

Title of Report: Access Programme for Cultural Venues 20/21 In Year Call Results	Officer Presenting: Head of Culture Author: Arts & Culture Manager
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To secure member approval for the allocation of funding for the in-year Access Programme for Cultural Organisations 2020/21.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Access Programme focused on cultural organisations, supporting capital improvements directly related to the findings detailed within an independent access audit. The programme was designed to meet the community planning action of "...promoting accessible cultural experiences". The independent access audits were carried out as part of the Access and Inclusion project within the Culture department.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 In a meeting of Business and Culture Committee in February 2020 (Item BC31/20) Members approved the creation of an in year grant aid call for the Access Programme for Cultural Organisations. This was available to any of the cultural who had completed their access audit but had not yet been successful in receiving funding in this programme. The call received two further funding applications.
- 3.2 The two applications have been assessed by an officer led grant aid panel based on the agreed scoring matrix and, pending receipt of requested additional information, it is recommended that the following awards are made as per application request:
 - Venue A - £19,631
 - Venue B - £20,000

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, Rural Needs and other Implications

4.1 The Access Programme for Cultural Organisations 2020/21 in year call will be financed through investment from Department for Communities and the Public Health Agency as detailed in the previous report (Item BC31/20).

5 Recommendations

5.1 For Members to approve the awards to Venue A of £19,631 and Venue B of £20,000.

Background Papers