**Great Opportunity for funding for the small Brent Voluntary and Community Sector organisations**

**CVS Brent are working with The National Lottery Grants team to provide small grants to organisations in Brent.**

Total sum available is £187,000.   Grants of £300.00 (Three Hundred Pounds or £10,000 (Ten Thousand Pounds) will be made available to Brent organisations to support them to deliver the services to Brent residents who have been impacted by Covid 19.

Priority will be given to small organisations who:

* Are supporting the hard-to-reach communities, addressing inequalities and poverty.
* Small groups and organisations with a turnover of under £200,000 per annum.

CVS Brent has put together the Grants Programme following the discussions with the small groups and incorporates the recommendations from the Brent Poverty Commission - A Fairer Future - Ending Poverty in Brent and the Brent Black Community Action Plan.

The fund will support organisations that:

* Require equipment items (such as additional mobile phones or laptops to manage the delivery of services to their clients).
* Require funding for Covid compliance – to make any necessary changes in the building or with the delivery of the service, or to purchase PPE equipment for staff and volunteers.
* Deliver front line services to clients such as information/advice/befriending support, counselling, digital support, emotional support/bereavement support, practical tasks including food supplies.

This fund aims to focus on Brent Residents most affected by Coronavirus including:

* Black & Minority Ethnic Communities
* People with Disabilities
* Older People
* Children & Young People
* Carers
* Women
* Digitally excluded (lack of devices, data, internet access)

 The funds priorities include:

* Mental Health
* Isolation
* Digital Exclusion
* Domestic Violence
* Employment
* Bereavement
* Physical Health
* FOOD
* COVID-19 compliance support

Further details about the applications will be made available on the CVS Brent website shortly, there will be 2 rounds in March 2021 and May 2021.