

The Network Pot distribution plan



Overview


The BD_Collective is a network of networks of organisations, big and small, formal and informal, coming together to build shared understanding and collective responses to social disadvantage in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham. The work of the networks is diverse but is bound together by shared values. Each network:

- Connects people across civil society organisations, and engages with local residents and public services
- Builds trust between people and between organisations, encouraging talk about challenging issues
- Shares accountability for the well-being of residents across all groups that can make a contribution, and
- Shifts power from public systems to civil society, honouring its primary role in alleviating human suffering.

Since BD_Collective was established, it was agreed that around 40% of the £100,000 grant from Barking & Dagenham Council would be used for ‘development’. This now makes up the ‘network pot’ and we will use the ‘Open Collective’ platform to distribute funds. This is a public platform and available for anyone to view [here](#).

The BD_Collective Leadership Teams have agreed the criteria and process for sign off which is detailed below.

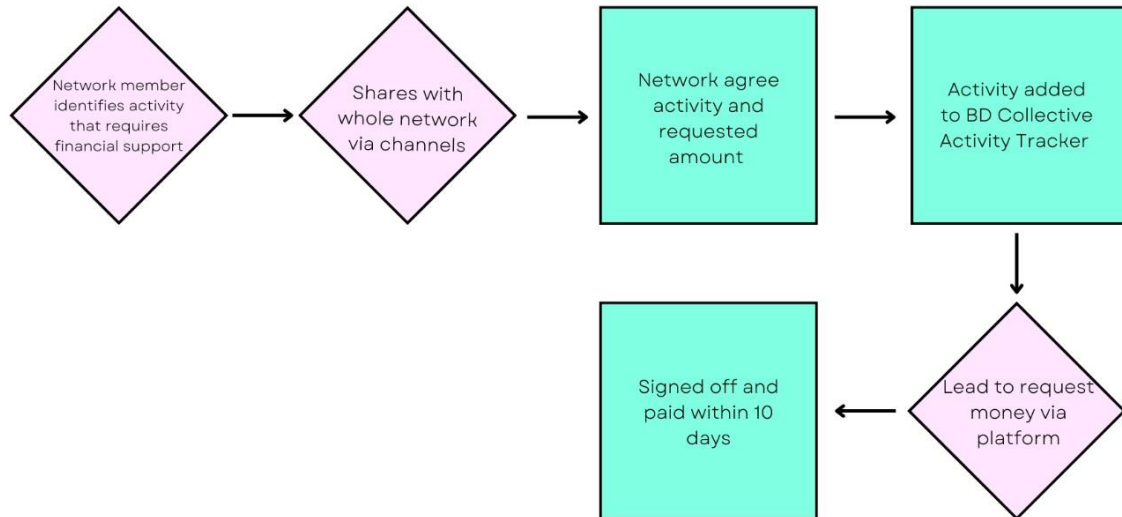
Primary Purpose of the Network Pot is growth of BD_Collective as a network of networks.

CRITERION FOR NETWORK FUND	
 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investment can be made for one of these 5 categories. 2. Investment will always be to an organisation that is taking a lead within a network. 3. There will always be a named person in that organisation who is leading the activity being resourced. 	<p>Categories defined</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitation: where a network wants to cover external facilitator costs for an event, project or difficult conversation. • Bidwriting: where an organisation (within a network) develops a consortium for a specific bid. Costs covered will include co-ordination & bidwriting activity to a max of 5 days. Consortia will be expected to build contingency to cover costs for future bids. • Network development: organisations seeking to set up a new network will receive £50 to facilitate initial conversations (see tiny box for more details). Once a new network has been formed, they will receive a pre-payment of £500 to be used for network development purposes (decided by the network) • Workstream leadership: workstream is defined as consortium bids (as above), a project or strategy (associated with a network) or representation. • Additional support: this is discretionary, but can be used for network development eg supporting smaller organisations to participate in network activities.

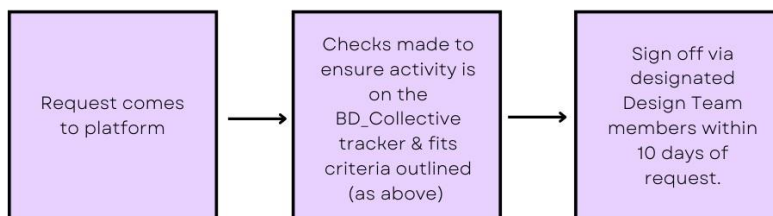
The process

All the information you need can be found via the platform [OpenCollective](#) and we have also detailed below.

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How requests are signed off



How much can be requested.

- The day rate for Collective members time will be up to £250 (pro rata £35 per hour).
- The day rate for a bidwriter will be up to £575+VAT for a maximum of 5 days.
- Any request will have evidence of time spent eg a timesheet/invoice and will be paid in arrears unless otherwise agreed.

Learning as we go:

- This is not an exact science, and we will learn as we develop, so the Design Team's response is not scrutiny, but ensuring within agreed criteria and activity aligns to BD_Collective values.
- The Design Team will receive a financial report every month and each network will receive a monthly report of their spend. Anyone can access the platform at any time to review spend and raise any concerns via the secretariat to the Design Team.
- The Design Team will review together the impact of the spend and suggest any adjustments that might need to be made.