

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Decision Title: Creative Sector Growth Programme round 2 grants
Decision reference number: 01.01.22
Decision date: 20 January 2022
<p>Background / reason for decision:</p> <p>The Recovery Fund process resulted in a funding allocation for a business support programme for creative industries businesses, following on from the successful Creative Scale Up programme and match funded by DCMS (£500k recovery funding and £300k DCMS). The CSGP was designed through extensive engagement with the sector and the Creative Advisory Board.</p> <p>The programme is delivered in partnership with the Combined Authority's delivery partner Watershed (contracted through procurement) who lead on peer support and training. The Combined Authority manages the mentoring grants for businesses on the programme.</p> <p>Round 2 applications were assessed and scored through the agreed process, as a result of which it was identified that 68 businesses could be supported at a total cost of £234,000</p>
<p>Options considered:</p> <p>Not applicable in relation to this specific decision, i.e. this was the option considered.</p>
<p>Decision:</p> <p>Approval was given for grant funding 68 businesses in the second Creative Sector Growth Programme round, providing £3,000 - £6,000 per business for mentoring, at a total cost of £234,000. Further details are set out at Appendix A.</p>
<p>Consultation:</p> <p>The Chief Executives of the West of England Combined Authority constituent councils were consulted on these proposals.</p>
<p>Officer making decision: Patricia Greer</p> <p>Position: Chief Executive, West of England Combined Authority</p>

Report / appendices / background documents:

Appendix A – further detail of grants awarded under Round 2.