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Dear Kevin,

Corporate Grant 2016/17

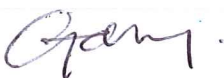
Thank you for your letter dated 18th December 2015 regarding our core grant application. I would like to express our gratitude for your support through this grant programme over many years. As you are aware Hillingdon's support has helped us to set up and run some fantastic projects in the borough, including the Com.Cafe and Healing Gardens, and more recently, the Groundwork South Charity Shop on Violet Avenue.

It is no doubt that we face challenging times and we are very aware of the pressures and reduction in funding that LB Hillingdon are experiencing and understand the reasons for reducing the grant. However, we believe we can continue to deliver all of our activities for the benefit of local community groups and do not intend on cutting any of our services or projects in the immediate future.

We would therefore be extremely grateful to receive the allocated £18,000 of corporate grant for 2016/17. We will continue to allocate the agreed £7,000 per year into Healing Gardens and will invest the remainder of the grant funding into business development activity. This development work will be aimed at these existing services, with a view to generating more sustainable income streams in the long term, as well as new opportunities to support the local community. I would also be keen to discuss any areas for contracted or commissioned services where we may be able to assist the council.

Once again I would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to reporting back on another successful year at the end of 2017. In the meantime we would be happy to meet with you and Cllr Mills to update you on the progress of our current projects if you feel this would be beneficial

Yours Sincerely



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