

SMIB – (Special Improvement Budget) Decisions, Decisions, Decisions
Residents take action & help to allocate SMIB Budget

The Residents of PCHA played an active part in deciding where some of PCHA's improvements budget is to be allocated.

Our panel of volunteers had to evaluate 15 bids for funding which had been submitted by the Housing Service Officers. As part of the Neighbourhood Planning process, each Housing Service Officer identified priority estates or street properties by consulting with residents and prepared a bid for funding.

The meeting took place at our PCHA office 192 High Road Willesden on Thursday 10th September 09.

The SMIB is a pot of money that is allocated twice a year towards priority areas the funding can be used for purchasing new security gates, dustbins on estates, replacing lighting, gardening works and much more. Each bid was scored by the resident panel and this year £90,000 was allocated. There were many successful bids in areas such as Rutland Park Mansions which were funded to replace gates and to provide CCTV, Copland Road for security doors and Marble Drive who were also awarded money for security doors.

The next SMIB Panel will take place in July 2010 for further information or if you are interested in taking part in future meetings/events please contact the Resident Involvement team at PCHA, 192 Willesden High Road, London, NW10 2PB or telephone 020 8451 8085.

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Funded

Copland Road	(Rena Khazanchi)	6 security door	£18,000
Torbay Mansions	(Wayne Buah)	entry fob system	£4288
Marble Drive	(Kemi Faroun)	2 entry doors	£14,398
772 Harrow Road	(Wayne Buah)	new gate and keys	£3202
Winton Court	(Gershwin Theron)	spinners	£1500
Mitchellbrook Way	(Alistair Ogilvie)	gate	£5497
Shalford Cottages	(Claudia Vanaags)	lighting & new gate	£1473
Howard House	(Diane Spencer)	door entry system	£14500
Rogerstone Court	(Rena Khazanchi)	3 security doors	£12092
Lisson Grove	(Sharon Woodstock)	2 security doors	£4088
Rutland Park Mns	(Claudia Vanaags)	gate/cctv	£4748/5971*
Lithos Road	(Gershwin Theron)	green spaces	£6000

TOTAL: £91009

* the scores meant that the panel could only afford to fund either the CCTV camera or the gate at Rutland Park mansions

Not funded this time

Cooper Road (Claudia Vanaags) Fencing panels £1906

Feedback: Residents feel that this quote was too high and that the works could be done more cheaply. They recommended getting some alternative quotes

Pinner Road (Rena Khazanchi) Door entry system £15000

Feedback: Residents feel that this is a design fault and the responsibility lies with the developers or Genesis.

Randolph Avenue (Karine Sarafian) Bike lockers £34000

Feedback: Residents felt that this was too expensive and that PCHA should ascertain how many of the tenants at Randolph would benefit from a locker.

Hall Court (Claudia Vanaags) Car park gate £3300

Feedback: Residents could not see how this could improve safety effectively enough.