

Liberation & Community Network Finances

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1. Introduction

At the previous CWB meeting, it was decided to split the £5,000 budgeted for Liberation & Community as follows: £250 discretionary funds for each of the 9 networks, leaving £2,750 in a pot that is allocated on an individual basis. This made it necessary to decide a process and criteria for allocation. The following is a starting point to decide the way going forward.

2. Process for allocation

The following process for allocation is suggested – this is **only** for the £2,750 central pot. For the £250 each network has, expenditure need just be approved by DPW or Gabi.

1. LCO submits request for funding by email to DPW and Gabi with:
 - a. Description of activity/event
 - b. Reason why spend is necessary
 - c. Itemised estimated spend including expected suppliers.
2. DPW/Gabi review request and respond to LCO with decision about if it will be taken forward, or with suggestions to change.
3. If taken forward, request is submitted to CWB for approval by voting members at next meeting.

Notes: while it would be encouraged to submit requests for allocation far in advance to ensure there is enough time to be submitted to the next CWB, when this isn't possible CWB may be asked to approve by an online vote.

3. Criteria for allocation

The following criteria for allocation is suggested:

- The extent to which the expenditure contributes towards either:
 - A positive change for the relevant L&C group as a result of a campaign
 - Increased sense of community amongst the relevant group
 - Better welfare of the relevant group
- The reach of the activity/event (proportional to the size of the whole group)
- The extent to which expenditure is necessary to meet the aims of the activity/event
- How much the relevant network has already been allocated

4. Action

CWB is requested to consider the above process and criteria, to suggest amendments and to approve a final version to allow LCOs to start making any requests.