

Main Grants 2017-18 report

Name of organisation	Deptford Reach
Date of meeting	7 th September 2016
Names and positions of attendees	Richard Cox, Secretary Stella Brown, Director Winston Castello, Community Enterprise Manager, LBL

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	£5,000
Outcomes	Support				
	<p>DR and other local agencies to work in partnership with local residents to address local needs identified in the neighbourhood by actively engaging vulnerable adults to participate in order to raise issues so they can be addressed.</p> <p>Provision of meaningful daily health and social activities for adults in the community to enable them to connect to a variety of community activities</p> <p>Active partnership working lead by DR to ensure vulnerable adults have a wide choice of activities to access at DR to connect them to their area</p> <p>Provide a volunteer befriending service in a safe and secure environment to help vulnerable adults who are isolated back into social networks, assist them in becoming economically active and support them in accessing services that are already there</p>				

	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
Outputs:										
Provide weekly sessions in IT, CV writing, job search. Literacy & numeracy lasting up to 60 minutes per session for up to 50 residents per week	50	16	17	18		102%	50	18		36%
DR to attend monthly and quarterly local forums to increase local intelligence about the local residents and other providers to strengthen and co-ordinate services for the residents Allow local residents in partnership with DR and other agencies to deliver quarterly community events to promote cultural diversity in the area and highlight local issues that can be addressed in partnership	12	5	4	4	13	108%	16	5		31%
Morning and afternoon activities every day lasting for a minimum of an hour for a group of 10-15 vulnerable adults per session	672	236	229	227		103%	907	237		26%
Provide x2 taster sessions will take place quarterly lasting up to an hour for a period of 3 weeks for those not sure about their choices and will feed into the activities for up to 30 residents per week	6	3	4	5	12	120%	12	3		25%

minimum of 2 sessions per week in partnership with other local agencies										
Recruit & assess 10 befrienders for yr1	10	5	4	3	12	120%				
Provide weekly training workshops lasting up to an hour training	48	19	17	16	52	108%	48	16		33%
Provide one to one sessions 3 times per week for participants lasting up to an hour for up to 45 residents for yr 1	45	20	22	21	63	140%	54	18		33%
Provide x1 group session to share experience and support	1	3	3	3	9	900%	12	4		33%
Provide x1 weekly planned outing lasting up to 2 hours within the borough	30	16	12	10	38	126%	50	1		2%
Provide a free and safe place for vulnerable people to connect with others & share similar experiences	336	140	154	186	480	143%	480	141		29%

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?

Deptford Reach had a number of outputs based on providing services for homeless individuals and vulnerable adults. The organisation achieved all the planned outputs and, in some cases, greatly exceeded the planned activities. The outputs in question included:

- weekly IT, CV writing and jobsearch sessions
- involvement in local forums
- organisation of quarterly community events
- activities for vulnerable adults
- taster activities

In addition to activities for participants, the organisation's outputs included work to recruit befrienders to improve the sustainability of the project.

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

Deptford Reach is a respected organisation supporting homeless people and vulnerable adults. Outputs achieved include increasing social cohesion and reducing isolation. The organisation runs a number of partnership-based projects, including a private sector rental scheme which is supported by Crisis. Other projects include alcohol and drug support, which are commissioned by the London Borough of Lewisham.

The organisation works very closely with statutory and voluntary agencies, including the 999 Club and Bench Reach. The organisation also works closely with advice organisations, providing additional support for their service users

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?

N/A

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

The organisation works with a range of vulnerable adults, many of whom are homeless or in insecure housing. The services provided by Deptford Reach are well-respected and the organisation is currently broadening its services and is aiming to undertake a major development of its current premises which is intended to generate significant income for the organisation.

It has developed a high profile fundraising committee which has been successful in attracting over £2m investment. This work has raised the profile of the organisation. Deptford Reach has a number of business partners and receives support from a range of funders.

There is currently an increase in the number of residents experiencing housing pressure and who are at risk of becoming homeless.

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 is looking to re-locate on a temporary basis whilst development work is undertaken on its existing premises. It is exploring a number of options, including the possibility of being based at the nearby Mulberry Centre.

What alternative funding streams are you already pursuing?

The organisation has a fundraising plan in place. However, the current priority is to raise funds for the planned development of its premises.

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

Deptford Reach is currently considering different options and will discuss these with the Council as they emerge.

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?

Deptford Reach is open to collaboration with other organisations. However, given the nature of its work, the organisation is unclear as to the likely benefits of any merger at this time. The organisation is of the view that part of its success is attributable to its independence.

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?

Deptford Reach is seeking to work with advice providers, particularly Evelyn 190 and the 170 Community Project.

What support might you need to move these suggestions forward?

The organisation is not seeking any support at this stage but will discuss its plans with Council officers when it is clear what level of savings they have to achieve.

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 estimates that a 25% cut would require savings from within the staff team. Some enrichment activities provided via the Council grant may also have to be cut.

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

The organisation has not as yet modelled the impact of the potential reduction.

Conclusion

Any other comments / areas discussed

N/A

Conclusion and recommendation

The organisation has performed well and has met or exceeded outputs. It is not currently in a position to make savings through mergers or asset sharing. **It is therefore recommended that a pro rata cut in grant is made.**

Equalities groups disproportionately impacted by recommendations

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

Commentary and potential mitigations:

The organisation works with homeless clients. A disproportionate number of users are likely to have a disability. The impact of funding reductions will be mitigated by the organisation working more closely with other voluntary and statutory partners.