>	
	<p>Event planning phase with CT in school community. CT will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set budget 	<p>Spring term</p> <p>CT will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set and manage targets for tasks 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide who to recruit within budget constraints • Plan additional fundraising • Arrange workshop and event space • Engage in outreach activities with community and businesses and invite to final event • Discuss and recruit panel, advertise and recruit YP to final event • Write press release and recruit volunteers for final event and workshops 	<p>completion with guidance and professional mentoring where appropriate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide about involvement school departments (i.e. the art department) in project and have to pitch ideas to relevant people • In deciding and recruiting panel, they will approach the most interesting people to them (e.g. police officers, music producers, business people) 	
	Drama workshops for young people in school community	<p>5, 2-hour long workshops to take place within 2 week of final event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YP will develop a devised piece to present during final even. • Method is to play games, facilitate bonding and create an environment wherein YP easily learn without realising it • Conduct improvisation exercises to help believe in their won ideas and instincts • Create a performance piece that engages with issues chosen in early consultations and refined by core group and reflect their opinions and experiences 	
	Music workshops for YP in school community	<p>5, 2-hour long workshops to take place within two weeks of final event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YP to devise and develop musical pieces to present during final event 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YP able to try musical styles and genres they typically wouldn't get to try in school music classes Music will thematically engage in issues chosen in early consultations and refined by core group Also reflect their opinions and experiences 	
	<p>Final event for YP in school community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A devised show in magazine-style format created by young people for their community. To feature dramatic and musical work by YP, school staff, families, and the community 	<p>Happen just before spring term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CT will have initiated and designed event, invited community groups and businesses 2 members from core CT will emcee show and another two will lead panel discussion Others will include other YP, parents Volunteers for event will include other YP and their families 	
	Monitoring and evaluation of year 1	Monitoring and evaluation process will be on-going	
	Year 2		
	Activities will continue as in Year 1		
	Year 3		
	Activities will continue as in Years 1 and 2		
8.	Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years <p>First 9 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project will reach communities with the most people from priority neighbourhoods, with lowest attainment rates and with highest levels of disadvantage Improved integration of adults working closest with young people outside the home Appropriate targets are set for family/community engagement Young people most at-risk have access to skills-building and social activity All young people have access to social activity designed to improve their prospects Under-achievers will gain confidence and improve self-esteem working effectively with middle/high achievers Middle/high achievers will improve leadership and interpersonal skills Improved camaraderie and bonding within school community 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All young people feel more anchored and happy to belong to their community • Vulnerable and under-achieving YP can earn qualification • People outside mainstream education realise that they can achieve what they set out to and that they have options for their future • Opens prospects in terms of continuing education or future employment • Improved confidence, self-esteem, communication skills and teamwork skills for vulnerable section of the population • Vulnerable group of people develop resilience and problem-solving skills for vulnerable section of the populace • Parents and families feel more involved in young person's education and development • Stronger families led by confident, assertive parents • Young people develop practical skills, such as budgeting, communicating with multiple groups of diverse backgrounds, recruitment, online research, telephone etiquette and project planning • YP engage in positive intergenerational interactions • YP gain more respect for adults in their community • Adults develop a more positive view of YP • YP develop something that illustrates their work within the community, which remains within school community for future young people to learn from and enjoy • YP develop contacts with businesses and members of their community which could help them outside the school • YP develop confidence to lead • YP develop confidence in interacting with adults in positions of authority • YP develop confidence organising and managing peer activities • YP develop organisational skills • YP develop confidence in their ideas • YP develop strong relationships with peers • YP learn to express themselves in a positive creative way • YP develop teamwork skills • YP learn the basics of drama • YP know that their opinions and tastes are valuable • YP develop confidence in their ideas • YP learn to express themselves in a positive creative way • Project extends channels of dialogue beyond young people participating to a larger audience • YP are able to showcase their talents and receive recognition from their community • YP open a dialogue with adults about issues important to them • Project continues to improve year on year <p>Year 2: Outcomes are repeated as in Year 1</p> <p>Year 3: Outcomes are repeated as in Years 1 and 2</p>
9.	<p>Alignment to Borough Plan Theme</p> <p>Project Title: Brent Excite</p> <p>Project Theme: Supporting children and families and enabling young people to thrive</p> <p>Evidence of need was provided based upon surveys of local people already</p>

	<p>engaged in other projects run by the organisation, linkages are then made to the role of arts in addressing these needs.</p> <p>The proposed project has alignment to borough plan priorities relating to children and young people by seeking to offer locality based family focussed early intervention.</p>
10.	<p>Monitoring and Evaluating methods</p> <p>The organisation has clearly set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated including qualitative outcomes and the inclusion of some accredited courses.</p>
11.	<p>Joint working with other organisations</p> <p>Drama Workhouse will set out working partnerships with seven organisations in the borough which will enhance their ability to deliver as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary schools in Brent • Early Intervention Practitioners • Potential Mentoring • Empowering Families • Brent Samaritans • Brent Connexions • Pupil Referral Unit • Youth Offending Team
12.	<p>Financial Analysis</p> <p>The bid seeks a revenue grant of £68,700.00 over 2 years and nine months from Jul1st 2012 until 31st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream.</p> <p>Based on the accounts submitted, this organisation does not meet the financial criteria. The organisation sets out other sources of funding which it is seeking to support the project</p> <p>The level of funding sought and the project outlined for the proposed number of beneficiaries appears to be deliverable but suggests a long lead in time to establish the cohort of young people for referral.</p>
13.	<p>Equality and Diversity</p> <p>Drama Workhouse has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Equality data about present provision by the organisation suggests that young people from a range of ethnic and faith backgrounds will benefit from the project, with slightly more females than males.</p>
14.	<p>Internal Consultation</p> <p>Officers have positive feedback about the organisation. There was concern about the level of engagement with organisations still required, before the project could be underway.</p>

15.	<p>Officers Assessment</p> <p>The council already funds this organisation through MPG to provide services for young people. The organisation has provided 2 independent references and consultation with other council departments highlighted a positive track record</p> <p>The proposed project aligns with the Borough Plan priorities by seeking to offer locality based family focussed early intervention and draws upon a range of other organisations to support this. The concept is strong but the financial criteria were not met. The level of work to establish the project and the ambitious breadth of activities and outcomes planned seemed high for the level of funding.</p> <p>In view of the combined assessment, officers are not satisfied that the project has met the criteria.</p>
16.	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>The proposed project is not recommended for funding.</p>
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**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2012-15**

1.	Project Title	Harlesden Supplementary School
2.	Name of Organisation	Education and Skills Development Group (ESDG)
3.	Organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities The main aims of ESDG cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting benefits of Somali refugees, asylum seekers and other black and minority ethnic groups in UK, particularly children and young people by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advancement of education and training ○ Relief of unemployment for benefit of the public ○ Relief of poverty, sickness and distress and the promotion of good health ○ Provision of recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life • To advance the education of people of the Horn of Africa, in particular by provision of facilities to improve schools in the area Activities offered by ESDG include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running a Saturday school in Harlesden for children living in the area and Stonebridge • Twice-weekly after-school education sessions in Southall • Co-ordinate a youth forum meeting every two months to help young people have a voice on issues affecting them • Provide advice and guidance to parents on issues including income, housing and health 	
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	£4,672.00 Engaging young people) £4,672.00
5.	Amount Requested	£11,622.00 1 st Nine Months £15,546.00 yr2 £15,546.00 yr3 £42,714.00
6.	Contribution from other sources	£ 10,000 Bid to be confirmed £ 0 confirmed
7.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting The ESDG is seeking funds to employ a part-time project worker to develop services and help secure the long term future of the Saturday school, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving educational motivation, self-esteem and attainment for children in years 3-10, including new arrivals in temporary housing and without school places • Promote partnership, through close liaison with teachers, youth workers, social workers and other professionals supporting new arrivals and children in education • To build community capacity by involving parents continually and helping them support their children's education through a whole family approach Main activities include:	

Year 1:		
Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries
Supplementary school for children in Yrs 3-10 – in English, Maths and Science	Three-hour sessions for 30 weeks for nine months Extra-curricular activities such as sports day, once a month Location: Age Concern Centre in Harlesden	265 users
Identify children who will most benefit from Saturday school and monitor individual progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Connexions, Youth Service and other agencies to identify who do not have a school place • Work with teacher to identify children already in school • Develop individual action plans for children to set targets 		
Individual and group information for parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselling sessions for parents • Parents invited to stay on after school for in-depth discussion 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation with families and communities • AGMs, parents consultation • Debrief volunteers and tutors • Consultation meetings with families and communities to promote Saturday school. • Liaison with other services to ensure referrals and raise awareness to Saturday school • 		
Year 2:		

	All above activities will take place as in year 1, in addition		
	Formal evaluation of Saturday School	Develop and implement a plan for future funding of Saturday school School will run for 40 weeks	
	Year 3:		
	All activities will be as in Years 1 and 2 although supplementary school will run over 40 weeks		
	Final evaluation	Will revisit all issues raised and formal evaluation and forward strategy for Saturday School	
8.	Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years First 9 months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement in English, Maths and Science at KS1, KS2 and KS3 • Appropriate referral for most in need and most able to benefit • Increased capacity of families to deal with issues affecting them and their children's education • Continuous quality improvement of services • Improved engagement of families and communities in education • Increased local awareness about the Saturday School • Appropriate referrals of families to additional services Year 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As in year 1 above. In addition: • Continuous quality improvement of ESDG's services • Long term financial stability and adaptability to emerging needs Year 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes as stated in Years 1 and 2 including: • Continual quality improvement and adaptability to emerging needs 		
9.	Alignment to Borough Plan Theme Project Title: Harlesden Supplementary School Project Theme: Supporting children and families and enabling young people to thrive Some evidence of need was provided but this needed further development The proposed project has some alignment to borough plan priorities relating to children and young people.		
10.	Monitoring and Evaluating methods The organisation set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated using a range of measures although there were some areas where verification of the data might be difficult.		

11.	Joint working with other organisations ESDG sets out working partnerships with seven organisations in and outside the borough which will enhance their ability to deliver. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Help Somali Foundation• Kulan Association• Saafi Women's Group• Crest Academy Boys• Hillside Islamic Cultural Centre
12.	Financial Analysis The bid seeks a revenue grant of £42,714 over 2 years and nine months from Jul 1st 2012 until 31 st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream. This organisation did not submit all of the documentation required in order for a financial assessment to be completed. The organisation sets out other sources of funding it is seeking to support the project.
13.	Equality and Diversity Education and Skills Development Group has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Equality data about present provision by the organisation suggests that children and young people of Somali ethnic background and mainly of Muslim faith would benefit from this project.
14.	Internal Consultation Officers assessing the bid stated that the alignment of the project to statutory provision already in place in the area needed development alongside more awareness of range of organisations seeking to deliver similar projects in the area. The proposed location of activities also needed clarification.
15.	Officers Assessment The Council funds this organisation to provide services for engaging young people. The proposed project has some alignment with Borough Plan priorities but evidence of need and alignment with statutory provision needed further development. The inability to complete the financial assessment with the information provided was a further factor. In view of the overall assessment above, officers are not satisfied that this project has met the criteria for funding.
16.	Recommendations The proposed project is not recommended for funding.
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**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2013-15**

1.	Project Title	Healthy Living Activities for Older People
2.	Name of Organisation	Elders Voice (EV)
3.	Organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities Elders Voice promotes interest of Brent residents over 50 years old by providing resources that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • relieve their poverty • advance their education, and • improve their conditions of life EV aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide quality services that bring immediate relief and provide new opportunities • work with and for older people to develop the quality services they need that bring immediate relief • speak on the needs and rights of older people to ensure they have a better quality of life and get the quality services they are entitled to. EV activities fall into two broad areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • firstly to enable people to remain independent through practical support around the house and in the garden, and • Secondly to provide older people with opportunities to participate in arts, social and healthy living activities. Activities provided by EV include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • floating support service • accident prevention/handy person service • volunteer led clubs and classes • carer's support service and befriending project • inter-generational activities and arts groups • gardening services and gardening activities 	
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	£133,658.00 (Accident Prevention Service) £74,663.00 (Day Centre) £18,869.00 (MPG 2009-12 CS) £39,196.00 (Carer's Grant) £26,690.00 (Ward Working) <hr/> £293,076.00
5.	Amount Requested	£16,197.00 1 st Nine Months £18,029.00 yr2 £18,570.00 yr3 <hr/> £52,796.00
6.	Contribution from other sources	£ 18,000 Charges for classes to be confirmed <hr/> £ 0 confirmed
7.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting The proposal aims to develop new activities for Brent residents who are 50+ covering:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing levels of activity to promote their well being Food growing, Gentle exercise to music to promote well being 		
	Year 1:		
	Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries
	Gentle physical activity classes with varying range of activities – including Zumba for older people	3 classes per week for 24 weeks Location: EV Centre (Mortimer Road)	78
	Fruit and veg growing sessions for Brent residents aged 50+ Run by horticulturalist	Twice a week at the Grange and once a week at the Club House Location: EV Centre (Mortimer Road)	
	Cooking workshops	Weekly at EV Centre delivered by cookery tutor for 24 weeks	
	Year 2		
	Activities as for Year 1 – all activities will run for 35 weeks		
8.	Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years		
	<p>First 9 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved mental and physical well being Increased social interaction Fresh produce to enable participants to have their 5-a-day at low cost – surplus produce given to older people through EV activities spreading benefits of fresh fruit and vegetables to a larger number of older people Improved knowledge of healthy eating to a larger number of people Knowledge and skills of healthy eating and cooking on a tight budget Knowledge and skills to make creative recipes using home grown produce An understanding of the importance of food to health including need for 5-a-day <p>Year 2: Outcomes as for Year 1</p> <p>Year 3: Outcomes as for Years 1 & 2</p>		
9.	Alignment to Borough Plan Theme		
	<p>Project Title: Healthy Living Activities for Older People</p> <p>Project Theme: Addressing health and well being Protecting our environment and enhancing our cultural offer</p> <p>Evidence of need was provided and this linked well to groups expected to benefit from the project. The proposed project aligns to borough plan priorities relating to health and well being.</p>		

10.	Monitoring and Evaluating methods Elders Voice has set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated and although many of the proposed measures are process focussed they do offer a good indicator of progress towards the overall aim.
11.	Joint working with other organisations EV sets out working partnerships with a number of organisations in the borough which will enhance their ability to deliver. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age UK Brent • Willow Housing • Brent Social Services • Brent PCT • ABi Associates at the Grange in Neasden • Mitchell Brook Primary School and Kilburn Park School • Service User Consultative Forum • Voluntary Sector Liaison Forum, and • Supporting People's Provider Forum
12.	Financial Analysis The bid seeks a revenue grant of £52,795.00 over 2 years and nine months from Jul 1st 2012 until 31 st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream. Subject to the submission of a signed copy of the accounts submitted, this organisation would meet the financial criteria. The organisation sets out proposed fundraising to support the project The level of funding sought, the project outlined and the proposed number of beneficiaries appear to be both deliverable and value for money
13.	Equality and Diversity Elders Voice has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Equality data about present provision by the organisation suggests that the older people from a range of ethnic backgrounds would benefit from the programme with the majority of them female and 70% of them disabled.
14.	Internal Consultation The council already funds this organisation to provide inter-generational activities between young and older people, carers and other activities for Brent residents. There is still one year to run on this grant. The council leases an asset to this organisation. Elders Voice has provided 2 independent references and consultation with other council departments highlighted a positive track record. Departments already working with this organisation gave a favourable response about their experience. In assessing the project they were positive about the combination of activities to enhance both health and well being for older people.
15	Officers Assessment The proposed project aligns with the Borough Plan with a strong package of benefit

	to older people, with linkages to partner agencies and the work they are undertaking. In view of the overall assessment, officers are satisfied that the project has met the criteria for funding.									
16.	Recommendations and any conditions The proposed project is recommended The recommendation is subject to the following requirements in addition to standard conditions of grant aid. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provision of outstanding additional information• Development of an exit strategy over the funding period The amount recommended is <table><tr><td>First 9 months</td><td>£16,197.00</td></tr><tr><td>2nd Year</td><td>£18,029.00</td></tr><tr><td>3rd year</td><td>£18,570.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>£52,796.00</td></tr></table>		First 9 months	£16,197.00	2 nd Year	£18,029.00	3 rd year	£18,570.00	Total	£52,796.00
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Report Author		Augusta Morton								
Date		April 2012								

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2013-15**

1.	Project Title	STARFISH
2.	Name of Organisation	Empowering Families (EF)
3.	Organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities Aims of EF include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop capacity and skills of families in lower income neighbourhoods in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase parenting skills, leading reduction in referrals to social services linked to gang culture Increase in life skills, leading to better health and nutrition, hygienic environments, better managed household budgets and reduced reliance on state benefits and agencies Promote social inclusion by reducing isolation and loneliness in particular parents can participate more fully in their community, in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce mental health burden on NHS Increase access and safety of isolated children so as to reduce the need for health and social intervention Increase access to support for domestic violence, so that women and children are referred to appropriate agencies Activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EF provides support, advice & guidance and practical help to parents, children and their families going through difficult times Delivered through family support volunteers pay home visits to families. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EF recruits and trains volunteers 2 weekly parent and toddler groups Provide parenting skills & family life skills & family life skills programmes CRB checking services 	
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	£ 750 For family support sessions provided to Children and Families department on ad hoc basis <hr/>
5.	Amount Requested	£18,750.00 1 st Nine Months £25,000.00 yr2 £25,000.00 yr3 <hr/> £68,750.00
6.	Contribution from other sources	£ 7,000 Fairshare £10,000 Bids to be confirmed <hr/> £ 7,000 confirmed
7.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting The Starfish project aims to build a cohesive community/voluntary service in the ChurchEnd and Roundwood areas – offering early wrap around family support to local people and to have a legacy of empowered families with skills to work through their problems.	

	Year 1		
	Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries
	First contact point for families self and agencies referrals	Weekdays 9am – 5 pm Out of hours answerphone delivered by EF	132 families
	Practical help, support and guidance in the home for parents 8 wk parenting skills & family life skills programmes	2-3 hrs per week per family Delivered by EF family support volunteers at home As and when required – various venues delivered by EF	
	Confidential emotional support	24-hr telephone service delivered by Brent Samaritans (BS) via their normal service	
	Drama sessions to children aged 7-12 Young people 13+ and adults	Weekly on Saturdays Children & youth drama programme Adults Mon 8-10 pm at Tricycle Theatre All workshops delivered by Drama Workhouse	
	One-one mentoring children and young people Group work	In the family home and/or unity centre 2-3 hrs per week per family (delivered by Potential Mentoring (PM))	
	Holiday activities Children, young people and adults	Easter & Summer Holiday programme at Unity Centre Delivered by PM & DS	
	Year 2		
	As in year 1		
	Year 3		
	As in years 1 & 2		
8.	Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years First 9 months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families start to self refer at an early stage of a problem Parents feel more empowered and having better management of family issues Improved confidence – reduction in suicide/self harming Improved confidence and self esteem in children, young people and adults Reduction in anti-social behaviour Improved integration of children & young People living in Church End and Roundwood Year 2: As in year 1 Year 3:		

	As in years 1 and 2
9.	<p>Alignment to Borough Plan Theme</p> <p>Project Title: Starfish</p> <p>Project Theme: Supporting children and families and enabling young people to thrive</p> <p>Evidence of need was provided and this linked to groups expected to benefit from the project. The proposed project has alignment to borough plan priorities relating to the supporting children and families and enabling young people to thrive theme.</p>
10.	<p>Monitoring and Evaluating methods</p> <p>EF has set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated but some of these measures could be strengthened.</p>
11.	<p>Joint working with other organisations</p> <p>EF is acting as a lead organisation for a number of organisations for this project EF would be accountable for delivering the project and adhering to associated grant terms and conditions. The other organisations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drama Workhouse • Potential Mentoring • Samaritans of Brent <p>EF also works with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children & Families Dept • Children Centres & Schools • Health Centres & Clinics • Catalyst Housing Association • Church End & Roundwood Residents Forum • Elders Forum.
12.	<p>Financial Analysis</p> <p>The bid seeks a revenue grant of £68,759.00 for 2 years and nine months from Jul1st 2012 until 31st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream.</p> <p>The organisation did not meet the financial criteria. EF sets out other sources of funding which will support the project.</p> <p>The level of funding sought and the project outlined for the proposed number of beneficiaries appear to be deliverable but measures of success and other financial criteria as well as proposed support costs would need to be reduced to meet the financial criteria.</p>
13.	<p>Equality and Diversity</p> <p>The organisation has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Equality data about present provision by the organisation suggests that families from a range of backgrounds would benefit from the project, and detail of protected characteristics would be captured as part of the project.</p>

14.	Internal Consultation Departments already working with this organisation gave a favourable response about their experience of previous projects. In assessing the proposed project officers identified the need for further development of measures and raised questions about the proposed budget.
15.	Officers Assessment EF has been operating for six years as a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. They provide family support services. EF has provided 2 independent references and consultation with other council departments highlighted a positive track record. The proposed project aligned to borough plan priorities but the financial criteria were not met and in the assessment of the range of bids this bid was not as strong as others. In view of the combined assessment, officers are not satisfied that the project met the criteria for funding on this occasion.
16.	Recommendations The proposed project is not recommended for funding
Report Author	Augusta Morton
Date	April 2012

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2012-15

1.	Project Title	Breath of Fresh Air								
2.	Name of Organisation	Family Psychological Services trading as Family Services UK (FSUK)								
3.	Organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities FSUK is a mental health organisation that is already providing services in Lewisham and is seeking to provide the services in Brent. The main aims of the organisation include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To assist in the treatment and care of persons suffering from mental illness of any description, by counselling/psychotherapy, provision of support and advice and the provision of facilities for recreation and rehabilitation • FSUK is seeking to work in Brent, based on its experiences in Lewisham because of similar ethnic and demographics and social issues Activities carried out by FSUK include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeks to improve the lives of families, individuals, carers suffering from all states of mental ill-health (including low level to medium anxiety, stress and tension to high level depression and psychotic episodes) • Also those who have physical or cognitive impairments (including Autism, Alzheimer's, Dementia). • Services include: • Counselling: Therapy 1-2-1 counselling to support isolated people • Family support: systemic interventions to help parents deal with mild to moderate day to day parenting issues • Social engagement including regular walks in woodland, parks, trips to are galleries, museums, canvas drawings to yoga and mediation • Psycho Education Community Learning: Parents and families to learn about family dynamics – follows a systemic framework and explores generational, social and cultural systems with a solution focused mindset. 									
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	N/A								
5.	Amount Requested	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>£18,000.00</td><td>1st Nine Months</td></tr> <tr> <td>£24,000.00</td><td>yr2</td></tr> <tr> <td>£24,000.00</td><td>yr3</td></tr> <tr> <td>£66,000.00</td><td></td></tr> </table>	£18,000.00	1 st Nine Months	£24,000.00	yr2	£24,000.00	yr3	£66,000.00	
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7.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting 'Breath of Fresh Air' is a one-month programme of soft sporting activities to improve mental health and well-being using Soft Impact Sports and educating people about the benefits of physical exercise and healthy eating. Programme will be offered to clients in addition to 1-1 counselling and psychotherapy will be used to help form closer links with other family members and the local community. It will help clients avoid regressing into old habits of negative thoughts and feelings.									

	Planned activities will include:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 4-hour healthy eating, nutrition education • 1 4-hour choice of group structured walk or structured group cycling with healthy eating refreshments • 2 1-hour choice of yoga or martial arts 		
	Year 1		
	Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries
	9 sessions of breath of fresh air	9 months Group sessions	15 people
	Adults and young adults from 16 year of age and above	Monthly session 1 4-hour walk/cycle 1 4-hour nutrition education 2 2-hour yoga/martial arts	
	Monthly session	3 monthly session in South Kilburn 3 monthly Harlesden and Stonebridge 3-monthly sessions	15 people
	Participants in 9 months	Delivered by Mental Health worker, 1 mental health assistant, 1 volunteer	135 participants
		A variety of session times will be given to allow people to attend to suit their timetable	
	Year 2		
	12 sessions of breath of fresh air	12 months Group sessions	15 people
	Adults and young adults from 16 year of age and above	1 Monthly session to include: 1 4-hour walk/cycle 1 4-hour nutrition education 2 2-hour yoga/martial arts	
	Monthly session	2 monthly sessions in South Kilburn 2 monthly sessions in Harlesden 2 monthly sessions in Stonebridge 2-monthly sessions in Chalkhill 2-monthly sessions in St Raphs	15 people per monthly session
	Participants in 12 months	Delivered by Mental Health worker, 1 mental health assistant, 1 volunteer	180 participants
		A variety of session times will be given to allow	

		people to attend to suit their timetable	
	Year 3		
	12 sessions of breath of fresh air	9 months Group sessions	15 people
	Adults and young adults from 16 year of age and above	Monthly session 1 4-hour walk/cycle 1 4-hour nutrition education 2 2-hour yoga/martial arts	
	Monthly session	3 monthly session in South Kilburn 3 monthly Harlesden and Stonebridge 3-monthly sessions	15 people
	Participants in 12 months	Delivered by Mental Health worker, 1 mental health assistant, 1 volunteer	180 participants in 12 months
		A variety of session times will be given to allow people to attend to suit their timetable	
8.	Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years First 9 months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved mental health and well being with a reduction in the regression of clients back into old habits, or old ways of thinking Improved self esteem, confidence and relationships with others Increased social networks and reduced isolation Improved mental stimulation for potential job and training opportunities Empower clients to become voluntary exercise and well-being leaders and lead "breath of Fresh Air" Year 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As in year 1 Year 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As in years 1 and 2 		
9.	Alignment to Borough Plan Theme Project Title: Breath of Fresh Air Project Theme: Addressing Health and Well being Some evidence of need was provided but the Brent element of this needed to be developed so that it would link well to groups expected to benefit from the project. The proposed project has some alignment to borough plan priorities relating to health and well being by seeking to intervene early to address mental health and physical well being.		

10.	Monitoring and Evaluating methods <p>The organisation has set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated drawing on regular monitoring of progress of individual being supported.</p>
11.	Joint working with other organisations <p>FSUK set out working partnerships with outside the borough which will enhance their ability to deliver in including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Maudsley • SLAM • Pre-Schooling Alliance • DWP • Local GP's Lewisham <p>FSUK is seeking to develop partnerships within the borough with Mencap and Mind and local statutory services.</p>
12.	Financial Analysis <p>The bid seeks a revenue grant of £66,000 over 2 years and nine months from Jul 1st 2012 until 31st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream.</p> <p>Subject to provision of a signed copy of the accounts already provided, the organisation would meet the financial criteria. The organisation sets out other sources of funding which are being sought to support the project in Brent.</p>
13.	Equality and Diversity <p>FSUK has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Equality data about present provision by the organisation suggests that predominantly this would benefit people between 15 and 60, with some over 60, all of whom are seeking to improve their mental health and come from a range of ethnic and faith backgrounds. This proxy data does not appear to be Brent specific.</p>
14.	Internal Consultation <p>Officers were not aware of the organisation working in Brent and had some questions about the comparison to Lewisham. Officers also highlighted a need for greater alignment to statutory provision in the borough and further partnerships.</p>
15.	Officers Assessment <p>FSUK has provided 2 independent references. The proposed project has some alignment with the Borough Plan priorities by seeking to address health and well being but needs further development of evidence of need, partnerships in Brent and alignment with statutory provision in the borough. The exit strategy includes volunteers from within the cohort leading some of the work in the future.</p> <p>In view of the combined assessment, officers are not satisfied that the bid has met the criteria for funding on this occasion.</p>
16.	Recommendations <p>The proposed project is not recommended for funding.</p>

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Date	April 2012

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2012-15**

1.	Project Title	None indicated									
2.	Name of Organisation	Federation of Patidar Associations (FPA)									
3.	Organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities										
	<p>FPA is a community focussed organisation based in Brent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FPA is committed to encourage and develop abilities inherent in everyone that enable them to thrive to their maximum potentials to bring together cohesive and responsible communities. This is done through facilitating multi-activity platform for young adults and the elderly, focusing on heritage driven hub of activities which help to resource participants with identity centred confidence and skill concentration, <p>Activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosting activities for YP in evenings, week-end and school holidays Activities include arts-based skill enhancing workshops in music, dance and drama Elderly people have luncheon clubs, reading facilities and basic general keep-fit. 										
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council										
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7.	Detail of project										
	<p>How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting</p> <p>FPA wishes to deliver a project that would bring change into the lives of two sections of the community – young adults and elderly people. A participatory driven activity to be delivered from an existing structure which forms part of FPA's current strategy. The project will deliver to young adults aged 16-24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After schools activity in music production After school activity in math club Weekend and school holidays activity music production <p>Second part of the project is aimed at elderly people over 55 years-old through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The laughter club, and Monthly site excursions <p>Year 1</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Activity</th><th>frequency</th><th>No of beneficiaries</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Homework Math club for children aged 7-15</td><td>Weekly from September according to term dates Location: Library Room, Patidar Centre, 22 London Road, Wembley</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>			Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries	Homework Math club for children aged 7-15	Weekly from September according to term dates Location: Library Room, Patidar Centre, 22 London Road, Wembley			
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		HA9 7EX Delivered by a qualified instructor	
	Music workshop session in Studio production aimed at Young adults 16-24	Weekly – Saturday mornings Music Room, Patidar Centre Delivered by professional studio engineer	
	School holiday – music workshop sessions in studio production aimed at young adults 16-24	Twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays Patidar Centre	
	Laughter Club – sessions for the elderly	Twice weekly – Mondays and Thursdays – activities room, Patidar Centre Delivered by Storyland Laugh Workshop instructions	
	Site excursions	Monthly – to various destinations	
	Year 2		
	Activities as in Year 1		
	Year 3		
	Activities as in Years 1 and 2		
8.	Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years First 9 months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement in Maths and numeracy skills Acquire music productions skills in using 24 track studio – recording music, arranging music and sound engineering Progressions of applying skills acquired from attending Saturday sessions to work on ‘product’ based projects Mental well being of participants particularly the elderly Healthy levels of activity Social interaction - making new friends Year 2: Outcomes as for year 1 Year 3: Outcomes as for years 1 and 2		
9.	Alignment to Borough Plan Theme Project Title: None indicated Project Theme: Supporting children and families and enabling young people to thrive Evidence of need for the proposed activities and linkages to groups expected to benefit from the project needed further development. The proposed project has some alignment to several borough plan priorities for children and young people and health and well being		

10.	Monitoring and Evaluating methods <p>The organisation has set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated but some of these measures need to be developed further to link the activities proposed with the impact on lives of residents.</p>
11.	Joint working with other organisations <p>APA sets out working partnerships with three organisations in the borough which will enhance their ability to deliver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brent Council • Arts Council • Zeroculture <p>The evidence of alignment of proposals to statutory service provision through partnership was more limited</p>
12.	Financial Analysis <p>The project is seeking a revenue grant of £67,785 over 2 years and nine months from Jul 1st 2012 until 31st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream.</p> <p>This organisation does not meet the financial assessment criteria. The organisation sets out another sources of funding being sought to support the project</p>
13.	Equality and Diversity <p>The organisation has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Equality data about present provision by the organisation suggest that more females than males would benefit wit a larger group of 15-44 year olds and a smaller group of 60 -75 benefiting. The organisation anticipates people from a rage of ethnic and faith backgrounds benefiting.</p>
14.	Internal Consultation <p>Departments already working with this organisation gave a favourable response about their experience, but raised questions about the package of activities within the proposed project.</p>
15.	Officers Assessment <p>The Council hires out premises from this organisation on occasion. The organisation has provided 2 independent references and officers have worked successfully on some projects in the past.</p> <p>The proposed project seeks to align with several Borough Plan priorities at once and not all of the financial criteria are met. The range of activities is quite broad and does not lend itself to a single project and the evidence of need and alignment to statutory provision could be developed further.</p> <p>In view of the combined assessment, officers are not satisfied that this project has met the criteria for funding to support their proposed project on this occasion.</p>

16.	Recommendations The proposed project is not recommended for funding.
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**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
VOLUNTARY SECTOR INITIATIVE FUND – 2012-15**

1.	Project Title	Fix-Up with Media Skills for Life								
2.	Name of Organisation	The Fix-Up Programme (FUP)								
3.	Organisation's description of aims, objectives and activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The FUP is a programme that seeks to support young people aged between 12 and 21 (up to 25 yrs if disabled), to develop skills to change their lives and enable them to reach their full potential. Targeted YP are from the deprived areas in Brent FUP provides multi-media vocational training, advocacy and mentoring to support development and advocacy to support with housing, training and unemployment issues affecting young people engaged with FUP. <p>Activities cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of range of multi-media courses on animation, web design, graphics, etc for children and young people. Creative projects delivered during school holidays depending on funding – including kite making, illustration, painting, screen printing, fashion, photography, radio drama, etc. Advocacy service for NEET young people aged 13-19 to support and guide them back to further education, employment or training. FUP offers a creative timetable to support individuals on work experience throughout the year. On average, programme supports 6 YP to find placement on 2-3-week schemes. FUP provides a full video production crew with photographers for local events in Brent Participating in events such as Jason Roberts supporting disabilities, Black History Month, etc. FUP mainly works in Brent but has been asked to deliver service in Westminster 									
4.	Current Funding from Brent Council	N/A								
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7.	Detail of project How it will be run, frequency of activity and number of residents benefiting FUP is seeking funds to extend provision of its multi media training to 30 weeks in a year for young people and also to extend provision to additional children and young people in the borough.									

Year 1		
Activity	frequency	No of beneficiaries
Summer media workshop for children 7-19 yrs (divided into appropriate age groups) – 6 week project	Weekly (3 days) for 6 weeks between July and September Location: Stonebridge Community Centre	35 young people
West Indian Kite Making Project for children 7-16 years	October - daily half term (1 week) Location the Pavilion in Stonebridge	20 young people
Festival Doll Making workshops – 7-19-yr-olds Welcoming parents and carers	Christmas project (daily 1 week) 17-21 Dec 3-hour session Location: The Pavilion	20 young people
Illustration, painting and screen printing 7-19 years upwards	Half term project for 1 week Location: The Pavilion	25 young people
Upskilling in Personal Development, Maths, English & ITC To refer an average of number of people during 9 months	On-going (9 months) up to 3 hour classes per week Flexible to attend more classes up to 9 hours) Delivered by London College of Professional Training in Acton Hours scheduled on time-table	15 young people
Year 2		
30 weeks (block of 10 weeks) Weekly Saturday media workshops for children aged 7-12 and 13-19 yrs To reach 40 young people every 10 weeks	Weekly on Saturdays Delivered by Fix-UP located at the Stonebridge Community Centre The Hub IT suite	40 young people every 10 weeks Total 120 participants
Feb half term (1 week) Illustration, painting and screen printing	Half term project for 1 week Delivered by Fix-UP located at the Pavilion	25 people
March/April Easter Half term (2 weeks) fashion and customising	Easter half term Delivered by FUP at the 'Hub'/Pavilion	20-25 young people
Summer media workshop for children 7-19 (divided into appropriate age groups) – 6 week project Workshops will cover:	6 weeks in the summer 3-days a week 2hr workshops per workshop located at the Stonebridge Community Centre (IT Suite)	35 young people

	<p>Graphics, animation, photoshop, photography, editing and digital arts</p> <p>Same as above in Year 1 Include: Caribbean kite-making (October) Festival Doll making – Xmas break</p> <p>Upskilling in Personal Development – Maths, English & ITC</p> <p>To refer an average of 20 young (16 yrs +)</p>	<p>On-going (1 yr) up to 3 hour classes per week (Flexible to attend more classes up to 9 hours) Delivered by London College of Professional Training in Acton Hours scheduled on time-table</p>	<p>Average of 20 young people referred</p>
	Year 3		
	<p>Same as Year 2 for all creative holiday projects</p>		
	<p>Upskilling in Personal Development – Maths, English & ITC</p> <p>To refer an average of 20 young (16 yrs +)</p>	<p>On-going (1 yr) up to 3 hour classes per week (Flexible to attend more classes up to 9 hours) Delivered by London College of Professional Training in Acton Hours scheduled on time-table</p>	<p>Average of 20 young people referred</p>
8.	<p>Proposed outcomes and achievements over the 3 years</p> <p>First 9 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people given opportunity to explore and learn new media skills using professional industry standard software using state of the art equipment • Learn Caribbean kite design techniques, structure and formation to build a kite by hand. To increase knowledge and learn the history of kite making/flying • Learn the history of costume design for individual dolls of interest and to learn how to use a sewing machine and understanding pattern cutting and dress making • Learn new techniques in different mediums and a professional approach in illustration, painting, screen printing using professional art materials • Improve and gain a qualification in literacy, numeracy. To improve English language (ESOL). To build up on self-confidence and communication <p>Year 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people given opportunity to explore and learn new media skills using professional industry standard software using state of the art equipment. Media workshops will cover manga arts, web design, graphics, animation, etc. • Gain certification/accreditation in Creative Media Skills Level 1, 2, & 3 accreditation by OCN 16+ • Learn new techniques in different mediums and a professional approach in 		

	<p>illustration, painting, screen printing using professional art materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To exhibit work that can be sold and donated to charity • Learn how to customise personal outfits to special occasions. Learn how to use a sewing machine and the use of accessories to gain the required look • Lear • n how to produce radio drama. To learn broadcasting skills in radio production using sound effects and music. Participants will also learn how to produce adverts and jingles for their script • YP given opportunity to explore and learn new skills using professional industry standard software using state of the art equipment • To enhance skills in specialist interest such as animation and editing • Improve and gain a qualification in literacy, numeracy. Improve English language (ESOL). To build on self-confidence and communication <p>Year 3: As in years 1 and 2.</p>
9	<p>Alignment to Borough Plan Theme</p> <p>Project Title: Fix-Up with Media Skills for Life Project Theme: Supporting Children and Families and enabling young people to thrive</p> <p>Evidence of need was provided clearly linking the needs of the locality targeted with the groups expected to benefit from the project. The proposed project aligned to borough plan priorities.</p>
10.	<p>Monitoring and Evaluating methods</p> <p>The organisation has clearly set out how the project would be monitored and evaluated including a mixture of accreditation and qualitative feedback.</p>
11.	<p>Joint working with other organisations</p> <p>FUP set out working partnerships with two in the borough which will enhance their ability to deliver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hillside Housing Trust • Stonebridge Community Centre
12.	<p>Financial Analysis</p> <p>The bid is seeking a revenue grant of £68484 over 2 years and nine months from Jul 1st 2012 until 31st March 2015 from the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund Themed Grant Stream.</p> <p>Following receipt of a signed copy of accounts submitted this organisation would meet the financial criteria. The organisation sets out other sources of funding it is seeking to support the project.</p>

13	Equality and Diversity The organisation has a policy setting out its commitment to equal opportunities. Predictive assessment by the organisation of those who would benefit from the project by protected characteristic highlighted that children and young people from a range of backgrounds were expected to benefit.
14.	Internal Consultation Officers when assessing the bid felt that alignment to statutory provision needed strengthening and raised some questions about the proposed costs.
15.	Officers Assessment The organisation has provided 2 independent references. The proposed project aligns with the Borough Plan priorities but the alignment with statutory provision in the borough needed development and there were some questions about the proposed budget. When considered amongst the range of bids offering activities for children and young people, others were stronger. In view of the overall assessment, officers are not satisfied that the project has met the criteria for funding.
16.	Recommendations The proposed project is not recommended for funding
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