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The BID team at London Bridge are giving some of the money they collect from businesses in grants to community groups.

The Building Bridges Taskgroup have had a busy first quarter of 2010 so far - they have read through a total of 66 applications for the two grant funds run by Team London Bridge.

The large amount of £20,000 was awarded to Heartbeat Communiversity for a project lasting a year. They will be carrying out a one-to-one keyworking programme with some of the most vulnerable and at risk young people in the London Bridge and Bermondsey area.

Based in Camberwell, they have been working with children across the borough, but this grant will allow them to identify 25 young people in the Bermondsey area that are most in need. This can be because they have found themselves without parents or have parents that are suffering from drug or drink problems or depression.

They will be counselled by an individual mentor on anything from dealing with their problems, to school work and opportunities to join new groups and clubs.

The Small Grants Fund, which is funded jointly between Team London Bridge and accountants PricewaterhouseCoopers, is funding sixteen projects this year, up to £2,000 each.

Team London Bridge give £15,000, which PricewaterhouseCoopers match fund. A breakdown of the projects is shown in the table opposite.

Both the funds are for youth projects which benefit 5-19 year olds living and/or going to school in the Bermondsey area in Southwark. Team London Bridge is committed to building links with the residential community, inside and around

what has become a vibrant business district.

A spokesman said: "We appreciate that not everyone has the time or energy to devote to first finding and then funding a good cause that they identify with.

This is why we set up the Building Bridges and Small Grant funds. In this way every business that contributes to Team London Bridge through the BID levy can be part of a collective Corporate Responsibility policy for the area."

16th Bermondsey Scouts - Seven night camp in the New Forest Hampshire consisting of activities: camping, cooking, walking/navigation, sailing, raft building, cycling, swimming and archery.

Bede Youth Adventure - A week long summer camp with opportunities for young people to experience the countryside, and learn to look after themselves by camping.

Borough Music School - Develop pupil's general musicianship and knowledge plus the organisation and promotion of a final performance.

Bruk Out - Provide young people with workshops in dance, drama, singing lyric writing and fashion design

City Hope Church - Outreach soccer workshops and intensive training course culminating in a tournament.

Downside Fisher - A range of water based activities including, aqua boxing, water polo using the youth club's own swimming pool.

London Bubble - Yuth Theatre, teaching them interviewing skills to interview and then transcribe experiences of people who lived through the Blitz.

SE1 United - Homework clubs, mentoring, and book clubs.

Southbank Mosaics CIC - After school club to produce a mosaic of the riverside which will be permanently displayed near London Bridge.

Spam TRA - Extra arts and sports activities will take place on the local estate for five weeks.

Tabard Gardens TRA - Weekly drama sessions for local children

The Brunel Museum - Two-week playscheme for 60 local children, celebrating the first Thames Tunnel Fancy Fair of 1852.

The Pumphouse - Environmental workshops.

Time and Talents - Multi media project that would include film making.

WPF Therapy - Intensive work placement scheme.

Young Vic Theatre - Opportunity for 30 young people who attend a local school in Bermondsey to attend three 2 hour workshops plus free tickets to see a production.

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