

**Appendix 2 - Additional Projects (Revenue and Capital)**

| REVENUE                                    |             |  |
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| Project Name                               | Fund amount | Project description and benefits   |
| Brighter Futures Fund (BFF)                | £30,000     | <p>The BFF is an annual grant for Young Westminster Foundation Members, which aims to increase long term funding for youth clubs and organisations.</p> <p>This funding will specifically support the over subscription of grant applications in the NP area, in which youth provisions experience financial hardship.</p>   |
| Employment Support                         | £200,000    | <p>Data shows unemployment within the North Paddington area has long been higher than most parts of Westminster, with unemployment in Harrow Road and Queen's Park over 50% higher than the city average. The purpose of the project is to develop an effective partnership and make provision and employers, more accessible and engaging to residents in North Paddington.</p> <p>The project seeks to address the fragmented way existing provision is communicated and promoted to residents in North Paddington to achieve better outcomes. The benefits of this project align with the Programme's vision of improving the economic position for NP communities.</p>   |
| Fixed - 1 year Volunteer Co-ordinator post | £40,000     | <p>QPCC deliver a range of activities and projects for residents in the Queen's Park area, but due to lack of funds, they are currently unable to appoint resource to manage volunteers for resident activities, including gardening support for elderly residents.</p> <p>The purpose of this funding will be to increase capacity at grass roots and build trust with partners. This hits across a range of outcomes and supports delivery across the board, builds trust and connections with QPCC and provides another secondment / joint working opportunity</p> <p>With this resource QPCC expect to co-ordinate and increase the volume of volunteers they work with and thereby improve the capacity and development of residents, promote community collaboration, and release the QPCC Director to focus on events-based work and grant funding.</p> |

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|                                |                    | As this request is focused on recruitment, it is anticipated funds can be allocated quickly and within year 1 of the programme.   |
| Brunel Youth Club              | £15,000            | <p>Project provides free homework support, sports, reading, creative sessions and refreshments to children from year 1 to 6.</p> <p>It aims to get children involved in activities, improve confidence and teamwork, and provide a safe and conducive environment for children to learn after school.</p> <p>This is an existing project, currently funded by WCC Housing Services, which is seeking additional funding to continue. Sessions have proven to be very popular, with most at full capacity.</p> <p>The Brunel Resident Association are very supportive of the sessions starting up again as this provides much needed support to young people and childcare supervision, enabling parents more opportunities to work. Further, youth provisions in this area are isolated due to multitude of gang lines, gives a positive outlet to young people.</p> <p>Brunel estate is currently under-represented in neighbourhood forums and investment in this project would support relationship building and community cohesion. Investment is small, relatively isolated group. Clear evidence which supports for funding as the project is coming to an end, but existing offer is fully utilised.</p> |
| Digital Micro Grants           | £25,000            | Pilot opportunity to offer grants to VSC + residents to increase community capacity, whilst addressing Digital Inclusion within NP. Projects offer a more accessible opportunity to residents to apply for grants directly. Grants of up to £750 for individuals and £1500 for VCS linked to digital inclusion.   |
|                                | <b>Total</b>       | <b>£310,000</b>   |
| <b>CAPITAL</b>                 |                    |   |
| <b>Project title</b>           | <b>Fund amount</b> | <b>Description and benefits</b>   |
| NP Digital Notice Boards pilot | £200,000           | This project aims to pilot digital noticeboards across selected estates in North Paddington to improve how the Council communicates with residents. The project aims to improve the accessibility of information to our communities, with the inclusion of alternative languages and audio options for those with visual impairments.   |

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|                                |         | <p>The noticeboards will provide a multitude of benefits including:</p> <p>faster, more accessible, targeted and more responsive news direct to estates, such as immediate repairs and maintenance updates, information on local events and meetings, as well as updates from resident groups and housing officers.</p> <p>The new noticeboards will also create closer relationships between housing staff and residents through increased visibility of housing officers; allow the Council to save money on printed material and adhere to climate needs; and it will help improve the appearance of estates through decluttering.</p> <p>Housing Services have already initiated the project in Brunel estate, with very positive outcomes. Colleagues from Housing Services welcome the opportunity for the Programme to invest in this project, which they have an assigned Project Manager to oversee.</p>   |
| Community Hall – refurbishment | £300k   | <p>Lydford Community Hall is a Westminster Council owned asset, highly used by the Harrow Road local community. Following community feedback, it was flagged how poor the condition of the internal and external space is, with required roof, wall and floor repairs required, alongside kitchen and bathroom refurbishments. Further, externally the paving show signs of trip hazards.</p> <p>This project would aim to improve the environment for local community members to meet, encourage better usage and community cohesion and ensure the site is safe and accessible for those with mobility issues.</p> <p>More so, with improves completed on the floor and roof, this would enable more health activities to take place such a yoga classes and Zumba, which would support objectives for health.</p> <p>Housing staff confirmed the local Lydford estate resident association representatives are in favour of refurbishment works at the community hall. Further they have requested the gates surrounding the premises be included in the scoping of the project (desire to have electric gates), as this is something they receive a high number of complaints on from an accessibility perspective.</p> <p>Housing have confirmed the space is in huge demand, particularly by groups who carter for global majority in the area. He agrees the space requires improvements and has confirmed the Lydford area is no longer listed as a regeneration site for the Council. Prior to Covid the space was ear-marked for refurbishment, however due to the urgency of other sites, this is not currently prioritised.</p> |
|                                | £10,000 | <p>Despite high number of bike usage, the bike sheds in the Queen’s Park area are limited and QPCC state they are inundated with enquiries from residents on whether the Council can add additional sheds to the space. This project</p>  |

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| Queen's Park Bike Shed                                       |                 | <p>presents an opportunity to pilot the installation of an additional bike shed to address community feedback.</p> <p>This feedback is supported by Highways Services. Installation of the bikes first requires a brief TMP consultation which typically takes up-to 2 months to complete. Once approved, Highways require a lead in time of 10 weeks to design and install.</p> <p>The benefits from installing additional bike shed(s) in the area include supporting residents from a climate, health, and economic perspective. Highways have confirmed they welcome the opportunity to work with the Programme and Housing Services on this proposal.</p> |
| Harrow Road Woodville footway improvements                   | £92,000         | <p>This highways project aims to improve the public realm and accessibility in this area.</p> <p>The paving would be excavated, and the existing pavers taken away and recycled.</p> <p>New plan bedding and pavement as per the low carbon specification would be installed.</p> <p>Any accessibility issues would be addressed as part of these works as well as resolving any drainage issues ensuring that the water drains away from the building frontages and any ponding would be eliminated.</p>  |
| Green Horizons: Sustainability Skills for a Greener Tomorrow | £277,000        | <p>This project focuses on carrying out improvement works to the venue in which the Green Sustainability Skills project will be run. This venue is based in Church Street and requires specialist equipment.</p> <p>This funding will allow the council to create a space whereby retro fit training can be delivered to local people – which supports both the Climate and Employment agendas.</p> <p>The building is council owned - Corporate Property have conducted a feasibility review of the site and given the go ahead for fit out to take place – WAES would project manage all construction for works.</p>   |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>£879,000</b> |  |