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15 October 2021

Dear Tim,

**Outcome of ESF Full Application Appraisal**

**Open Call: London ESF Priority 1 Call 2021-23 – OC23S21P1831**

**Project: Central London Forward Connecting Communities (23S21P04504)**

I am pleased to confirm that the GLA has completed the technical appraisal of the above Full Application and approved in principle the award of ESF grant, subject to contract and subject to the conditions summarised at Annex A.

Please note that approval of the Full Application does not constitute a formal offer of funding, the formal agreement is made only when a Funding Agreement has been validly executed by both parties. Any expenditure or activity undertaken prior to this date is entirely at the applicant's own risk.

Where pre contractual conditions have been identified (Annex A refers) the applicant is expected to satisfy all pre-contractual conditions prior to the GLA's execution of the Funding Agreement. Please carefully consider the conditions set out at Annex A and where appropriate, take steps to meeting these. Where a request has been made to provide further information, please send this to [esifcalls@london.gov.uk](mailto:esifcalls@london.gov.uk).

A copy of an example ESF Funding Agreement is available from the link below, please note that the standard conditions of the Funding Agreement are not negotiable.

If you have any queries regarding the application process, please contact the GLA European Programmes Management Unit by emailing [esifcalls@london.gov.uk](mailto:esifcalls@london.gov.uk).

We look forward to working with you to ensure that European Social Fund investment supports local economic growth.

Yours Sincerely,



**Alex Conway**

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**Useful Links:**

ESF Guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-structural-and-investment-funds-programme-guidance>

Example Funding Agreement: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-structural-and-investment-funds-funding-agreements>

## Annex A: Funding Agreement Conditions

<b>Project</b>	<b>Central London Forward Connecting Communities</b>
<b>Project Reference</b>	<b>23S21P04504</b>
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>City of London Corporation</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>£18,000,000</b>
<b>ESF Approved (in principle)</b>	<b>£9,000,000</b>

Please note that **pre-contract conditions** must be met prior to the GLA's execution of the Funding Agreement. The Funding Agreement should be signed and returned within 30 days of issue. Should the Funding Agreement not be returned within 30 days, the GLA will consider this an indication that you no longer wish to proceed with the application and the funding allocation provisionally approved may be re-allocated within the Programme.

### 1. Pre contract conditions:

<b>Condition</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
1. Match funding letters to be submitted by all partners providing match funding.	Within 30 days of receipt of the decision notification letter
2. Project performance will be monitored against the quarterly profile of expenditure and deliverables included within the Funding Agreement. The applicant should review the delivery milestone dates and quarterly profiles within their application and confirm to GLA-IB whether they are still in line with expected timescales for delivery of this project, or whether revisions are required. This action should be completed within 30 days of receipt of the decision notification letter. If changes are required to the quarterly profiles or milestones, the applicant must update the information within 60 days of receipt of the decision letter. Please note: no changes will be permitted to the total expenditure, or to the total numbers of outputs and results.	As set out within the condition

## 2. Contract conditions:

Condition	Deadline
1. The policies for both Cross-Cutting Themes should be updated to fully reflect the ESF requirements for Cross-Cutting Themes, and the action plans should be updated to include SMART objectives	Project Inception Visit
2. The ESF Direct Staff Costs included in the ESF Project granular budget have been approved in principle as part of the Full Appraisal and this includes any hourly rate or fixed rate information set out in your granular budget. However, prior to the Project Inception Visit (PIV), the Grant Recipient must confirm whether there have been any changes to any of the staff costs recorded in their granular budget at the application stage. If there have been any changes to any of the ESF Direct Staff Costs listed in the granular budget, the Grant Recipient must provide an updated 'Staff Costs Master List' to the Contract Manager in advance of the PIV to ensure accurate, timely checks can be undertaken prior to submitting their first financial claim to the ESF Managing Authority.	Project Inception Visit
3. The applicant to ensure they work with other ESF projects delivering similar provision in the same geographic area, to provide an ongoing assurance activity will not duplicate throughout the lifetime of the project.	On-going, throughout the lifetime of the project

	ESF	2019				2020				2021				2022				2023				Total
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
	ESF Direct staff costs												79540.26	79540.26	79540.26	79540.26	79540.26	79540.26				€477,241.56
			€0.00				€0.00					€0.00				€318,161.04			€153,080.52			
ESF Other Direct Costs	Participant costs																					€0.00
			€0.00				€0.00					€0.00				€0.00			€0.00			
	Premises costs															€0.00			€0.00			€0.00
			€0.00				€0.00					€0.00				€0.00			€0.00			
	Equipment hire															€0.00			€0.00			€0.00
			€0.00				€0.00					€0.00				€0.00			€0.00			
	Consumables															€0.00			€0.00			€0.00
			€0.00				€0.00					€0.00				€0.00			€0.00			
	Items value less than £1k															€0.00			€0.00			€0.00
			€0.00				€0.00					€0.00				€0.00			€0.00			
	Audit															€0.00			€0.00			€0.00
			€0.00				€0.00					€0.00				€0.00			€0.00			
	Consultant															€0.00			€0.00			€0.00
			€0.00				€0.00					€0.00				€0.00			€0.00			
	Volunteer time															€0.00			€0.00			€0.00
			€0.00				€0.00					€0.00				€0.00			€0.00			
	Marketing and publicity															€0.00			€0.00			€0.00
			€0.00				€0.00					€0.00				€0.00			€0.00			
	Care provider running costs															€0.00			€0.00			€0.00
			€0.00				€0.00					€0.00				€0.00			€0.00			
	Professional Fees															€0.00			€0.00			€0.00
			€0.00				€0.00					€0.00				€0.00			€0.00			
	Other															€0.00			€0.00			€0.00
			€0.00				€0.00					€0.00				€0.00			€0.00			
	Flat Rate Indirect costs @ 40%												31816.104	31816.104	31816.104	31816.104	31816.104	31816.104				€190,896.62
			€0.00				€0.00					€31,816.10				€127,264.42			€31,816.10			
	Flat Rate Indirect costs @ 15%																					€0.00
			€0.00				€0.00					€0.00				€0.00			€0.00			
	Total	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€111,356.36	€111,356.36	€111,356.36	€111,356.36	€111,356.36	€111,356.36		€0.00	€0.00	€668,138.18
	Year Total		€0.00				€0.00					€111,356.36				€445,425.46			€111,356.36			