

**Appendix 3 – Allocation of Area Committee Grant Funding**

<b>Funding Year</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
2024-25	North	24,633	42,506
	East	23,289	24,273
	South	15,202	11,800
	West Central	6,876	10,602
2023-24	North	23,751	76,254
	East	21,959	46,152
	South	17,297	17,639
	West Central	6,993	4,261
2022-23	North	24,003	32,210
	East	21,112	44,905
	South	17,969	17,675
	West Central	6,916	6,996

*The budget for each area was set using a formula based on census population figures and benefit households which are an extract from the Low-Income Family Tracker*

The areas of highest need have consistently been oversubscribed. As a result, several groups each year were not funded at all or not funded to the extent the Grants Team felt would have been appropriate. There was also pressure to fully fund applications for under subscribed areas, even if the quality of application was not of a high standard.

### Frequent issues

- Some applications did not meet the criteria as they did not cover a specific Area (or part of a specific Area) or demonstrate that they recognised the geographic boundaries of the scheme.
- Some applicant groups applied to all Areas – in effect demonstrating they were citywide activities that should have been submitted to the main grants scheme.
- Some applications demonstrated a strong need for the activity but were not able to say why this was specific to the Area to which they applied.
- The Grants team had no way of being able to check where beneficiaries came from.