

Programmes Office

22/23 Update Report

FACTS AND FIGURES

Total enquiries:

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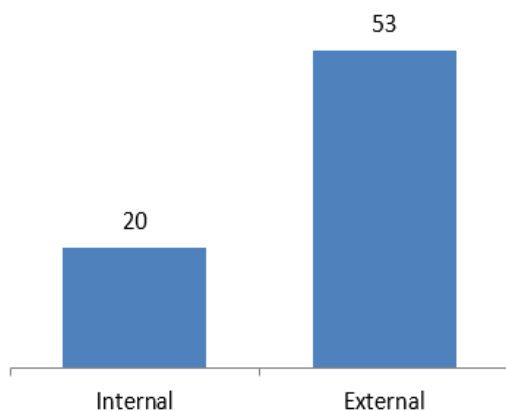
Funding Bulletins

The Programmes Office (Formerly know as External Funding) produces a monthly Funding Bulletin, which provides a snapshot of grant funding available at that point in time. There are 7 sections: Strategic Funds & Council Significance (Borough-wide Significance); Youth, Schools & Colleges; Faith & Places of Worship; Health & Sport: Arts, Culture & Heritage and Miscellaneous.

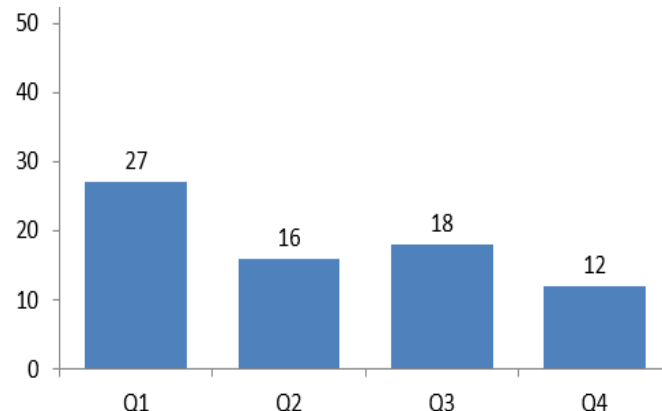
The Team also provides details of programmes with imminent deadlines.

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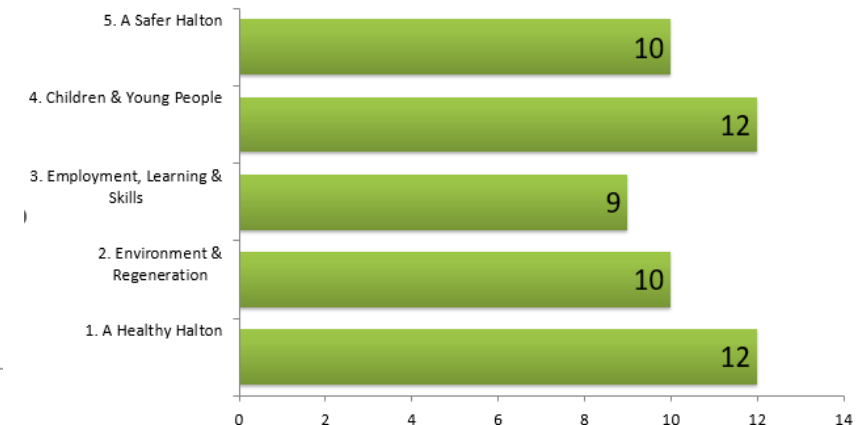
Enquiries Received



Enquiries per Quarter



Funding by Strategic Priorities:



Projects Funded in 2022/2023

St Berteline's (Windmill Hill)	£281,000	£1,499,491	£64,997	Wat Phra Singh
HBC/LCR Projects	£764,000		£113,863	Trinity Safe Space
Creative Health Initiatives	£150,000		£94,500	Catalyst SDC
Open 360	£23,035		£8,096	Recharge & Restore

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Project Supported in 22/23

Community Environment Fund - a number of grants were awarded for both Halton Borough Council and community-led environmental projects, including Victoria Park Environment Team, Hazlehurst Studios and the Veterans. The aim of the funding is to encourage residents to engage in activity that has a positive effect on climate change and results in a better understanding of the issues faced relating to environmental matters.

HBC, UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) - Halton has benefited from an initial £608,000 from UKSPF - this is a fund which was set up by Government to replace European funding pots which comes to an end this year. The fund runs initially to March 2025 & includes strands on Culture/Art/Heritage, Green/Resilient/Safe communities and Town Centres. A programme of activity will be delivered on these themes, led by HBC and partners.

LCR/HBC, Destination Marketing Campaign - Halton is participating in a 3-year Destination Marketing campaign to encourage visitors from the Liverpool City Region and beyond to make the most of Halton's assets. HBC is working with a Destination Marketing company, Vivid, on specific campaigns which promote Halton's culture, heritage and natural assets. For further insight go to www.visithalton.gov.uk

Training

The new sessions aim to share & discuss Officer experiences of good practice in preparation of funding applications; & to enhance Officer awareness as part of a managed, strategic approach to prioritising future funding applications. Session Content:

- Programmes Office Remit & new Strategic Approach to Bids, HBC's Funding Support provision.
- What is a bid?
- Business Justification Case.
- Role of the PO Funding Officer.
- 10 Common Elements of an External Grant Application.
- 5 Discussion Topics & Case Studies.
- Funding Application Ownership.
- Strong & Weak Bids.

We also run our usual 4 core courses:
Basic Bid Writing Training.
Monitoring and Evaluation Training.
Now You Have Your Grant Course.
Developing a Fundraising Strategy.

Role of the Team



Website/Social Media

Our website <http://www.halton.gov.uk/funding> you can find details on the team and the latest funding bulletins and access to online forms.

We are also now on twitter <https://twitter.com/fundinghalton> (@fundinghalton) which is updated with the latest funding opportunities and information.

Projects Supported in 22/23

Wat Phra Singh Buddhist Temple & Meditation Centre secured a Veolia Environmental Grant for replacement of building's old, energy-deficient windows & outer doors and the installation of a community green space ('Peace Garden') adjacent to the main building - will each provide significant and lasting benefits to all user-groups and the wider public who regularly access the site. The new garden will also provide a free added-benefit to many user-groups who will feature and use the space within their varied activities.

Building on a long-established collaboration with Halton Women's Centre, **Recharge & Restore** secured a grant to deliver a 12-week programme for 20 vulnerable women who regularly attend the Centre, a proportion of whom have challenging parental and family circumstances requiring specific mental health support. **Recharge & Restore** also secured a grant to pilot an open-access café to support local people who recently been bereaved and/or were struggling to cope with the loss of a loved one.

St Bert's PCC (supported by the Windmill Hill Big Local Partnership) secured £311,000 capital grants from multiple funders to improve and increase the capacity of its existing church building to create a more welcoming, flexible & sustainable community space.

CHI Community Café secured a continuation grant to build on the success of its previous project, by helping to integrate local communities & individuals around the community cafe through a range of popular free activities & community events based around food & nutrition.

Trinity Safe Space secured a grant from Faith New Deal Pilot to deliver clinical supervision & counselling support for vulnerable people, including peer support. Additionally, the project delivered 100+ cultural awareness sessions, 120 ESOL sessions and 20 activities/events aimed at reducing social isolation/enhancing community cohesion for 150+ beneficiaries.

For the past 5 years **Open 360** has co-designed & delivered 11 community-based, 'digital inclusion' pilot projects aimed at bringing people together with a wide range of sensitive health issues & social needs. By carefully combining basic digital awareness, confidence & skills with important life-affirming activities including confidence-building/motivation, home-and-life skills, basic literacy/numeracy, money-management & practical employability support. the projects have become increasingly popular, resulting in a recently-funded 3-year scaled-up project (to expand delivery to over 500 people at risk of digital exclusion from 3 permanent venues in Halton).

Catalyst Science Discovery Centre & Museum, Synergy Project - the aim of the project is to completely refresh Catalyst's heritage offer; this will be done through a co-creation approach with local community groups. An award of £99,400 has been awarded by National Lottery Heritage Fund and the total project costs are in the region of £800,000.

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