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COL1 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
3	Dec2023 - Nov2024	Community & Partnerships	Doddington and Rollo Community Association Limited	1093601 / 01710313	Doddington and Rollo Community Association Limited (DRCA) are seeking funding to improve the appearance of their community hall(s) to host charitable organisations who use their space to deliver cost of living projects to improve health, wellness, opportunity, advice and support services. DRCA would also like to invest in training equipment to support capacity building for their tenants and charitable organisations they work with.	Battersea Park	Supporting the VCS to provide other services in response to the cost of living crisis	£ 1,792.00
4	Dec2023 - Nov2024	Community & Partnerships	Earlsfield Foodbank	1167812	Earlsfield Foodbank will fund an Operations Manager role 2 days per week. The role will help deliver the independent foodbank one morning per week in St Andrew's Church SW18, providing food parcels to an active user base of 815 household/1490 individuals. As well as delivering crisis support in partnership with Citizens Advice, Family Action Wellbeing and St Mungo's which will include providing fuel and other vouchers, SIM cards; running ad hoc events - e.g. health check, liver scans; and providing energy and legal advice.	Wandsworth Common	Community Spaces / Access to Food	£ 12,000.00
5	Dec2023 - Nov2024	Community & Partnerships	Elays Network	1141157 / 04763530	Elays will deliver an advice and advocacy service ensuring disadvantaged members of the local community are able to access the necessary information on social welfare and cost of living issues including - benefits, debt, employment, immigration, housing, utilities, and supporting parents with issues with schools. Project delivery will involve one-to-one guidance and monthly workshops at Roehampton Base, Southfield Penfold Centre and in Battersea.	Shaftesbury & Queenstown	Supporting the VCS to provide other services in response to the cost of living crisis	£ 18,270.00
6	Dec2023 - Nov2024	Community & Partnerships	Fast London	1189525	The project will take place within Yvonne Carr Community Centre in Battersea and run weekly community programme for socially disadvantaged 10-19 year olds at risk from exclusion from school; including 2x weekly football sessions, 2x weekly age-specific drop-in sessions at the youth centre offering life skill building activities; ad-hoc education and employment 2-hr support sessions; one-to-one coaching to deal with problem behaviour and to identify further support. Food will also be offered to the young people at the above sessions.	Shaftesbury & Queenstown	Supporting the VCS to provide other services in response to the cost of living crisis	£ 16,000.00
7	Dec2023 - Nov2024	Community & Partnerships	Home Community Café CIC	10245137	The project will be delivered during Home Community Café's opening hours where they will run weekly activities aimed at bringing people together, to strengthen community bonds and reduce the stigma attached to asking for help. Activities will be provided three days per week and deliverables include 2x creative health projects for 30 adults; 1x youth theatre club and dinner for 15 children in receipt of free school meals; 1x lunch club for 15 mothers with postnatal mental health needs; 1x knitting club for 10 socially isolated people; 1x breakfast club for 100 foodbank guests to access hot food, WIFI and emotional support.	Wandsworth Common	Community Spaces / Access to Food	£ 11,080.00
8	Dec2023 - Nov2024	Community & Partnerships	JAGS Foundation	7305010	JAGS are seeking continuation funding for their Sunday Best project to provide 150 home-cooked, culturally considered meals once per week to vulnerable older BAME residents in their homes. The food delivery service will operate over the winter months aiming to: reduce food poverty and food insecurities faced by vulnerable elderly and homeless residents in Wandsworth, living in pockets of severe deprivation. JAGS anticipate that 2,400 hot meals will be served to a minimum of 150 vulnerable residents over 16 weeks; additionally they will offer 8 x 2 hour cooking club workshops, befriending telephone support, and surplus food donations will be distributed to the residents.	St. Mary's	Access to Food	£ 19,888.00

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11	Dec2023 - Nov2024	Community & Partnerships	Katherine Low Settlement	1081248 / 03814833	This project will be a continuation and extension of a service funded during the last round of Warm Spaces & Food Grant Fund. The project provides 3x weekly lunch clubs for local frail and/or isolated elderly people, serving 25 guests per sitting: feeding 75 older Wandsworth residents per week for 46 weeks of the year. Additionally, as part of the above, guests access a warm space with tea/coffee, have social engagement and get to access activities such as art or Tai Chi before and after lunch. Transport is provided for those in need.	St. Mary's	Community Spaces / Access to Food	£	19,461.00
13	Dec2023 - Nov2024	Community & Partnerships	PCC of St. Anne's Church with Faith, Wandsworth	1144983	The organisation is a Church of England Church. The projects they are looking to fund are a Monday coffee morning and food pantry and bi-monthly 3 course community meals. The coffee mornings attract about 30 people, mainly older people living alone and young parents. The Food Pantry supports approx. 10 individuals and 10 families each week, and 45+ residents, adults and children. During the community meals attendees are mainly older people along with some young students/refugees who live alone.	Wandsworth Town	Community Spaces / Access to Food	£	4,530.00
14	Dec2023 - Nov2024	Community & Partnerships	Power2Connect	1204276	This project will support Wandsworth residents to help them tackle the challenges they face in the cost-of-living crisis and to meet increasing requests for help with digital devices, data, and support in relation to the cost-of-living crisis. Power-to-connect say they currently have funding to run 4 weekly digital drop-ins at Putney, Roehampton, Tooting and Battersea until the end of December 2023. They are seeking monies to extend their drop-in support to run it until the end of May 2024 and within more Community spaces. They also wish to extend the service offer to provide residents in need with digital devices, data distributions and deliver group training sessions to upskill people.	Borough-wide	Supporting the VCS to provide other services in response to the cost of living crisis	£	14,585.00
15	Dec2023 - Nov2024	Community & Partnerships	Regenerate.com	1087134/4146490	Regenerate is applying for funding to support their 'Youth and Community (Y&C) Service' which provides a trusted and safe space for young people (aged 11-18) after school where, the applicant states, that young people can meet with peers, enjoy free hot cooked meals and access various activities that focus on improving health and well-being, developing creativity and the development of their executive functioning skills. Part of the funding sought is to continue their cooking workshops which has become a central aspect of their service.	West Putney	Community Spaces / Access to Food	£	18,696.00
18	Dec2023 - Nov2024	Community & Partnerships	SW15 Women's Network	N/A	The Network hosts a weekly coffee morning each Wednesday from 10am-12 noon, for 25-30 women. A range of activities and speakers are provided including information on workmatch jobs available, along with refreshments. These mornings benefit local women many of whom have suffered from domestic violence, providing a safe space where they can talk in confidence. A large number of Ahmadiyya women attend which is reflective of the local community. The applicant states the project provides a positive networking experience and has led to many positive projects.	Roehampton	Supporting the VCS to provide other services in response to the cost of living crisis	£	5,106.00
19	Dec2023 - Nov2024	Community & Partnerships	SW15 Women's Network - Chantelle's Kitchen	N/A	The organisation's aim is to support women to achieve their full potential; to encourage, enable and facilitate their active involvement in business, employment, learning and community life. SW15 Womens Network are applying for funding working in partnership with Chantelle's Community Kitchen to support the local project which runs every Tuesday from 11am-1pm. The kitchen provides free home made nutritious meals to ease food poverty and isolation with both eat-in or take away options: each week they will give out 220 meals. Once a month, they link up with local expert who provides free benefit and cost of living advice to guests. With partners Alton Regeneration, they are also looking at the possibility of an alcohol support service running sessions in the area.	Roehampton	Access to Food	£	9,660.00

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21	Dec2023 - Nov2024	Community & Partnerships	Tooting Community Kitchen	1191091	Tooting Community Kitchen are seeking continuation funding for their Winter Lounge Project where they provide a weekly warm space and hot food at Tooting Church Lane Scouts Hut. The project runs every Wednesday from 1pm-3.30pm offering a hot meal and support to approx. 60 guests who also utilise the foodbank and food stalls on-site. Guests are likely to be homeless, elderly, have a disability, or experiencing poor health and be single parents and those struggling to cope with the cost of living. Referrals are received from the council and other charities or from other foodbanks providing support, enhancing the reach (and impact) of the project .	Tooting Broadway	Community Spaces / Access to Food	£	15,800.00
23	Dec2023 - Nov2024	Community & Partnerships	Wandsworth Carer's Centre	1053121 / 3152094	Wandsworth Carers' Centre are seeking monies to support the continuation of their weekly, free supper club where they provide food and drinks for unpaid Carers in a warm space. The applicant states that for some Carers, this is the only time they are able to socialise which is critical for enhancing their wellbeing and (by) reducing social isolation . They anticipate 20 carers shall attend each supper club and due to the anticipated high demand the Carers Centre state that they will try to ensure that as many Carers as possible can access the club at least once a month. Funding requested is to support cost of food, purchase additional appliances for storage and cooking/heating food.	Balham	Community Spaces / Access to Food	£	5,845.00