

Main Grants 2017-18 report

Name of organisation	Bellingham Community Project (BCP)
Date of meeting	12 September 2016
Names and positions of attendees	Lynda Stevens – Chair, BCP Julian Rouse - Project Manager, BCP Petra Marshall - LBL Community Resources Manager Paul Gale - LBL Local Assembly Manager

Group Name:	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Total funding received 2015-16	£23,925	N/A	£7,975	£7,975	£7,975
Total funding to be received 2016-17	£31,900	£7,975	£7,975	£7,975	

Outcomes	Support
	1.1 An integrated, joined up approach to community development in the local area 1.2 Local residents involved in the planning of two local regeneration projects (Fellowship, Beckenham Place Park) 1.3 Local residents more involved in local community and with stronger links with local providers 1.4 More funding brought into the local community 1.5 Increased levels of volunteering in the local community 1.6 Residents with increased awareness of what's happening in the local community 1.7 Local groups and individuals with increased skills capacity 1.8 Increased involvement of isolated, hard to reach residents most in need 1.9 Increased sense of community ownership/spirit 2. Strong and Cohesive Communities – Borough Wide 2.1 More funding accessed in the borough 2.2 Mapping spare building capacity within the voluntary sector 2.3 Communities accessing more services, policies and procedures developed to ensure equal and fair access to services

	2.4 Create a community hub 2.5 Collaboration/best practice									
	Further details on how the staffing structure would deliver the Neighbourhood work. Must work as part of the Community Development Consortium with other Neighbourhood funded Groups and Stakeholders.									
Outputs:	2015-16 Target	2015-16 Q2	2015-16 Q3	2015-16 Q4	2015-16 Total	% Achieved	2016-17 Target	2016-17 Q1	Q 2	% Achieved TD
Bellingham action plan drawn up that is linked in with Bellingham Assembly priorities and the Well London phase 2 plan for the area and other borough-wide and area-wide initiatives						YES	Re-evaluation of needs and delivering of revised plan and actions from survey such as communication	Full evaluation of Bellingham Festival complete and needs survey from Festival		100%
Establishment of resident-led groups taking ownership of projects	3	1	1	1	3	100%	10	7		280%
Interagency meetings, 4 health forum meetings and 3 local assembly meetings held per year	10	3	4	3	10	100%	10	3		120%
Fundraising secured through grant applications submitted to various sources fundraising strategy.	5	2	3	2	7	140%	6	2		133%
Running the Well London volunteer	12 WL 6RGTB 9BEGO	16 WL 72 TB 9BeGO	16WL 78TB 9BEGO	17WL 84TB 9BeGO	15 84 9	101%	16WL 9RGTB 12BEGO	16RGTB		238%

team and the Bellingham Time Bank								6 Bell Craft Club		
Assist with the production of a 6 monthly community newsletter hand delivered across the estate. Weekly email circulation. Text message updates. Development of Bellingham Online website, Facebook and Twitter	Newsletter, weekly email, text updates, website development, facebook, twitter	Residents Survey Bellingham Online 700 contacts database	FB Twitter Weekly Ebulletins	Updated Website 1000 database Newsletter with LA	Delivered including 4 x newsletter	YES	6 monthly newsletter, weekly email, text message updates, website, facebook and twitter	Newsletter with LA BCP Survey on website		
Running of annual Bellingham Festival. Running of community pantomime	2	Bellingham Festival delivered	Community Pantomime delivered at Carols on the Green		2 events delivered	100%	Bellingham Festival & Community pantomime	Bellingham Festival delivered		100%
12 Training programmes developed for local groups and residents. 1-2-1 support and advice offered to groups and residents running projects	12	6 sessions - First Aid, Food Hygiene, Health Watch, Disability awareness, Dementia awareness, Alcohol awareness	Community Fundraising Workshop	7 sessions Smoking / alcohol awareness, Events Mgmt, Community Gp Dev, Youth Mental Health, Lets get moving, Food Hygiene	14	116%	16 Training Programme	4		100%

			First Aid			
Referrals onto Well London activities from GP/NHS referrals and community connections	Referrals	The Bellingham Leisure and Lifestyle Centre averages over 5 GP referrals per month. 6 Referrals from Community Connections on to Active Gateway with 94 in total signed up	YES	30 referred by GP, 10 IAPTS referrals, 10 referrals from Community Connections	15 GP 2 IAPT 4CC	168%
More voluntary sector organisations sharing resources	More voluntary sector organisations sharing resources	Active Gateway continue to share BCP offices. Supported ABC under 5s in acquiring Bellingham Green facility to run their sessions and LDC in finding premises for coffee mornings	YES	4	Youth service to Mutual and now at Bellingham Gateway	100%
Partnership strategy developed to address access to services and development of a south of the borough community hub created.	Partnership strategy	Output placed on hold due to staff illness at VAL. Work started on strategy minus VAL	Partially delivered	100 people accessing services, 100 people accessing hub, 20 organisations involved in creation of hub	25 orgs expressed interest to access hub, working to develop overall strategy with Well Community Board and VAL. Working towards achieving these targets as	100%

					project develops		
Work with Lewisham to create a best practice guide for other groups to access	Work with Lewisham to create a best practice guide for other groups to access	<p>Developed a community survey with LBL to identify local needs / issues which BCP is working to address. Primary target as indicated by survey was youth. £15,000 allocated towards outreach work and additional summer activity. Youth service now based in Bellingham. Best practice in fundraising and service delivery workshops delivered. Continue to work with LBL regarding Bellingham Leisure and Lifestyle Centre</p>	YES	20 Accessing 50 Collaborating	12 accessing fundraising workshop 23 collaborating		200%

1. Remove funding from under-performing groups/those performing least well

Have you achieved at least 90% of the agreed reporting outputs and outcomes in all quarters since the start of the programme?

BCP has performed well and met or exceeded all of its outputs bar one.

Output 11, Develop a partnership strategy – This was flagged as amber as Voluntary Action Lewisham (VAL) is crucial to this, but has had staffing issues. This will be developed independently as this is something that BCP is very keen to do. BCP states that it can start off with a few wards as a 'know your patch' exercise but this potentially can expand across the borough. Work has already taken place in Bellingham as part of the BCP strategic review and the needs survey.

Have you achieved all of the wider outcomes outlined in the initial grant application?

BCP has met all of its outcomes.

BCP runs an elderly project and several befriending schemes including Golden Oldies with lots of activities particularly over Christmas. Capacity building is achieved through training initiatives and running volunteers through Well London. BCP is also running a Fundraising Workshop which will enable organisations to have the tools to be more self-sufficient.

The Bellingham Festival has 50 stalls and this year over 3000 people attended the event including the Bellingham Assembly. The Festival is the pinnacle event of Bellingham and the surrounding areas and once again post event evaluation has been very positive.

The Well London programme now has over 30 volunteers on board with relevant training provided including first aid, self-awareness health and safety. In addition specific training has taken place tailored to meet needs.

If no to either of the above:

- what are the mitigating factors?
- what plans are in place for improving performance?
- what progress has been made against actions agreed with your Development Officer?

See above.

What local support/evidence of need can you identify for the work you are undertaking?

A mapping exercise has taken place as part of the strategic review, BCP facilitates the Bellingham Interagency Group which is made up of key stakeholders including Phoenix, Ward Councillors, Schools and Community Organisations. A community survey has also been conducted and this included information about what people would like to see. The main finding was youth provision for 13-19 year olds and BCP is keen to maximise the potential of Bellingham Gateway. BCP has secured £15,000 to conduct community outreach work and provide an extended summer activity programme. In addition the Head

of Youth First will be based in the Bellingham Gateway building, therefore BCP is positive that youth provision will improve.
Junior Gym at the Leisure Centre will be subsidised by BCP. The Youth Outreach worker will be employed by Youth First, but they will work with BCP and have outputs provided by BCP.

2. Negotiate reductions and seek alternative funding streams

Are there any proposals that you can put forward that will deliver significant saving against current expenditure? This can include capital investment to change your delivery/business model.

The planned move to the Fellowship could create cost savings but this is unlikely to happen for several years. BCP sits on the Fellowship Steering Group.

BCP also mentioned that they would be interested partnering with the council or another organisation if vacant buildings became available to develop them for community and voluntary organisation use. BCP were informed about the Council's plans for some of its own community centres and told that there may be the opportunity to tender to partner with the council to run some of these.

However, at this stage, no significant savings were identified.

What alternative funding streams are you already pursuing?

BCP wants to be strategic and wants to expand, the resources hub will help this as will looking further and expanding the boundaries.

BCP has a fundraising strategy as part of their business plan, this is monitored and approved by the Board quarterly. BCP has 6 applications pending, these are:

- Co-operative Community Fund x 2 £1,000 each
- Bellingham Assembly Fund x 2 £1,450 and £1,500 – Agreed at Bellingham Assembly
- Radcliffe trust £1,000
- Trust for London, £100,000 over three years.

Some of the funds such as Help a London Child are proving more difficult with funders wanting newer / exciting projects. BCP has received around £750,000 Well London Funding over 5 years and of this it has provided over £100,000 in Grants distributed via participatory budget.

BCP is also applying to the Trust for London for further funding and the Prime Minister pledge of £80 million for youth is a possibility. The Trust for London funding award is always subject to other funding streams, therefore being able to demonstrate funding awards from other funding providers is essential.

Are there any other funding streams that you can identify that the council can support you to access?

No support was identified at this present time but BCP will speak with officers should it require support in the future.

3. Work with groups to consider mergers or asset sharing

Are there any organisations doing similar work to you in the borough who you may consider sharing resources or merging with? Who have you considered/approached?

BCP is involved in joint initiatives with Youth First and Phoenix, runs the Bellingham Interagency and Health Forum and is looking to work with the Disability Coalition. BCP has looked at using a shop as a premises, but nothing has come up. There are no organisations in the south of the borough that BCP can merge with, but BCP could be a lead tenant. The Fellowship will create further sharing opportunities.

Are there other groups in the local area that you could share resources with even if they are delivering a different type of service? Again, who have you considered/approached?

None identified at present, but BCP anticipate that the move to Fellowship will create opportunities.

What support might you need to move these suggestions forward?

None at this stage.

4. Pro-rata reductions across all groups

What would a 25% cut in your grants look like in service delivery terms? What are the wider impacts?

BCP state that it will have an impact but they will look to replace it with other funding as it equates to about 6-8% of BCP's total revenue. BCP feel that it can minimise the impact of these cuts and that the existing Lewisham funding still enables them to match fund from other funders.

Have you modelled this cut and developed an action plan for its implementation?

BCP have budgeted for a 25% cut in their risk register and as above believe that the impact will be minimised as much as possible.

Conclusion

Any other comments / areas discussed

No other areas discussed.

Conclusion and recommendation

BCP is a forward thinking organisation that is keen to play a key role in the south of the borough and has performed excellently. It provides an integral link to other partner organisations in the south of the borough and is an authority on local need and provision. It has identified issues in Bellingham that are a concern such as youth provision and successfully taken steps to tackle them. BCP works closely with the Local Assembly and organises the Bellingham Festival which continues to grow.

At this stage a merger and further asset sharing is not viable and they are performing well.

It is recommended that the Bellingham Community Project receive a pro-rata cut.

Equalities groups disproportionately impacted by recommendations

Ethnicity:		Pregnancy / Maternity:	
Gender:		Marriage & Civil Partnerships:	
Age:	X	Sexual orientation:	
Disability:		Gender reassignment:	
Religion / Belief:			

Commentary and potential mitigations:

BCP plays a key role in delivering youth activities in Bellingham ward and works closely with partner organisations. BCP leads both the Bellingham Interagency and the Health Forum and runs an older people's project and several befriending projects.

BCP is confident that it can withstand a pro-rata cut and has budgeted for it in its risk register.