

Main Grants 2017-18 report

Name of organisation	London Amateur Boxing Association
Date of meeting	28.09.2016
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Group Name:	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4					
Total funding received 2015-16	£15,000	N/A	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000					
Total funding to be received 2016-17	£20,000	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000						
Outcomes	<p>1. Attract New Funding to deliver 5 Satellite Centres across Lewisham focussed hard to reach and in-active communities either in community centres or education settings, offering sporting and recreational activity free of charge to improve health and well being</p> <p>2. The Five clubs through the local and Borough networks will seek to attract more Members</p> <p>3. Train 6 Teachers to Boxing Tutor or Level 1 NGB standard</p> <p>4. Increase overall participation in boxing.</p>									
Outputs:	2015-16 Target	2015-16 Q2	2015-16 Q3	2015-16 Q4	2015-16 Total	% Achieved	2016-17 Target	2016-17 Q1	2016-17 Q2	% Achieved TD
<i>2 Sessions per Week over an 8 Week period consisting of 2 Hours per session, delivered by 2 Qualified NGB Coaches, who are DBS cleared</i>	48	16	16	16	48	100%	64	16		100%
<i>400 New Participants into boxing</i>	300	130	115	152	397	132%	400	120		120%
<i>Increase Club Membership-signposting to clubs</i>	45	15	10	25	50	111%	60	35		233%

<i>Deliver 5 Externally Funded Satellite Centres across Lewisham</i>	4	1	2	2	5	125%	5	0	**0% Planning stage
<i>TA staff to dedicate Voluntary Time of circa £70K per year to coaching in the Community- 6 coaches volunteering</i>	5	3	2	2	7	140%	6	0	**0% Planning stage
<i>Working with NEET Young People across Lewisham and Using Sport for Development of 10 Young People</i>	10	0	6	6	12	120%	12	0	**0% Planning stage
<i>In-conjunction with Comic Relief and the Evening Standard Dispossessed Fund create and deliver a Gang and Knife Crime Intervention Project, To deliver in the Satellite Centres across Lewisham targeting Young Men</i>					Delivered project	100%	0		TBC
<i>Train 5 Teachers to Boxing Tutor or Level 1 NGB standard</i>	5	0	0	3	3	60%	6	0	**0% Planning stage

****Planning stage denotes a period of preparation and / or a period of non-activity due to programmed dates in other quarters. The project for the year is on track.**

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?

The London ABA has delivered well against its outputs, either achieving or exceeding 100% in all but one out of eight, which reached 60% of its target. Mitigating factors can be found below.

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

The organisation has achieved the wider outcomes, delivering a wide reaching approach to increasing participation in boxing.

The ABA has engaged primarily with the resident Lewisham Affiliated Clubs as well as the Schools and Colleges where outreach work was targeted initially. Sedgehill and Haberdasher Aske Schools plus LESOCO were made a priority after carrying out assessments in-conjunction with teaching staff. Progression routes were also developed into the two largest clubs in Lewisham, Double JAB and London Military and Army Amateur Boxing Clubs (both voluntary organisations).

Another key highlight has been the engagement with William Hill Bookmakers through the Double Jab Club in New Cross which has created 'A Sport for Development' initiative where 12 Lewisham young people have been in employment for 5 months now.

Double Jab was visited by Prince Harry who attended the club to view the work they have achieved with the London ABA and Lewisham council support.

The ABA and council officers are currently working with Double Jab to resolve matters around finance and accommodation.

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?

The organisation underachieved against the target of training 5 Teachers to Boxing Tutor Level 1 NGB standard in the Borough. The actual training was delivered but two teachers that received training moved to schools outside of Lewisham. However the organisation aims to deliver training before Christmas to rectify this.

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

The London ABA is experiencing a high level of demand through Clubs and other partners to provide opportunities for young people particularly.

The programme of work contributes strongly to wider health objectives to increase engagement in physical activity and reduce obesity.

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.

There are no proposals currently but the organisation will continue to explore opportunities to find future savings.

What alternative funding streams are you already pursuing?

The ABA has continued to be pro-active in seeking funding to ensure that targets are maintained and outputs reached as well as ensuring that new activities around boxing are introduced into Lewisham where opportunities arise.

A successful application was made to Comic Relief/ Evening Standard Dispossessed Fund and extra investment was achieved and ring fenced for a further £15,000. Having a number of very historical clubs and a vibrant region supporting the projects they feel they are reasonably placed to ensure sustainability for all their partners and activities.

The ABA are due to submit an Awards for All in October and should know whether it has been successful by the end of in November 2016. They will also be seeking to access funds through MOPAC

The Double Jab ABC (Moonshot Centre, New Cross) were also supported through the project to access new funding from the charity, Sported.

The ABA were also successful in securing a £10,000 Small Grant Award from Sport England to buy equipment and run outreach work at Goldsmiths College. This targeted the health and well-being of inactive young BAME Women and Girls as a priority.

The investment agreed target to be sourced by 2017 was £40,000. Currently the organisation has attracted and confirmed over £33,000 of funding which equates to about 82.5% of the total to be reached

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

The organisation will inform officers when these opportunities arise.

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?

The programme of work already coordinates boxing activities across the borough, involving a number of clubs. There are other regional and national organisations providing similar support that could deliver in the borough. There is a clear need for a structure to

support the local boxing clubs, create pathways into their services and introduce more activities and events in Lewisham.

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?

No opportunities have been identified so far but the organisation will explore new ways of working with other organisations

What support might you need to move these suggestions forward?

No support is currently needed but the organisation will make the Council aware if any opportunities arise.

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?

As previously highlighted, the ABA has been successful in identifying alternative and supplementary funding through various agencies such as Comic Relief/ London Community Foundation and Sport England.

The organisation will continue to seek alternative funding opportunities in the future and seek to ensure that no reductions in services take place.

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

The organisation adopts a flexible approach that can adapt to varying levels of funding. However as noted it is hoped that no cuts to service delivery will be necessary.

Conclusion

Any other comments / areas discussed

Conclusion and recommendation

Following the meeting with the London Amateur Boxing Association, the council has been made aware that there has recently been a breakaway organisation formed within London. They are called the **Amateur Boxing Alliance** (still ABA) and also have a London region called '**London ABA.**' This is a breakaway from the only recognised National Governing Body (NGB) 'England Boxing.' The London regions of England Boxing is now called London Boxing.

It has been highlighted that The Amateur Boxing Alliance are not a recognised NGB, and therefore outside of the World Boxing Governing Body, clubs working with the Alliance would not be able to access Sport England funding or any other major funding required.

Moreover, since the funding application was submitted, Palmers Academy have ceased to exist and the largest club in Lewisham by far (Double Jab) are now affiliated with London Boxing (England Boxing). The remaining clubs are quite small capacity wise. Also in terms of schools/working with young people, it's in the best interest to be working with a recognised governing body.

Sport England have already stated that the only NGB they recognise is England Boxing, **therefore it is recommended that the London ABA are defunded but funding (£15,000) is ring fenced for boxing** support in the borough as there are significant gaps in service provision, especially as Palmers (who existed in the south of the borough) have closed and Double Jab (north of the borough) require support. Officers will work with London Boxing and England Boxing (the NGB) to develop this support for implementation from 1 April 2017.

Equalities groups disproportionately impacted by recommendations			
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