

-Main Grants 2017-18 report

Name of organisation	London Thunder Basketball
Date of meeting	01/ 09/16
Names and positions of attendees	Ann Pittman - Treasurer and Co-administrator Nikki Sealy - Club Secretary and Co-administrator Andy Thomas – Cultural Development Manager Maya Onyett - Volunteering and Cultural Participation Manager

Group Name:	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Total funding received 2015-16	£18,750	N/A	£6,250	£6,250	£6,250
Total funding to be received 2016-17	£25,000	£6,250			

Outcomes	
	<p>1. Walking Basketball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the use of a community venue by the community. Increase levels of participation in sport and leisure activities across the age range. Improved fitness. Increase in levels of volunteering <p>2. Silver Shooters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the use of a community venue by the community. Increase levels of participation in sport and leisure activities across the age range. Improved fitness. Increase in levels of volunteering <p>3. Baby Baskets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the use of a community venue by the community. Increase levels of participation in sport and leisure activities across the age range. Support language development. Promote positive interactions between children and parents <p>4. After school Sport and Study Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the use of a community venue by the community. Increase levels of participation in sport and leisure activities across the age range. Increase levels of confidence for vulnerable groups. SS5 Ensure that children and young people feel safe. EA2 Close the achievement gaps between under-achieving groups and their peers. MPC1 Strengthen further youth participation and involvement. MPC2 Reduce anti-social behaviour and youth crime and support young people who are the victims of crime <p>5. Qualification and technical Training</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the qualifications of those wishing to become involved in basketball either as coaches or as table officials or referees. Provide those trained with opportunities to gain employment or to volunteer within the programme. Increase levels of volunteering in a community project. EWB1 Reduce further the number of young people who are NEET 16–24. EWB2 Raise participation and achievement at age 19 6. Satellite Clubs • BH4 Reduce childhood obesity. SS5 Ensure that children and young people feel safe. EA2 Close the achievement gaps between under-achieving groups and their peers. EA3 Improve secondary school attendance. EA4 Meet the needs of children with complex needs and disabilities. EA6 Ensure children and young people access culture, sport, leisure and play activities. MPC1 Strengthen further youth participation and involvement. MPC2 Reduce anti-social behaviour and youth crime and support young people who are the victims of crime. MPC3 Provide integrated youth support for all young people to ensure they are able to make informed choices about their lives. EWB1 Reduce further the number of young people who are NEET 16–24. EWB2 Raise participation and achievement at age 19. EWB3 Secure a diverse 14–19 offer which meets the needs and aspirations of learners 									
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>Deliver 24 Weekly Walking Basketball sessions to be held at the Thunderdome during term time for 24 older people aged 50+ or those who would like to rehabilitate following injury</i>	24	0	12	12	24	100%	30	0		0% Planning stage
<i>Deliver 20 Weekly basketball/fitness sessions to be held at the Thunderdome during term time for 10+ mums and under 5's who wish to experience an enjoyable session together.</i>	20	0	0	0	0	0%	25	0		0% Planning stage
<i>Deliver 24 weeks of Multisport & Homework club, twice per week – 48 sessions</i>	48	0	24	24	48	100%	60	12		80%
<i>No of participants at Multisport & Homework club sessions.</i>	480	0	216	360	576	120%	600	156		104%
<i>Provide 2 coaching qualification courses and 2 table official courses.</i>	4	1	1	4	6	150%	5	2		160%

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?

London Thunder Basketball has met and exceeded targets with the exception of one. Mitigating factors are provided below

The Thunderdome in Stockholm road is a well-used venue with an encouraging atmosphere. This is especially the case on Saturday's when participants can both train and watch games taking place in a safe place for young people to socialise. There are many positive role models and opportunities to discuss important issues both formally and informally.

Lewisham funding has supported the organisation to widen participation by introducing walking basketball sessions for older people, and sessions for under 5's. Wheelchair basketball, juniors and adults, is also played regularly within the club. London Thunder also run successful community basketball sessions at the Forest Hill School Community Sports Centre.

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

The organisation has achieved all of the wider outcomes through a varied programme of activities. Highlights of what the organisation has achieved are as follows:

- Walking basketball, after a slow start is now up & running and they have started an Over 40's tournament Volunteers
- 15-20 new volunteers this year assisted with transport, laundry, officiating and hospitality
- 3 new teams started this year-2 mens (1 national league) +1 U12
- homework clubs
- Healthy eating key messages communicated throughout the various programmes

The organisation has a strong focus on inclusion and has 3 players on teams that are known to have an autism diagnosis. Thunder also takes a strong interest in the wider development of young people and parents and carers often report an increase in confidence. Coaches are also in touch with schools (and parents) to support players with behavioural difficulties where relevant

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 fitness sessions for mums and under 5's has proved to be difficult to deliver. Twice a coach was found to facilitate the sessions but then could not start as they found a full time job. The organisation continues to work to get the session off the ground.

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

There is a continually increasing interest in and demand for services, resulting in increasing numbers at both venues. Nationally and locally there is a strong focus on the need for children and young people to become more active and develop more healthy lifestyles in order to address problems of obesity and other health related problems.

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 organisation already ensures that costs are kept to a minimum and that resources are maximised. This approach will continue and all opportunities to find more efficient ways of doing things will be explored. Staffing costs is one of the largest areas of expenditure and it would be difficult to reduce this as it is important to work with and properly value qualified coaches.

The organisation will continue to seek to increase numbers of members and thereby increase raises income.

What alternative funding streams are you already pursuing?

The organisation is pursuing a number of funding opportunities including:

- Health links H4H
- Local Assembly funds
- Sportivate
- Sported
- Freesport
- Sport England

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

Sport England's new funding programmes now include support for work with 5+ age group. The organisation is keen to pursue this opportunity and will need Council support in submitting an application

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?

Thunder already works in partnership with a number of other organisations including:

- SE London Tennis in delivering wheelchair tennis
- London Region Basketball

- London Wheelchair Basketball
- The Reach beyond charity
- Lewisham & Bromley Mind

The organisation does not consider that there are currently any options for merging.

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?

The organisation is considering the possibility of sharing resources with school games events for primary & secondary schools. They are also seeking opportunities to work with Kings College London.

These opportunities would not greatly impact on running costs but would serve to enhance services by bringing in more participation.

What support might you need to move these suggestions forward?

No support is currently needed but officer will continue to work with the organisation and provide any necessary support going forward

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?

The organisation may need to reduce the number of sessions being offered but would seek to avoid this if possible by increasing income from other sources.

The organisation believes that the wider impacts would be particularly experienced by young people and that this could potentially result in increased anti-social behaviour as well as reduced physical activity levels, leading to poorer health and wellbeing.

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

The organisation is currently working on an action plan to implement a 25% reduction in funding.

Conclusion

Any other comments / areas discussed

Conclusion and recommendation

It is recommended that London Thunder Basketball receive a pro-rata cut. The organisation has achieved strongly against most of its targets and is delivering important services in increasing physical activity amongst children and young people. It is difficult to see how efficiencies can be achieved through merger or increased partnership.

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:

The organisation provides services primarily to young people and this group will therefore be disproportionately impacted by the recommendation. Thunder will continue to seek alternative funding to replace the cut and officer will support in exploring other ways that this can be achieved