

## **Appendix F Additional Council Grants**

### Brent for Business: Energy Saving Scheme:

The aim is to tackle the climate ecological emergency and support businesses through the cost of living crisis. Businesses can apply for a free on-site energy audit to review their operations, equipment, building fabric and historic energy use. The council is working with expert advisors, Groundwork, who will then write a tailored energy report and action plan for businesses to help them reduce their energy use, bills and carbon emissions. Following this audit, businesses can apply for a grant up to the value of £18k to fund up to 60% of a project that can reduce their energy use, generate clean energy or increase energy efficiency. The total fund for 2022/23 is £170,000

This scheme is open to businesses that can show they are:

- an SME (fewer than 250 employees and annual turnover of less than £50 million)
- not owned by a group or larger company that, all holdings combined, does not comply with the above
- operating from commercial premises in the London Borough of Brent
- investment ready, willing and able to cover 40% of work as part of the grant application
- Able to make environmental changes to business premises. This might be because you are the property owner, or with long lease and can demonstrate support from the landlord
- responsible for paying energy bills
- Not in receipt of Small Amounts of Financial Assistance totalling over £357,000 (subject to exchange rates), in the preceding 3 years.

### Food Aid Grants:

This fund uses monies from the government's Household Support Fund to provide grants monies to organisations that deliver food aid in Brent. Funds can be spent on food and other associated costs. This fund is subject to government funding cycles. Eligible projects can apply up to £15,000. To be eligible the applicant must be an established organisation who delivers food aid, be a member of the Brent food aid network, have referral routes with Brent Hubs and can deliver the project in six months. Due to the nature of government funding cycles, we are unable to confirm the total fund for 2022/23.

### Resident Association Grant

Each established Resident Association is granted £200 per year to support the facilitation of their governance meetings. This however is dependent on the Council being satisfied that all Resident Associations are operating in line with the code of Governance and Code of Conduct. The grant runs annually with a total fund is £3,400.

### St Raphael's Voice group grant:

An arrangement was agreed upon with St Raphael's Voice residents group to use for Community Development whilst the estate is being improved. This arrangement is under review. It is £6,000 ongoing grant at £500 per month.

### Together Towards Zero Grant:

A dedicated scheme for green community projects. The purpose of this scheme has been to provide Brent residents and communities with an accessible source of funding for local projects and initiatives which will support our plans to tackle the climate and ecological emergency and to improve local areas by making them greener, cleaner and more environmentally friendly. In 2021/22 the fund was £50,000. In this financial year 2022/23 the fund is £68,000. With a maximum of £1,000 per application in phase 1 and subject to Cabinet approval, £5,000 maximum per application in phase 2.

To be eligible for funding, applicants must be one of the following:

- A resident of Brent applying on behalf of their community
- Constituted community group
- Established tenant/ resident association
- Faith group
- Housing association
- Social Enterprise
- Local business (for schemes which benefit the community)"

Phase 1 has closed while Phase 2 will re-open on 10 November 2022. The remaining funding is secured until 31 March 2023. At the time of this report, there has been no confirmation

Duke of Edinburgh Holiday and Food Programme Grant:

Duke of Edinburgh Holiday and Food Programme monies are distributed as grants to the community and voluntary sector. Each Brent organisation registered to Duke of Edinburgh Scheme is eligible.