

Community Fund Programme 2020-2023

There are 5 outcome priorities (or themes) in the Community Fund Programme 2020-2023 (from April 2020 for the main £15k + projects and from January 2020 for the £5k - £15k pots of funding).

The Council has embarked on a much more comprehensive and inclusive engagement support programme for interested voluntary sector organisations, delivering community training / advice sessions for the 16 weeks leading up to the closing date for submissions, i.e. 1st October 2019.

The programme has been launched via 3 community engagement sessions, which took place on 21st, 28th & 29th May 2019, to which all the recognised voluntary sector organisations in Croydon were invited.

At the second event, it occurred that our Housing estate-based resident and community organisations had not been invited, having never bid before now, so Ken Constantine invited as many of our Housing reps who weren't represented by a member of their local group to the third meeting (29th May), acknowledging it was probably too short notice for them to attend.

Fortunately, Sarah Warman (Director Commissioning and Procurement) very considerably arranged for our local housing representative organisations to be included via an additional engagement session today at the Town Hall.

The invitations were sent to our housing-based groups on 18th June for today's specially arranged additional engagement session.

Residents to be included in Community Fund Evaluation Process

In addition, Commissioning & Procurement have confirmed they "understand the need for residents to be involved on the evaluation panels, and as long as it can be accommodated within the evaluation timescales, as we have committed to the sector that we will stick to the timescales and announce the successful bidders in early December, then we are happy to say to the sector that residents will be involved in some capacity" and further that "In the coming weeks, commissioners will be invited to volunteer to be on the evaluation panels for when the Outcomes Programme closes on the 1st October".

It is a condition that all evaluators **sign the Council's confidentiality and conflict of interest agreement (which you will receive, on selection, after initial submission), to say that they are not involved with any of the bids**, i.e. YOU CANNOT VOLUNTEER TO BE ON THE EVALUATION PANEL IF YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP IS GOING TO SUBMIT A BID.

Therefore, would any residents from the Tenants & Leaseholders Panel, **not involved with any of the bids**, who are interested in being on the evaluation panel (likely to be one or two questions rather than the full six, please register your interest via the TLP minutes, so Kieran can forward to Ken Constantine, Emily Collinsbeare and Sarah Risby.

TLP Updates

If there are any questions for CRYSAAP from the Tenants and Leaseholders Panel, please raise them to Kieran via the minutes (or appendix to) to refer to Marilyn Smithies, CRYSAAP Chair, so they may be raised at the next CRYSAAP meeting on 7th August 2019.

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