



Hackney Giving and LBH Cost of Living Grants Panel

18th July 2024, 10.00 am

Teams

Panel members:

Matt Bray, Hackney CVS

Elsbeth Williams, Social Eyes 4Life

Claire Witney, London Borough of Hackney

Meeting chair:

Sarah Watson, Hackney Giving

Amount for distribution: £150,000

All applicants were invited to apply for £5,000.

The following proposals were approved:

Organisation	Summary	Amount awarded
Achieved Dreams	Daily meals to 50 families, fostering community and support amid food poverty during summer holidays.	5,000
Activiteens	Empowering young people with disabilities struggling disproportionately from the crisis to prepare budget-friendly meals with which to feed themselves and their families.	5,000
African Community School	Utility bill payment top up support to alleviate the financial burdens on 30 disadvantaged families in Hackney.	5,000
Apex Community Hub CIC	Providing spaces and healthy meals to young people and families as part of a holiday programme.	5,000
Beersheba - Living Well	Supporting Black African, Caribbean Heritage and Global Majority communities experiencing the effects of poor self-care of Type 2 diabetes further exacerbated by the cost-of-living crisis.	5,000
Blossoms London Ltd	Summer programme where beneficiaries can eat a hot dinner and participate in an interactive activity.	5,000

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Carers First	Distribution of supermarket vouchers to thirty unpaid carers living across Hackney to enable them to purchase food and other necessities.	5,000
Chesed Hospital Transport	Alleviating food insecurity and promoting healthy aging among pensioners by providing nutritious food, social support, and community connections.	5,000
The Community Hub	Supporting elderly women with warm nutritious meals, in a community setting, during the summer holiday period.	5,000
Derman	Distributing supermarket vouchers to the most vulnerable, and those awaiting benefit decisions via advice service.	5,000
East End Citizens Advice Bureaux	Providing fuel vouchers and holistic advice to support with the cost-of-living crisis.	5,000
Hackney Congolese Women Support Group	Distributing food parcels to low income and vulnerable households who are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.	5,000
Inspire a Teen	Giving teens daily meals during the summer holidays.	5,000
Lehachzikom UK	Food voucher distribution, during the summer holiday period, for families living in poverty.	5,000
Lev Echod Cancer Care	Giving meals to cancer patients who cannot get affordable ready food elsewhere due to restrictive diets, nausea, limited appetite, and mouth sores.	5,000
Lighthouse	Food voucher distribution for children living with family breakup to cover their summer holidays food.	5,000
MRS Independent Living	Payments for pay as you go mobile credit and pre-payment gas and electricity meters vulnerable people,	5,000
Ozer Umagen	Supporting the differently abled and carers of the Hackney community by reducing their living costs through the provision of nutritious meal packages and food coupons for local stores.	5,000

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Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (RAMFEL)	Providing destitute RAS/ migrants with supermarket vouchers and food parcels, whilst addressing the immigration/ destitution-related root of their crisis.	5,000
Resolve Now	Supplying food to poor families in Hackney who are affected by the intersecting challenges of mental health and the cost-of-living crisis.	5,000
S Pinter Youth Project	Supplying food and necessity vouchers for local shops for Hackney families in need.	5,000
Shining Stars London	Protein Distribution Drive to build strong bones for children.	5,000
St John's Soup Kitchen and Food Bank	Funding to contribute to a 40% increase in service demand and rising operational costs due to cost of living crisis.	5,000
Tikva	Providing food vouchers for needy families who are struggling with providing ongoing care for one or more disabled family member.	5,000
Tools 4 Teens	'Food and More' - a safe and fun holiday setting providing meals and activities.	5,000
Treasured Moments	Providing young people with a warm meal at times when they have no access at all to nutritious foods and may otherwise go hungry.	5,000
Turkish Cypriot Cultural Association	Distribution of food parcels and necessity items.	5,000
Turning Corners	Provision of baby formula to mothers with severe postnatal depression (PND) or psychosis, as well as new parents with pre-existing mental illness who are prescribed medications that may not be suitable for breastfeeding.	5,000
Twilight Kindness	Distribution of credit vouchers for pre-paid meters, oyster-card credit for public transport and goody bags filled with food and personal care items.	5,000

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Yad Voezer Day Centre Ltd	Providing free warm meals, aiding disabled individuals and families facing food poverty.	5,000

In addition, one grant was made using funds raised by the community:

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Day-Mer, Turkish and Kurdish Community Centre	Provision of food/material support packs and shopping vouchers to households impacted by cost-of-living crisis and struggling to cover food costs.	3,650