

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DECISION – ADD2234

Title: Support for Community Engagement on Serious Youth Violence

Executive Summary:

The community engagement team is increasing its resourcing to expand its engagement with London's communities on the topic of serious youth violence. This resourcing will support immediate engagement activities around the Young Londoners' Fund, and work with the Mayor, GLA and MOPAC to develop a forward plan that engages a range of communities across London on this topic.

Funding of £50,000 has been identified for this work from the Communities and Intelligence minor programmes budget. The work will be delivered between June and December 2018.

Decision:

That the Assistant Director of Communities and Social Policy approves:

1. Expenditure on a community engagement consultant and supporting resources up to the value of £30,000.
2. Project expenditure on engagement activities of up to £20,000.

AUTHORISING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/HEAD OF UNIT:


I have reviewed the request and am satisfied it is correct and consistent with the Mayor's plans and priorities.

It has my approval.

Name: Julia Slay

Position: Assistant Director of Communities and Social Policy

Signature:



Date:

14/6/18

PART I – NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 The Greater London Authority (GLA) Community Engagement team is working with voluntary and community organisations to address the root causes of serious youth violence in London. The team will be working with a consultant to coordinate a new programme of work to support community organisations to:
- Access funding available from the Mayor and the GLA (with an emphasis on the Young Londoner's Fund)
 - Build learning networks to share what works
 - Bring together consortia to improve the chances of organisations accessing available funding
- 1.2 The immediate priority for this contract will be to work with the GLA Community Engagement Team to organise and deliver a series of workshops for the Young Londoners Fund in June 2018.
- 1.3 The workshops will focus on:
- Raising awareness of the Young Londoners Fund
 - Supporting organisations to assess their suitability for the fund
 - Providing practical guidance and support for potential applicants
 - Signposting organisations that are not eligible to useful resources
 - Linking up organisations in a locality and/or thematic way and allowing them to identify common issues and common ways of working
 - Identifying key learnings and challenges for organisations that can be fed into the development of the second round of the Young Londoners fund grant process

2. Objectives and expected outcomes

| Deliverable | Description | Delivery date |
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| Six-month work plan | Support the Community Engagement team to develop a six-month plan for engaging community and voluntary organisations addressing serious youth violence in London, including mapping existing / planned events being run by local / regional infrastructure organisations. The plan should also draw on your previous experience to inform the precise content of the workshops and recommendations about the do's and don'ts of how to approach this work. | First draft mid-June 2018 Final draft end June 2018 |
| Community workshops | Plan and deliver a series of 6-10 workshops focused on raising awareness of the Young Londoners Fund. | To be delivered between May and June 2018 |
| Follow up engagement | Work with the Community Engagement team to deliver further engagement and co- | To be delivered between July and December 2018 |

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| | production activity building on opportunities identified through the workshops. | |
| Exit strategy | Propose and present a plan of next steps which will support the GLA in sustaining connections with community organisations. | First draft August 2018 Final plan signed off October 2018 |

3. Equality comments

- 3.1 This work is focused on addressing concerns which disproportionately affect BAME communities and the consultants will be asked to actively engage with these communities in carrying out the work.

4. Other considerations

a) key risks and issues

| Risk | Mitigation measures | Current probability (1-4) | Current impact (1-4) | RAG | GLA Lead |
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| Communities feel engagement is tokenistic. | Ensure officers and consultants feed community insight to internal colleagues; follow up promptly on actions agreed with communities; and communicate this process clearly and consistently to all stakeholders. | 2 | 3 | A | Community Engagement team |
| Community engagement is limited to 'the usual suspects' and does not reach the variety of groups City Hall should engage. | Engagement will be done primarily outside of City Hall in partnership with Civil Society organisations with depth of reach into target communities with an emphasis on BAME groups. | 2 | 3 | A | Community Engagement team |
| Timing of activities does not align with opportunities to contribute to long-range planning for future policies and programmes. | An 'exit' plan will be incorporated into the consultancy, allowing time for long-range planning. | 3 | 2 | A | Community Engagement team |
| GLA teams fail to integrate community | Work collaboratively with teams to agree actions that | 2-3 | 3 | A | Community Engagement team |

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| insight into policies and programmes. | take account of community insight. Ensure clear decisions are made and recorded at political and senior officer level, so the organisation. | | | | |
| Financial mismanagement of any funding provided by the GLA to partners involved in externally funded programmes. | The GLA will conduct due diligence on all partners, appropriate contracts will be in place before funding agreements are signed. | 1 | 3 | A | Community Engagement Team |

b) Links to Mayoral strategies and priorities

- 4.1 This work supports existing Mayoral priorities on social integration and community safety.

c) impact assessments and consultations.

- 4.2 The Community Engagement team hosted an emergency meeting for community and voluntary organisations working on serious youth violence at City Hall on 18th April 2018. This meeting brought together over 150 organisations and stakeholders that focus on community and youth engagement, working with young people affected by or involved in serious youth violence. This consultation has informed this ADD, and since the meeting, we have been received numerous requests for follow up meetings and offers of engagement opportunities. As a result, the team has recognised the need for additional capacity to address this priority issue.

5. Financial comments

- 5.1 Approval is sought for expenditure of up to £30,000 on the procurement of a community engagement consultant and supporting resources, and a further £20,000 on engagement activities.
- 5.2 The total cost of £50,000 will be funded from the 2018-19 Director of Communities and Intelligence's Minor Programme budget.

6. Planned delivery approach and next steps

| Activity | Timeline |
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| Procurement of contract | May/June 2018 |
| Delivery Start Date | June 2018 |
| Six-month work plan drafted | Mid-June 2018 |
| Workshops delivered & work plan signed off | June 30, 2018 |
| Follow up engagement begins | July 2018 |
| Exit strategy drafted | August 2018 |
| Exit strategy signed off | October 2018 |
| Delivery End Date | November 2018 |
| Project Closure | December 2018 |

Appendices and supporting papers

None.

Public access to information

Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act) and will be made available on the GLA website within one working day of approval.

If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision (for example, to complete a procurement process), it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary.

Note: This form (Part 1) will either be published within one working day after approval or on the defer date.

Part 1 Deferral:

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? NO

If YES, for what reason:

Until what date: (a date is required if deferring)

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Is there a part 2 form – YES/NO

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:**Drafting officer:**

Jeanette Bain-Burnett has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirms that the Finance and –if relevant– Legal teams have commented on this proposal as required, and this decision reflects their comments.

Corporate Investment Board:

The Corporate Investment Board reviewed this proposal on 11 June 2018.

HEAD OF FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE:

I confirm that financial and legal implications have been appropriately considered in the preparation of this report.

Signature:



Date:

11.06.18