

Grants (Overview and Scrutiny) Sub-committee

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Wandsworth Grant Fund Round 19: Summary of grant recommendations

WGF R19 Ref	Time period for which the grant was given	Dept which awarded grant	Name of Organisation	Charity/Company number	Brief Summary of project	Primary Ward	Primary Theme	Grant awarded
1	March 2022 to March 2023	Community & Partnerships	Baseless Fabric Theatre Ltd	1165923 / 09363242	This project aims to lift barriers for people accessing and experiencing opera by performing a well-known opera for free and, adding a modern twist to the production. Baseless Fabric Theatre have revised Carmen, with their modern adaptation being much shorter and composed using 3 instruments only. They aim to deliver 4 street-theatre-performances reaching 400+ residents, and provide 3 performances to 35+ older people in community settings (i.e. care homes). They will also run 7 performance-based workshops for 180+ young children in Wandsworth schools. Pilot activity took place with scenes from the 'New Carmen' performed to a live public audience with public feedback being highly positive. More widely, the project aims to boost morale and enhance peoples mental wellbeing helping residents emerge out of Covid-19.	Nightingale, Roehampton & Putney Heath	Arts and Culture	£ 4,860.00
5	March 2022 to March 2023	Community & Partnerships	Broadwater Primary School		This is a two-phase project: Phase 1) Broadwater Primary School will renovate and transform, an area of outdoor space by the playground known as 'Woody Corner'. Phase 2) A specialist body, 'Think Outside' will utilise 'Woody Corner and deliver training sessions ' to teachers, pupils and the wider community so they can learn about nature and green spaces (e.g. gardening workshops). Tooting is an area of deprived outdoor space, and having an upgraded usable Woody Corner would increase pupil and community access to green spaces. Also, many pupils and local residents do not have access to gardens and outside space at home, so the sessions would enhance people's practical knowledge - building awareness about planting and bio-diversity.	Tooting	Children (0-12)	£ 9,991.00
6	March 2022 to March 2023	Community & Partnerships	CARAS	1124376	The pandemic and ongoing crisis in Afghanistan is impacting Wandsworth refugees and asylum seekers (RAS). Putney alone is supporting the repatriation and resettlement of 22 Afghan residents and their families. Societal changes linked to Covid-19 have increased the need for people - and/so RAS - to have appropriate digital skills. CARAS sought feedback from RAS and out of 152 individuals, 59% stated having no digital skills or, only basic digital skills. CARAS' project aims to address this critical 'digital need' and support 50 individuals (40 based in Wandsworth) by providing 34 x 1hr computer-class sessions on-site, for group sizes up of 9 per week. Course content will be built around the UK Government's Essential Digital Skills Framework and cover e.g. form filling, job searching, creating and using an email account, online safety, and making use of local resources such as Wandsworth's Thrive portal. It is anticipated the new digital skills will help the 50 RAS secure employment. Also, RAS will have access to CARAS casework support provision, supplementing the I.T classes: hopefully ensuring tangible progress for RAS participating on the digital course.	Tooting	Raising Aspiration and Potential	£ 6,867.63
7	March 2022 to March 2023	Community & Partnerships	Carney's Community	1150650 / 7923708	As we recover from the Covid 19 pandemic, Carney have identified an emerging need to significantly increase the intensive work Carney's does with some of the most vulnerable young people who present with complex needs in Wandsworth. A key part of Carney's post-covid strategy is developing its capacity to provide intensive key work support. To support this, they aim to expand the staff team with a new Head of Youth Services (HYS) leading on developing this work. The HYS would produce and roll-out a training programme for staff (and staff within partner agencies) around key-working. The HYS would also develop systems for assessing and prioritising referrals, for working with these vulnerable, at-risk young people and monitor progress over time. The HYS will also have a caseload of participants they work with. Through more intensive mentoring the outcomes for young people with complex needs may include improved communication skills, having someone they trust to talk to, increased emotional awareness, increased participation in positive and constructive activities, increased (consistent) attendance at school or college, and reduced criminal activity.	St Mary's	Youth (13-18)	£ 10,000.00
8	March 2022 to March 2023	Community & Partnerships	Herne Hill Harriers		The aim of the Community Activity Programme (CAP) is to make sports more inclusive and widen access to sports for people especially, amongst under-represented communities. CAP will support over 100+ Wandsworth residents to take up a new physical activity. CAP will be launched through a number of community days at, Tooting Bec Athletics Track. Both indoor and outdoor activity will be provided with progression routes offered in the programme. Participants will be encouraged to compete in local events at different levels e.g. beginner races, long distance races. The benefits are people will contribute towards and enjoy being part of a new sporting community helping to reduce isolation and increase peoples mental wellbeing post Covid. And improve peoples physical health - including helping to address underlying conditions within certain groups.	West Putney	Health and Wellbeing	£ 6,400.00

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9	March 2022 to March 2023	Community & Partnerships	Hospital Rooms	1168101	This project involves 'Hospital Rooms' working with SWL NHS Mental Health Trust to deliver 6 art workshops for students at SWL Recovery College: workshops will be 2 hours in duration for up to 24 people. The workshops will be led by a world class artist Harold Offeh who is black and potentially 'relatable' to students, as disproportionate numbers of black men access mental health services in UK. During the course, students will create Artwork spanning 10 meters in length which will also be installed in the entrance of Springfield's New Hospital / Recovery College. The benefit of the course is that students start to feel more in control of their lives aiding recovery and also, patients will feel involved having contributed ART to the new building being more at ease whilst accessing services on-site. Over time, thousands of people could see the art and benefit from the inclusive approach of the hospital.	Tooting	Health and Wellbeing	£	9,683.00
10	March 2022 to March 2023	Community & Partnerships	Impact Festival	12024627	The 'Impact Festival' project is to deliver 6 'Human Superhero' environment themed street events for free along Northcote Road - running monthly from May to October 2022. The events will include pop-up shows to attract public attention (Circus performers, dancers, acrobatics, capoeira, martial arts), and have several 'climate and environment' stalls that are education based with many having a 'fun' element to them – e.g. There will be a game 'How Bad Are Bananas' which asks members of the public to rank different items in order of their carbon footprint - higher! Lower!; A block-printing / upcycling clothes stall; zero-waste stall; DIY cleaning products stall. Local sustainability organisations will also attend and run stalls i.e. Groundswell Ecosystems. Takeaway products (leaflets etc) will be available including a QR code for people to access information from Impacts website. Overall, the events aim to educate people how through a series of small steps how they can be a "Superhero" and "Save the Planet" . Common feedback from a 3 day pilot event in Wandsworth (funded by Arts Council) was that nothing exists like this; and the 'project concept' to engage people on the often heavy topic of climate change in a fun and positive way is much needed, and most welcomed.	Northcote	Environment & Attractive Neighbourhoods	£	9,450.00
13	March 2022 to March 2023	Community & Partnerships	Providence House	1181473	Providence House (PH) aims to provide media opportunities for 50+ young people aged 11-18 (half will be NEETs) by rolling out a new PH Media Project, led by their newly employed Creative Worker. The new multimedia project would include a diverse programme of workshops and activities across multi-media and digital art forms e.g. videography and photography workshops, branding masterclasses and 1-week media boot camp. To deliver the work, PH would also link-up with local partners like Riverside Radio, Caius House and Carneys Community. Key project benefits would be providing disadvantaged young people with new skills to hopefully access employment opportunities in an growing digital job-market; and by showcasing young people talents on local media platforms (viewed by the wider community, family and friends) it may increase togetherness and cohesion in the Borough.	Latchmere	Youth (13-18)	£	5,000.00
14	March 2022 to March 2023	Community & Partnerships	Royal Hospital for Neuro Disability	205907	The Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability (RHN) looks after patients and residents with severe brain injury and severe disabilities. RHN vulnerable patient group have been devastatingly impacted during Covid-19 being socially isolated on wards unable to see family and friends for extended periods. The project aims to run a new 23 month programme of 48 weekly live concerts in the hospital's Assembly Room for their 173 long-term patients to attend - of whom most are wheelchair bound. Patients will have access to weekly live concerts on a 3 week ward rota (maximum 27 attendees per session) helping address depression and increase patient wellbeing combatting the compound impact of Covid-19 for them. Previously, RHM has run concerts on weekends which were all very well received, but this new programme would ensure continuous long-term patients had access to positive activities and concerts ongoing.	West Hill Ward	Health and Wellbeing	£	9,620.00
15	March 2022 to March 2023	Community & Partnerships	Savona Residents' Association		The project will take place at the ROSE Community Clubroom and, when the weather is warm enough, in the adjacent garden. The ROSE is located within 3 large estates which are amongst the 6 most deprived in Wandsworth. During Covid-19 The ROSE was a vaccine HUB. During this time people reported suffering from isolation and loneliness. Earlier this year, pilot activity took place with free YOGA sessions running for 7 weeks at the ROSE, which was extended another 7 weeks due to its overwhelming popularity (ROSE funded the classes). This project/programme will deliver free Yoga classes at the ROSE, twice weekly (Monday evening and Wednesday morning) over 52 weeks. Based on numbers attending the pilot activity: it is anticipated 140 individuals will attend with their families - a further 200 people benefitting also due to positive changes in peoples' family lives. In all, the yoga classes will significantly help the community recover from the effects of Covid-19.	Queenstown	Health and Wellbeing	£	6,240.00

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16	March 2022 to March 2023	Community & Partnerships	South West London Law Centre	1102433 / 05018587	The project seeks funding for the SWLLC Crisis Navigator post for 3 months. SWLLC have recorded both an increase and change in demand during/post Covid-19: the numbers of people facing extreme hardship have dramatically increased, and a new group of 'unemployed' people have been plunged into hardship for the first time and having never claimed benefits before require support to manage the 'crisis' they are facing. SWLLC aim to support 60 Wandsworth households by providing wrap around crisis support (e.g. help people apply for hardship fund, make referrals to SWLLC housing team); lifting people out of hardship as they emerge out of Covid-19.	Borough-wide	Recovering from the impact of COVID-19	£	8,573.70
17	March 2022 to March 2023	Community & Partnerships	The Show Crib	1099205 / 04472214	The project pilots a new collaboration between the Show Crib, Neko and Clock Your Skills (through funding model with Youth Music & DWP) to support 19 unemployed young adults access creative skills and employment opportunities, whilst generating new artistic products also. The project outputs are to support 5 x Kickstart Youth by providing them with 6 month work placements and set-up a troupe of 14 x sessional workers (paid by Youth Music) who will be tasked with producing a concert show that 'celebrates songwriters from the 80's' - Creative Troupe would bring together unemployed musicians, singers, technicians, and event managers. This grant will go towards costs of rehearsals for the 'live' performance and fund 4 live performances also. In total, half of the 19 beneficiaries will be from Wandsworth enabling up to 10 young people to, hopefully attain sustainable employment outcomes.	Fairfield	Arts and Culture	£	2,725.00
19	March 2022 to March 2023	Community & Partnerships	Wandsworth Sea Cadets	303283	Wandsworth Sea Cadets (WSC) aim to expand their offer to young people by providing more spaces and/by building their capital stock: 40 young people are currently on the waiting list. The WGF would fund capital items to support WSC water based activity and its educational provision - x3 electronic whiteboards, x4 paddle boards, x1 boat engine, x2 sets of handyman tools, x1Axel & x1Jack. During lockdown many young people were isolated with their mental and physical wellbeing impacted. This project enables young people to partake in outdoor activities; build face to face relationships; to contribute to their local community (e.g. cleaning up river); fosters discipline, social accountability and responsibility to others. Total beneficiaries would be the 40 young people on the waiting list & the 36 current Cadets.	Thamesfield	Youth (13-18)	£	3,249.00
20	March 2022 to March 2023	Community & Partnerships	World Heartbeat Music Academy	1139579	This project is to fund 'World Heartbeats' (WHB), 'Planet Harmony' music programme which will be delivered in their brand-new music education centre that also houses a concert venue, in Nine Elms, due to open April 2022. During 2021, WHB Youth board 'Ziggazah' consulted young people (WHB members) for views on potential music programme content with feedback being they wanted to make and perform music tied to issues important to them: with Climate Emergency and Black Lives Matter being critical. As such, the 'Planet Harmony' music programme has been developed - led by 8 students aged 15-25 yrs. Intended programme activity (April 2022 onwards) ranges from running workshops for 150+ school children - including making instruments out of recycled items; to delivering 3 live productions to coincide with 'Earth Day' in April, Nine Elms 'Happy Streets Festival' in July, and a 'Planet Justice' concert on-site for WAF22. 2,000+ residents will see performances with 30+ young people playing a central role in event production delivery. More widely, 82% of 70 WHB survey respondents stated activity has improved their wellbeing with the above project intended to further benefit young people directly.	Queenstown	Arts and Culture	£	5,000.00