

Belfast Outcomes Group

19th June 2013

Present:

Ms Lesley Walker	Outcomes Group Chairperson (BHSCT)
Mr Tommy Boyle	BHSCT
Ms Tina Gregory	Clan Mor Surestart
Mr Jim Morgan	Belfast Strategic Partnership
Ms Maggie Andrews	East Belfast Partnership Board
Ms Geraldine O' Regan	East Belfast Surestart

Attending:

Mary Murphy	Early Intervention Support Team (BHSCT)
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Agenda

1. To ratify and approve the decisions made by the Funding Panel Personnel.

Opening Comments:

- Ms Gregory confirmed that responsibility regarding this process had been delegated to the BHSCT and the Funding Panel and therefore decisions made by this panel will be supported by the Outcomes Group.
- Ms Walker highlighted that the difficulties encountered to date regarding the securing of and confirmation of funding to meet decisions made by Panel have now been resolved and the BHSCT is in a position to progress activity as agreed through the application process.

Funding Panel Report:

Mr Tommy Boyle – Funding Panel Chair took the members present through the Funding Panel process.

Funding Panels proceedings were carried out over a 4 days - 8th, 10th, 13th and 15th May 2013.

Panel comprised of two delegates consistent across the 4 days and a further 4 delegates each giving two days' time commitment.

The funding panel applied a process that supported the Belfast Outcomes Group requirements. This resulted in a mechanism for the allocation of funding across the

three identified areas of priority and to the application of a proportionate spend specific to each priority as agreed.

Total budget available across the 3 priority areas = £1,086,492.00

Total number of applications received = 97

Total money requested from fund = £1,887,812.40

A pre assessment process was applied to all applications to ensure eligibility to progress to panel. This process ensured that all pre requisite criteria were applied and met.

A number of applications were deemed not to meet the specified criteria and are outlined in categories listed below and on this basis were eliminated:

- Bids submitted were under the £5K/£10k lower limit or above the £30K/ £50k upper limit, as specified in funding application guidance.
- Electronic copy of application not submitted as outlined in funding application guidance.
- Application received after specified deadline i.e. 12pm, Friday 26th April 2013.
- 'Work Examples' submitted which did not meet specified criteria

Many applicants did not meet the specified criteria on the basis of more than one of the above criteria.

Mr Boyle outlined the process and outcome on a priority by priority area.

Priority one: Panel Dates 8th and 10th May.

Panel members:

Tommy Boyle Belfast Outcomes Group member,
Karen Burns Belfast Health & Social Care Trust representative
Emer Boyle Belfast City Council representative
Geraldine O'Regan Belfast Outcomes Group member

Total number of requests = 45

Total financial request = £992837.10

Finance Available for Allocation: £543,246.00

A total of 30 projects progressed to Funding Panel for assessment under Priority 1 of which 24 were successful.

Allocations agreed are outlined below.

WEST	TOTAL ALLOCATION
RODEN STREET	16080
IONAD UIBH EACHACH	22370
NEWHILL	19620
BLACKIE	19079
ARDMONAGH	30600
EAST	
LAGAN VILLAGE	17160
BALLYBEEN WOMENS CENTRE	13609
OASIS	14445
EAST BELFAST MISSION	13288
NORTH	
CLIFTONVILLE CC	43264
BARNARDOS	27130
VINE CENTRE	19876
ASHTON	33007
BARNARDOS	16200
SOUTH	TOTAL ALLOCATION
LORAG	40726
AN DROICHEAD	10620
CITY WIDE	
HOLY TRINITY	22680
QUAKER	20800
NIAMH	43376
NEW LIFE	10080
DISABLITY	
KIDS TOGETHER	15750
HELPING HANDS	33116
SOLAS	16370
ADDNI	24000

Total allocation for priority 1= £543,246.00

24 Groups / Applicants were successful for funding under priority 1.
Total amount allocated in principle by panel personnel = £543,246.00

PRIORITY 2.

Wednesday 15 May 2013

Panel Members:

Tommy Boyle Belfast Outcomes Group
Karen Burns Belfast Healthy and Social Care Trust
Jim Morgan Belfast Strategic Partnership
Maggie Andrews Belfast Outcomes Group

A total of **28** applications were received against Priority 2.

Total funding requested = £476,116.80

Finance available for allocation. = £362,164.00

A total of 17 projects progressed to Funding Panel for assessment under Priority 2.

A total of 14 projects met the criteria in full and were successful under this measure. Allocations agreed are outlined below.

WEST	TOTAL ALLOCATION
LENADOON WOMENS GROUP	18800
BLACKIE RIVER CENTRE	17337.23
EAST	
GREENWAY WOMENS CENTRE	15000
LAGAN VILLAGE YCG	19891
NORTH	
NLDCHP	11089
SOUTH	
LORAG	13562
WINDSOR WOMENS CENTRE	25908.6
BRYSON CARE CHILDREN'S SERVICE	24258
CITY WIDE	
OPPORTUNITY YOUTH	13605
NORTHERN IRELAND ALTERNATIVES	30000
BARNARDOS	29775
DISABILITY	
NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY	29919
174 TRUST	20900
SOLAS	20050

Total allocation; £290094.60

£72,070 remained unallocated

PRIORITY 3.

Monday 13 May 2013

Panel Members:

Tommy Boyle Belfast Outcomes Group
Karen Burns Belfast Healthy and Social Care Trust
Jim Morgan Belfast Strategic Partnership
Maggie Andrews Belfast Outcomes Group

A total of **24** applications were received for Priority 3

Total funding requested = £418,813.50

Finance available for allocation = £181082.00

A total of **19** projects progressed to Funding Panel for assessment under Priority 3.

A total of **15** projects met the criteria in full and were successful under this measure. Allocations agreed are outlined below.

WEST	TOTAL ALLOCATION
RODEN STREET COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	9690
HOLY TRINITY	11340
EAST	
BALLYBEEN WOMENS CENTRE	8390
EAST BELFAST MISSION	12000
LAGAN VILLAGE YCG	12000
NORTH	
STREETBEAT	17000
NLDCHP	5803
SEAVIEW ENTERPRISES	12000
ARTILLERY YOUTH CENTRE	11923
CITY WIDE	
QUAKER SERVICES	17000
NORTHERN IRELAND ALTERNATIVES	12000
DISABILITY	
USDT - ACTION ON DISABILITY	12000
BELFAST CENTRAL MISSION	7824
KIDS TOGETHER	12000
CEDAR FOUNDATION	20112
ADDNI	24000

Total allocation for priority 3 = £181,082.00

Closing Remarks

All decisions were agreed and endorsed by the representatives present from the Belfast Outcomes Group.

A total resource of £1014, 422.60 has been allocated through this process.

Belfast Outcomes group are satisfied that the geographic spread of service appears evident. However members would like a greater breakdown of the detail of the services contained within each allocation.

An appeals process is in place. Feedback sessions (in person) will be available for all projects that have not been successful – this will take the form of face to face meeting or telephone contact and will be phase one of the process. The appeals process is based on the provision of evidence to support misapplication of process. In all other matters the decision of the Outcomes Group constituted Funding Panels are binding. An appeals panel if required, will be constituted from OG members who have not been part of the BHSCT administered Funding Panel process.

- Successful projects will be notified by letter and application forms converted to a BHSCT contract. BHSCT monitoring and returns regulations will be applied to all contracted services.

Unallocated Funds:

A number of suggestions were made regarding the unallocated money including building the capacity of the sector to increase competence in completing application forms and preparing for the procurement processes that lie ahead. Mr Boyle highlighted that the panel members had requested that consideration be given to applicants who applied and were below the baseline amount. Belfast Outcome members indicated that any consideration/exemption made to include groups where criteria were not met would not be an option. This could possibly jeopardise the entire process and would only open the door to complaints/appeals. It was agreed that this matter would remain for discussion at the next Outcomes meeting for September. Ms Walker indicated to the members that an additional levy has been imposed on the BHSCT by the HSCB and as a consequence it could result in this money being recouped and returned to the HSCT.

It was agreed that all successful projects need to ensure that their services are recorded onto the NI Family Support Website.