

Space2Grow #13

FOOD GRANT FUND

OCTOBER 2020

MONITORING REPORT

**SPACE
2 GROW**

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S FUND



Report on
provision of food
to families in
need during
October half-term
2021

**YOUNG
BARNET**
FOUNDATION

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LONDON BOROUGH



Barnet Together

Overview

Open for Applications :	24 th October 2020
Application Deadline :	30 th October 2020
Panel Meeting:	Not Applicable. Verification was confirmed by Young Barnet CEO and other senior staff.
Panel Members:	Not Applicable
Total Number of Applications:	15
Cumulative amount requested:	£6,759
Total number of applications for Consideration by the panel after due diligence :	15
Revised Cumulative Amount :	£6,759
Total Amount Available:	Grants based on £3 per child, per day for the provision of food by organisations already undertaking October Half Term Activities
Number of Awards:	15
Total Amount Awarded:	£6,759
Awarded Date	28 th October 2020
Funding Provided by:	London Borough of Barnet.

Monitoring and Evaluation Overview

Total Number of Unique Participants	624
Total Number of Meals provided during October Half Term	1820
Average Number of Meals per day provided	364

Executive Summary

Space2Grow #13 was launched under the continuing backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the introduction of Tier 2 restrictions in October 2020.

Local Authorities were provided with an Emergency Assistance Grant for food and essential supplies, and Barnet Council used this funding to ensure extra supplies to the Borough's Food Banks, and, working with Young Barnet Foundation, to distribute grants to charities and community organisations delivering holiday programmes and youth activity schemes working with disadvantaged children enabling them to provide food as part of their delivery.

Janet Matthewson, Chief Executive of the Young Barnet Foundation, said: "I'm delighted we've been able to work with the council to offer this important funding. In Barnet we are lucky to have so many amazing groups, often small and local but offering crucial activities and support to our most vulnerable children and young people. This funding will allow these groups to provide food during the half term and this is further supported by the extra supplies available to foodbanks."

The purpose of the grants was to:

- Purchase food
- Provide food parcel or provide hot/cold meals

And the criteria for the grants was:

- 5-18 year olds
- Young people at risk of food insecurity/holiday hunger
- Barnet residents
- £3 per child, per day

Due to the tight timescales involved, a simplistic application process was developed, with the calculation of the amount of grant being undertaken by Young Barnet Foundation Grants Administration team based on the number of children and young people expected to attend existing October Half Term provision amongst our members.

Details of the actual numbers of Unique Participants and the Number of Meals provided is given in the next section, along with feedback provided from the participating organisations is given below.

Despite the short timescale provided, it was noted that our Voluntary and Community Sector partners were able to quickly adapt their plans to include the requirements of the fund, including making arrangements for pick up and delivery of food.

It was also a useful experience from Young Barnet Foundation's perspective as well, demonstrating our ability to work quickly to develop a grant fund that responded to changing circumstances, and that our process were agile enough to enable this. The experience of developing and running this grant fund for the October Half Term 2020 provided valuable

experience which fed into our preparations with Barnet Council to deliver the Department for Education funded Holiday Activity Fund.

Monitoring & Evaluation Data

Organisation Name	Grant Awarded	Total No of Unique Participants (A)	Total No of Participants (A)
The Axis Educational Trust	£192.00	18	63
Nene Tereza	£225.00	60	70
Grow	£108.00	60	60
Fun Unique Social Enterprise C.I.C.	£450.00	34	138
Kick Action Academy	£150.00	12	56
Community Focus Inclusive Arts	£36.00	6	12
RCCT CIC	£180.00	60	60
African Refugee Community	£225.00	18	78
The Boy's Clubhouse	£60.00	7	21
Barnet Community Projects	£228.00	24	77
ADDISS	£450.00	30	150
Mill Hill County High School	£2,685.00	179	895
Watling Park School	£780.00	50	50
Mapledown School	£90.00	6	30
Barnet Refugee Service (New Citizens' Gateway)	£900.00	60	60
TOTAL	£6,759.00	624	1820

Feedback from Grantees

We have provided Asda Food Vouchers to 14 families and 18 unique children who are receiving free school meals during October half term. Thank you for supporting us.
The project was a great success and we were able to form new relationships with the Rainbow centre and local young people. The funds for the lunches were a great help so thank you!
Receiving this donation helped us to provide lunch everyday for the young people attending the Grahame park holiday scheme.
'Children need meals, they also need exercise' . Meals and exercise and exercise compliment one another, Thank you to @Young_Barnet , Barnet Council and the Marcus Rashford Campaign. Together as a community, we can all combat child hunger.
The funding allowed for purchases of snacks (fruits, bars, crisps) and a sandwich was requested by one of our students. This helped them maintain energy to engage in our activities.
Thank you, so much. Very helpful.
Much appreciated.

It was interesting to observe Young People gathering again in a community context sharing and engaging in activities after many months of face to face activities following Covid-19 and the lock down. Sitting together, sharing stories, experiences and food was amazing. It was only with the financial assistance of YBF that this time limited project full of diverse activities was achieved. Participants felt connected, engaged, happy and were empowered by different learning provided by our team of volunteers.

Thank you for your support. Without it some of these boys, who are mostly school excluded, would have gone hungry in the holiday period.

This allocation of funding has allowed some of our families who are finding the current circumstances extremely challenging the comfort of knowing they can provide for their child/ren while schools are closed. It has been a lifeline for many - thank you!

The generosity of the charity has made a huge impact to some of our families who are most in need.

One family said 'Thank you so much, this will make a huge difference - we really appreciate it'

On behalf of Barnet Refugee Service, we would like to express our deepest gratitude and sincerely thank you for your ongoing support/donation you provide to refugee and asylum-seeking children.