

Lewisham Main Grants 2015-18 Assessment Form

Name of organisation:	170 Centre
Current Main Grants recipient:	YES
Themes applied to:	Employment and training consortium (separate application for ATA and CTC)
Documents supplied:	YES

Partner Profile Assessment

Criteria	Score	Comments
Local Intelligence	Good	There is also a good understanding of the local area, including statistical data. They also demonstrate a good understanding of the needs of non-users.
Transformation	Excellent	Excellent demonstration of their ability to undertake transformation. They have a good track record with a number of plans for the future.
Collaboration	Excellent	This organisation has over 40 years of experience of collaborative working arrangements. They have an excellent track record of partnership working with evidence of how they benefit their users.
Resources	Good	They have been funded by Lewisham for over 20 years. They have been successful in obtaining a continuation grant from Lambeth and BBC children in need funding until 2017. Thus they have a diverse range of funding streams (6 different funders). The bulk of funding is restricted and they are currently investigating new ways of covering costs.
Shared Values	Excellent	The organisation is committed to paying the living wage to staff. Good environmental sustainability policy and excellent demonstration of shared values across the protected characteristics
Quality and effectiveness	Good	Good demonstration of effectiveness – good monitoring system. 170 has a Quality Assurance Policy and is a member of several umbrella organisations.

Partner Profile Summary:

Overall this is an excellent partner profile.

The 170 Centre demonstrate a clear understanding of users' needs and have systems in place to collate information to improve the service, and identify any problems. They have clearly outlined their plans for the future and have a number of funding streams that complement the grant funding.

Theme Assessment

Theme:	Communities that Care 2d Provision for Vulnerable Adults
Score: Weak/Satisfactory	
Comments:	
<p>The application is light on detail and uses a number of unexplained acronyms.</p> <p>The application lists a range of activity that seems worthwhile e.g. basic IT support, job coaching and placements but without providing the necessary context regarding entry points, specific partnership working relating to the programme or onward referrals.</p> <p>The outcomes section provides some of the necessary detail but the key milestones do not give confidence that these will be achieved.</p> <p>There is also no direct reference to the application criteria with the programme of activity section.</p> <p>Employment support was removed from the Grants criteria following a three month public consultation in late 2014. The below passage is taken from the report outlining the outcome of the consultation and the new grants criteria which was agreed by Lewisham's Mayor and Cabinet on 12 November 2014:</p> <p><i>In relation to employment and skills, the level of funding from the existing main grants programme has been minimal in comparison to other funders. It is felt that this work is better funded through locally held Job Centre Plus budgets.</i></p> <p>Overall the partner profile is strong for this application and funding for the 170 Centre has been recommended under another theme of the Grants Programme but the proposed activity does not meet the application criteria for this round of grants.</p>	

Amount Applied For: £60,025
Recommended Funding: £0
Reasons for Recommendation:
<p>The bid lacks sufficient detail and reference to the application criteria which, in any event, does not cover employment services.</p> <p>A similar type of service is soon to be commissioned across Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham which may be a more suitable funding source for this consortium: http://publicservicetransformation.org/media-zone/news/647-commissioning-of-a-provider-for-lambeth-lewisham-and-southwark-employment-support-service</p>
Special Conditions:
NA

Equalities Impact Assessment:

Please list the protected characteristic groups that the application intended to benefit.

PROTECTED CHARACTERISTIC	PLEASE TICK ✓	FURTHER DETAIL
Age	✓	Up to working age
Disability	✓	All those requiring basic skills support
Gender	✓	All those requiring basic skills support
Gender reassignment	✓	All those requiring basic skills support
Marriage & civil partnership	✓	All those requiring basic skills support
Pregnancy & maternity	✓	All those requiring basic skills support
Race	✓	All those requiring basic skills support
Religion & belief	✓	All those requiring basic skills support
Sexual orientation	✓	All those requiring basic skills support

Does the application aim to benefit one specific community? If so please give details.

The above equalities table is taken directly from the submitted application form

The application does not seek to benefit one particular community.

Overall Equality Impact of Funding Recommendation: LOW/MEDIUM/HIGH

Comments and mitigation:

Low – as mentioned above similar support services of this type are soon to be commissioned across Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham.

Modest reduction in current level of funding