**Emergency Funding provided to our local communities to help them support the most vulnerable.**

I'm delighted to announce that Round 3 of this fund awarded funding of £12, 21,856.31 as set out below.

Round 4 of the Covid19 Emergency response Fund will take place next Friday (24th) and we will continue on a weekly basis until the funding is used up. The funding being awarded results from fundraising efforts by HAL and Team Heathrow Colleagues during 2019.

In the meantime, all our business as usual grant programmes have been temporarily paused until we know more about future funding.

Projects funded in Round 3-

MAPIS CIC – £2500 - to provide training and support online to young people in Windsor & Maidenhead to help tackle the problem of social isolation.

DELIGHT - £4993.15 – to provide 435 primary school children in Spelthorne & Runnymede with Boxes of Delight - Box of resources and projects to be usable by primary school children with no adult support required, targeted at families who are unable to access the online school provision.

UJALA FOUNDATION - £2100 – to provide emergency food to people in Slough who are self-isolating.

STANWELL FOOD BANK - £3200 – to provide a new freezer and support costs of providing emergency food for people self-isolating in Stanwell.

**Background**

**Q. Where does Heathrow Community Trust funding come from**? HCT receives an annual donation from Heathrow Airport Ltd; we also receive donations from other companies involved in the airport, income from sponsored events which HAL colleagues take part in like the Midnight Marathon, and income form airline noise fines when they break the regulations. Currently we have paused our grant programmes for this year as we are not yet sure what donations we might receive. However, in 2019 we were very lucky to receive lots of support from Team Heathrow companies such as Fujitsu and Balfour Beatty, more noise fine income than we were anticipating, and a good amount of income from HAL colleagues’ fundraising. This has meant that we have £95k which we have put to immediate use to fund our Covid19 Emergency Funding.

**Q. Has the Round 1 and 2 funding been given out?** Yes, recognising that charities need to move quickly to respond to the crisis we have awarded these grants very rapidly (within 3 days of receiving applications). Charities have been very grateful:

‘Thank you so much for your email. We are thrilled that the Grant Review Panel has made a donation to Sight for Surrey towards our Covid19 related costs. Your support will really help those with sight and hearing impairments at what is an even more vulnerable time for them. Thank you to HCT for supporting charities like ours with additional funding in these unprecedented times. We are so grateful.’ Helen Hopkins, Trusts and Grants Fundraiser, Sight for Surrey

‘Thank you so much for your email and for the good news. On behalf of Parents And Children Together, I would like to thank you and the members of the Panel for your kind support; it is very much appreciated. The HCT grant will enable us to continue to provide our services to hundreds of children, women and families in need and to develop our IT infrastructure.’ L**ina Artunduaga,** Fundraising Manager, PACT.

**Q. Will there be more funding available? How are you deciding what to fund?**

We will be running weekly funding rounds until the available funding is used up – there will be awards made every Friday. The Grant Review Panel is made up of the Chairs of HCT’s 4 Grant Review Panels, and their deputies, who normally help us to decide what to fund in our day to day grant programmes – they are very experienced at reviewing funding applications but it is very tough. We are focussing on awarding funding to those organisations who are most in need and are helping the most vulnerable at this time. Heathrow Colleagues Julie Dunn (People). Michael Murphy (Environment) and Dave Cottrell (T5 Security) sit on the panel, and the remaining panel members are Alison Keeley, Gennie Dearman and Bobby Basra who have extensive experience working in and with charities.