

**To:** City Executive Board

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009

**Item No:**

**Report of:** Head of Community Housing & Community Development

**Title of Report:** Grant Allocations to Community & Voluntary Organisation (CVO's) 2009/2010

### **Summary and Recommendations**

**Purpose of report:** For City Executive Board to make decisions on the allocation of Grants to Community & Voluntary Organisations for 2009/2010

**Key decision:** - Yes

**Executive lead member:** Councillor Bance

**Report Approved by:**

**Finance:** Andy Collett

**Legal:** Jeremy Thomas

**Policy Framework:** Oxford Community Strategy & Corporate Plan

**Recommendation(s):**

Providing Full Council approve the budget as proposed, see table 1, the following recommendations are made:-

1. To approve the proposed commissioning allocations in Appendix 1
2. To approve the recommendations for 2009/2010 grant applications, as set out in Appendix 2.
3. To approve the recommendations for the additional funding to Advice Centres, as set out in Appendix 3.
4. To respond to the comments from scrutiny and area committees in Appendix 4.

## Introduction

1. Local community and voluntary organisations were invited to apply for an Oxford City Council grant for the financial year 2009/2010. The process started in October, with a closing date of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2008.

## Grants Budget

2. The total budget available for grants, as currently proposed, for 2009/2010 is £1,633,759 and is set out below.

<b>Table 1</b>	<b>Budget (£)</b>
Partnership / Commissioning Grants	1,489,195
Open Bidding Budget	109,564
Set aside for small grants in 09/10	10,000
Set aside of emergency grants in 09/10	15,000
Set aside for Arts Development Grants in 09/10	10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,633,759</b>

## Commissioning

3. The current allocations are being looked at with the context of value for money and ensuring that services commissioned are in line with our strategic objectives. Where feasible the commissioning and monitoring procedures will be jointly with other major funding organisations.
4. Appendix 1 provides a list of organisations proposed to commission with in 2009/10, the amounts currently allocated and an overview of the process officers are following with commissioned organisations.
5. At the City Executive Board on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008, the budget allocated for advice services was increased to £500,000. Within this indicative budget £434,941 is already committed through commissioning, as approved by Executive Board on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008. However by increasing the budget this gave an unallocated amount of £65,059 for which the advice centres have made a bid to Oxford City Council. Recommendations for this additional grant funding can be found in Appendix 3.

## Applications Received to the Open Bidding Section

6. A total of 63 applications were received to the open bidding section by the closing date 21<sup>st</sup> November 2008, with a total requested of £495,905.
7. The total budget available for the open bidding section is £109,564, less the amount committed by Executive Board in 2005 to pay rent,

rates and utilities costs for the following community groups that occupy Oxford City Council premises at Hinksey Park:

- Hinksey Sculling Club - £1,020
- Lake Street Playgroup - £14,900
- British Sub Aqua Club - £11,900

Gave an available budget of £81,744 for the open bidding applications.

### **Assessment of these Applications**

8. Oxford City Council officers appraised applications to the open bidding section over four days. Each application is firstly screened for eligibility (application must show that they are a constituted CVO run by a committee, that they have provided annual accounts and a bank statement and an equal opportunities statement). All applications are read and then evaluated against criteria relating to evidence of need, who the project is targeting, what risks are associated with the project, how the application meets the Council's priorities, how the group will monitor and evaluate the impact of the grant, whether the group received any other subsidy from the City Council, if the group is financially competent, if the application demonstrates a financial need and if the grant would be value for money. A recommendation is arrived at after considering these factors for each application.
9. There were a number of applications for community newsletters and over the next year we intend to try and work with the applicants to see if there are any ways they could link/share training and printing and so be more cost effective.
10. Appendix 2 is a précis for each request received and the rationale for the recommendation. Any comments received from Scrutiny / Area Committees will be circulated at a later date.

### **Rents**

11. In addition to the rents paid from the grants budget for organisations that occupy Hinksey Park, one application was received from the Phoenix Sports Association requesting a grant to pay their rent for the Oxford City Council premises they occupy, see précis for this application for the recommendation.
12. Some organisations, grant funded through the commissioning process, also occupy Oxford City Council premises and their rent is deducted from their grant before it is paid. The organisations this effects are listed below in table 2.

Table 2

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>2009/10 rent (£)</b>	<b>Grant for rent recommended for 2009/10 (£)</b>
Oxford Sexual Abuse & Rape Crisis Centre	5,000	5,000
Agnes Smith Advice Centre	7,750	7,750
Modern Art Oxford	41,000	41,000
Oxford Community Work Agency	8,100	8,100
Oxford Film & Video Makers	5,000	5,000
Oxfordshire Chinese Community & AC	18,000	18,000
Donnington Doorstep Family Centre	700	700

### **Members Involvement**

- 13 Due to wide Member interest in the grant process, a training session was held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008, which familiarised Members with the process and criteria for making grants decisions.
14. A Member review group has now been formed with nominations from each Area Committee and Partnership & Scrutiny Committee. At the time of writing this group has not yet met. However, the first meeting has been arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2008.
15. This report will be circulated to all Area Committees and Partnership and Scrutiny Committee. At the time of writing this report these meetings have not happened. Please see Appendix 4 with comments received to date. This will be updated and circulated separately prior to the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009 with any further comments received.

### **Climate Change Implications**

- 16 We received 5 applications for projects that protect and enhance Oxford's built and natural environment and these were considered alongside other applications. A précis for each request is attached in appendix 2.
- 17 We will make all successful applicants aware of Oxford City Council's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint and encourage them to take similar action.

## **Risk**

- 18 In order to manage any risks associated with awarding grants, a successful applicant must agree to and sign terms and conditions for this funding. Within these terms, they must agree to:-
- spending the funding on the project or specific items described in the applications.
  - repay any unspent grant funding
  - keep financial records and receipts
  - returning a monitoring form detailing how the grant funding has been spent and how they have publicised this support from Oxford City Council
- 19 Each organisation or group will be monitored by either the grants officer or a member of the officer grants panel.

## **Equalities Impact**

- 20 Each organisation, as part of the bidding process, has to provide their equal opportunities statement to confirm they comply with this legislation.

### **Recommendation(s):**

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## Appendix 1

### 2009/2010 Commissioning

#### Introduction

In a report to Executive Board on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007 it was agreed to commit a large percentage of the grants budget, over a 3 year period, through commissioning, to commence from the financial year 2008/09.

The commissioning period is for the following financial years:-

- 2008 / 2009
- 2009 / 2010
- 2010 / 2011

On 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008 Executive Board agreed the organisations that fall into this process and approved the amount of grant funding to each for the three years.

We are now entering into the second year of the commissioning process. Officers will be meeting with commissioned organisations in the new year to discuss work plans for 2009/2010 and each will be looked at within the context of value for money and ensuring that services commissioned are in line with our corporate priorities.

#### Community Safety Commissioning

Oxford City Council's Active Communities Partnership Manager and Domestic & Sexual Abuse Coordinator will act as the first line of contact for the organisations delivering community safety projects/activities.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Proposed Allocation for Year 2 2009/2010</b>
Asylum Welcome	8,000
Oxford Sexual Abuse & Rape Crisis Centre	10,000
Relate	5,000
SHOUT	19,000
TRAX	5,000
Domestic Abuse Outreach Worker	14,000
Football Foundation Bid	5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£66,000</b>

## Arts Commissioning

Oxford City Council's Art Officer (Strategic Development) and Arts Officer (Dance & Theatre) will act as the first line of contact for the organisations delivering art-focused projects/activities.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Proposed Allocation for Year 2 2009/2010</b>
Fusion	46,642
Ithaca	5,281
Modern Art Oxford	72,100
Oxford Contemporary Music	10,000
Oxford Film & Video Makers	39,303
Oxford Inspires	55,735
Oxford Playhouse	51,690
Oxfordshire Touring Theatre Company	8,720
OVADA – Oxford Visual Art Development Agency	15,500
Pegasus Theatre	26,459
<b>Total</b>	<b>£331,430</b>

## Advice Commissioning

Oxford City Council's Grants Officer is currently acting as the first line of contact for the organisations delivering advice services & money management.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Proposed Allocation for Year 2 2009/2010</b>
Blackbird Leys Neighbourhood Support Services ( Agnes Smith Advice Centre)	57,044
Oxford Community Work Agency	81,000
Oxford CAB	170,000
Oxfordshire Chinese Community & Advice Centre	44,664
Rose Hill & Donnington Advice Centre	62,233
Oxford Credit Union	20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£434,941</b>

At the City Executive Board on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008, the budget allocated for advice services was increased to £500,000. Within this indicative budget £434,941 is already committed through commissioning, as approved by Executive Board on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008. However by increasing the budget this gave an unallocated amount of £65,059 for which the advice centres have made a bid to Oxford City Council. The following amounts are proposed for those advice centres who have bid.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Additional allocation for 2009-10 only (from unallocated amount of £65,059)</b>
BBL Neighbourhood Support Services (Agnes Smith AC)	16,010
Oxford Community Work Agency	12,250
Oxford CAB	17,250
Oxfordshire Chinese Community & RH & Donnington Advice Centre	3,539
	16,010
<b>Total</b>	<b>£65,059</b>

### **Homelessness Commissioning**

Oxford City Council's Rough Sleeping & Single Homelessness Manager will be acting as the first line of contact for the organisations delivering homeless and rough sleeping services.

<b>Proposed Allocation for 2009/2010</b>	<b>£447,279</b>
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The homelessness allocations are under review for 2009/10. A further report will be submitted to City Executive Board on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.

### **Equalities**

£20,000 has been allocated within the grants commissioning budget for equalities work. There is now a new Multi Agency Harassment Monitoring Group (MANTRA) which covers all six strands of equalities, including race and ethnicity. A partnership package is to be agreed between Oxford City Council, Thames Valley Police and Oxfordshire County Council who have agreed to contribute £22,000 per year for two years, so this sum is to be held and allocated to this partnership.

### **Twinning**

Oxford City Council's International Officer will be acting as the first line of contact for this twinning project.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Proposed Allocation for Year 2 2009/2010</b>
Oxford International Links (OIL)	5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,000</b>

### **Play**

Oxford City Council's Active Communities Partnership Manager and the Grants Officer will act as the first line of contact for the organisations delivering play activities.



<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Proposed Allocation 2009/2010</b>
Donnington Doorstep Family Centre	20,000
Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground (BLAP)	19,000
South Oxford Adventure Playground (SOAP)	11,000
Parasol	10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£60,000</b>

### **Community & Voluntary Sector Infrastructure**

Oxford City Council's Grants Officer will be acting as the first line of contact for Oxford's infrastructure organisation

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Proposed Allocation for Year 2 2009/2010</b>
Oxfordshire Community & Voluntary Action (OCVA)	59,486
<b>Total</b>	<b>£59,486</b>

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **Summary of recommendations –**

To be read in conjunction with the précis, attached, for each application received.

#### **Grants Recommended**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Requested (£)</b>	<b>Recommendation (£)</b>
Age Concern	11,429	2,857
Archway Foundation	5,000	3,000
Barton Community Assn. – Barton Bash	1,000	1,000
Barton Community Assn. – Newsletter	4,100	2,000
Barton Community Assn. – Therapy Day	600	450
Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust	1,500	750
Blackbird Leys CDI	3,884	1,509
Blackbird Leys Credit Union	10,000	5,000
British Sub Aqua Club	11,900	11,900
Cuttleslowe Community Assn. - playscheme	5,000	1,250
Cuttleslowe Community Assn. – workers	10,000	2,500
Cuttleslowe Seniors Group	950	500
East Oxford Action – Carnival	15,000	7,500
Elder Stubbs Festival	2,705	1,352
Headington Action	5,000	3,000
Hinksey Sculling Club	1,020	1,020
Jericho Community Association	1,000	500
Kids Enjoy Exercise Now (KEEN)	8,000	4,000
Lake Street Playgroup	14,900	14,900
Leys Fair	2,000	2,000
Leys News	14,000	2,500
Open Door	10,000	5,000
Oxford Contemporary Music	9,000	6,000
Oxford Friend	4,000	3,000
Oxford International Women's Festival	5,000	1,250
Oxford Urban Wildlife Trust	12,929	3,158
Oxford Wheels	4,500	4,500
OXS RAD	12,800	9,600
Oxfordshire Youth Arts Project (OYAP)	8,800	4,400
Phoenix Sports Club	4,600	1,150
Rose Hill News	6,000	2,000

## **Recommendation to Decline Request**

To be read in conjunction with the précis, attached, for each application received.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Requested (£)</b>	<b>Recommendation (£)</b>
African Caribbean Community Advice Network (ACCAN)	15,000	0
African Caribbean Kultural Heritage Initiative (ACKHI)	15,000	0
Aims Art Group	600	0
Anjuman-e-Adab	3,000	0
Bangladesh Association Oxfordshire	7,377	0
Barracks Lane Garden Project	10,000	0
Falcon Rowing Club	9,500	0
Full Circle	11,600	0
Hammer & Tongue	15,000	0
Indian Union	2,000	0
Magdalen Road Studios	6,445	0
My Life, My Choice	4,200	0
Old Marstons Over 50's	400	0
Oxford African Refugees & Families	9,911	0
Oxford Conservation Volunteers	500	0
Oxford Folk Festival	14,595	0
Oxford Malayalee Club	3,626	0
Oxford Philomusica	9,239	0
Oxford Sudanese Supplementary School	15,000	0
Oxford Survivors	2,000	0
Oxford Young Steps	15,000	0
Oxford Nature Conservation Forum	2,000	0
Oxfordshire Racial Equality Council (OREC)	15,000	0
Oxfordshire User Team	14,020	0
OXFRINGE	15,000	0
Refugee Resource	15,000	0
Restore	7,600	0
Risinghurst Seniors	400	0
The Barn Youth Project	13,400	0
The Children's Society	15,000	0
The Listening Centre	13,875	0
The Story Museum	8,000	0

## **Appendix 2 - Precis**

### **Age Concern Oxfordshire**

**Reference:** 2/451

**Project Name:** Funding requested to deliver an Active Ageing Development project for older people 50+ and their carers (family and friends) at 'The Corner' in East Oxford.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £11,429.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** East

**Recommended Amount:** £2,857.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Although a well presented application, the panel had concerns that this application did not show clearly how the project would develop to reach more people, particularly the isolated elderly.

It was noted that contributions from Oxfordshire County Council and Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust together total £3500.

The panel recommend a grant of 25% of request

## Aims Art Group

**Reference:** 257/452

**Project Name:** Aims is a group who provide artists, who have used mental health services, with support & encourage their creativity.  
Funding requested to run an art exhibition between 15.04.09 to 13.05.09.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £600.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

The panel agreed that this is an ideal project for an Art Development Grant and recommends the application is submitted for one.

# Barracks Lane Garden Project

**Reference:** 159/453

**Project Name:** Funding requested to continue and extend their Garden Guardian Scheme, enabling open access to the garden every weekend from March 2009 to November 2009, plus workshop programmes and community group use.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £10,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Public access would be expected as the group have previously received grants from the City Council. The panel were aware that they have a long lease with Oxford City Council which gives them a peppercorn rent (this was not disclosed in the application where it asks for information about subsidies). The panel felt that there were external sources of funding the group could apply for and to link to OCVA for further advice on these.

The panel do not recommend a grant.

# Barton Community Association

**Reference:** 5/454

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute to the costs of running and organising the annual Barton Bash community event. Planned to take place on Saturday 13th June 2009.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £1,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** North East

**Recommended Amount:** £1,000.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

A good application. This annual event has always been well attended and benefits all the community of Barton.

The estimated costs are realistic and additional funding has been confirmed from local traders and housing associations.

Panel recommend a grant of £1,000 to support this community event.

# Barton Community Association

**Reference:** 5/455

**Project Name:** Funding requested to help with the costs of producing a quarterly community newsletter for all Barton residents.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008     **Requested Amount:** £4,100.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** North East

**Recommended Amount:** £2,000.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Although this project is about producing a quarterly newsletter, they plan to recruit 5 volunteers and help them to develop their skills by providing training in journalism, editing, computer skills and photography. The volunteers will be from the local community of Barton.

Panel recommend a grant of £2,000.



# Barton Community Association

**Reference:** 5/456

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute towards the costs of running a therapy day in April 2009 for the benefit of all residents of Barton.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008     **Requested Amount:** £600.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** North East

**Recommended Amount:** £450.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This day event is aimed at making people aware of the benefits of living a healthy and active lifestyle. Activities will be subsidised to make it affordable for everyone.

Additional funding being sought from private health traders and Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust.

Panel recommend a grant of 75% of request to match the funding bids from others.

## **Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust**

**Reference:** 7/457

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute towards the salary and running costs of the wildlife office. The office runs a wildlife information service providing front line advice and support to those with an interest or concern about wildlife.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £1,500.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £750.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Panel recommend a grant of 50% of request.

# Blackbird Leys CDI

**Reference:** 258/458

**Project Name:** Funding requested to run activities promoting a healthy lifestyle for Leys residents, aged 50+.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £3,884.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** South East

**Recommended Amount:** £1,509.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

## **Summary:**

This project is delivered at the Clockhouse for older people in Blackbird Leys. Focusing on promoting healthy lifestyles. It was a good application and evidenced the need taken from national statistics.

It was noted that Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust are not contributing to this project, but subsidised fees are charged.

Panel recommend a grant of £1509 to match estimated participants fees for Tai Chi, stretch and relax sessions.

There is also a recommendation that this project links in with Prime Time another project for older people currently running at Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre.

## **Blackbird Leys Credit Union**

**Reference:** 14/459

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute towards the salary costs for a office manager and full time counter clerk.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £10,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** South East

**Recommended Amount:** £5,000.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Panel recommend to fund 50% of request

# The Children's Society

**Reference:** 259/460

**Project Name:** This project is to provide schools based advice and support to young refugees and new migrants ages 11-19. Funding requested to fund a part time worker to liaise with school staff, social services, GP's and work closely with families (if they have them).

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £15,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** East

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Although a very good application, the project is a school based project working with young people aged between 11-19. This work is the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council.

The panel do not recommend a grant.

## Cuttleslowe Seniors

**Reference:** 19/461

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute toward the operating costs of Cuttleslowe Seniors which include special transport to place of interest, speakers fees and venue charges etc.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £950.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** North

**Recommended Amount:** £500.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

The panel recommend a grant of £500.

## East Oxford Action

**Reference:** 24/462

**Project Name:** To contribute towards the costs of organising and running the Cowley Road Carnival.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £15,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £7,500.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

The panel recommend that Oxford City Council's Arts Officer's work closely with this group and a grant of 50% of request. The grant is towards the development of the carnival and the panel recommend that the Mela is also considered within this overall project.

# Falcon Rowing & Canoe Club

**Reference:** 31/463

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute towards paying instructors and coaches fees for canoeing, sculling and rowing.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008     **Requested Amount:** £9,500.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

The application is requesting funding to pay the fees of instructors and coaches for this sport, but the panel were confused because they state this is provided by volunteers.

The application does not evidence a need from the communities they wish to promote this sport to, the panel felt they could get funding from more appropriate sources.

The panel recommend no grant.



## Full Circle

**Reference:** 37/464

**Project Name:** Funding requested to pay salaries and running costs of setting up 3 new intergenerational groups, one in primary school, one in secondary school and one in a community setting in Oxford. Each group will bring together young and older generations.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £11,600.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This application is requesting the total costs of setting up these new groups from Oxford City Council. 2 of the new groups planned are in schools which the panel felt should be funded by Oxfordshire County Council.

The panel felt that the application was not specific enough on the community project. For the community setting group the panel agreed that this project should be linking up with ITHACA and Ark-T, who also do intergenerational work.

The panel recommend no grant.

# Headington Action

**Reference:** 36/465

**Project Name:** Funding requested to help with the costs of organising and running the annual Headington Festival planned for 7th June 2009.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £5,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** North East

**Recommended Amount:** £3,000.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

A good application. Panel recommend funding £3000 towards the costs of this community event.

# Hinksey Sculling School

**Reference:** 49/466

**Project Name:** To pay the rent charges for use of facilities at Hinksey Park Pool complex

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £1,020.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £1,020.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Grant already allocated - awarded by Executive Board in 2005

# Indian Union

**Reference:** 38/467

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute towards the costs of running a programme of social and cultural activities targeted for communities from the Indian Sub-Continent and Indian diaspora in Oxford City.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008     **Requested Amount:** £2,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

The application covered a very general programme and the panel recommends that this group applies for a small grant next year, for one specific event which has an inclusive element.

Recommendation no grant.

# Jericho Community Association

**Reference:** 233/468

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute towards the hire charges of stalls, from Oxford City Council, for the Jericho Street Fair.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £1,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** Central, South & West

**Recommended Amount:** £500.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

It was noted that groups are charged a fee to hire a stall/table from the community association and that they had a balance of £9,334 in their accounts at year end (Dec 2007).

The panel took they above into account and recommend a grant of 50% of request.

# Lake Street Community Playgroup

**Reference:** 39/469

**Project Name:** To pay for the rent, rates and contribute to the utility charges as agreed by Executive Board in 2005

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £14,900.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** Central, South & West

**Recommended Amount:** £14,900.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Grant already allocated - awarded by Executive Board in 2005

# The Listening Centre

**Reference:** 260/470

**Project Name:** Funding requested to pay for the salary and running costs of establishing a new counselling service in Wood Farm.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008     **Requested Amount:** £13,875.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** North East

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This organisation is requesting the total costs of this project from Oxford City Council.

It talks about providing counsellors and psychotherapists at low cost to people in Wood Farm. However the application does not provide any clear evidence that the need is in Wood Farm.

Panel felt that this service is the responsibility of Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust. Recommend no grant.

# My Life My Choice

**Reference:** 48/471

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute to the salary and admin costs of a Job Coach who support and coach people with learning difficulties.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £4,200.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Although a good application it does not evidence the need for Oxford City, only provides details relating to the County.

As a project which supports adults with learning difficulties and helps them into voluntary work or jobs, the panel agreed this work should be funded by Oxfordshire County Council and/or Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust.

The panel recommend no grant.



# The Archway Foundation

**Reference:** 6/472

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute towards the costs of salaries and running costs to improve the mental health and social confidence of vulnerable adults hurt by loneliness.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £5,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £3,000.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This was a well presented application that gave clear evidence of a continuing need and how they help vulnerable adults deal with loneliness and social isolation.

The panel recommend a grant of £3,000

## Old Marston 50+

**Reference:** 53/473

**Project Name:** Funding requested to help contribute towards the general running costs of this group put specifically for rent, outings and social activities including Christmas lunch and party

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008     **Requested Amount:** £400.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** North East

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Due to the budget available, for open bidding, this year, the panel suggest that this application would do better and recommend that it is submitted for a small grant next year.

# Open Door

**Reference:** 155/474

**Project Name:** Funding requested to pay for the salary and running costs of Open Door for another year.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £10,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** East

**Recommended Amount:** £5000.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This project works with refugees and asylum seekers, doing 'grass roots' work and providing hot food and a drop in service.

The panel recommend to fund 50% of request.

# Oxford Conservation Volunteers

**Reference:** 144/475

**Project Name:** This voluntary organisation undertakes a wide variety of practical conservation work in the Oxford City area. Funding is requested to help with the upkeep and running of a vehicle to transport volunteers and equipment to these areas.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £500.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Tackle Climate Change and Promote Environmental Resource Management

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

It was noted that this group receive an 'in kind' contribution from Oxford City Council already. Storage is provided, free of charge, for their tools and minibus.

They also have £5,492 in their reserves.

Due to the budget available for the open bidding this year and that Oxford City Council already support through in kind contributions the panel recommend no grant.

# Oxford Folk Festival

**Reference:** 66/476

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute towards the costs of running the 2009 Oxford Folk Festival, to widen access and participation in traditional and world music.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £14,595.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Application requesting funding for an event that is happening in March 2009. This grant budget is for expenditure relating to events or activities from 1st April 2009.

Panel recommend no grant.

# Oxford Friend

**Reference:** 67/477

**Project Name:** Funding requested to help with the running costs of providing a confidential telephone helpline to Oxford's gay, lesbian and bisexual community, their families and friends.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008     **Requested Amount:** £4,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £3,000.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

A good application which gave the background and provided 2008 data to show the need for this service.

The panel recommend a grant of 75% of request.

# Oxford International Women's Festival

**Reference:** 69/478

**Project Name:** Funding requested to support community groups, in different parts of the City, to put on events as part of this Festival.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £5,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £1,250.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

A good application although it was noted that £3,000 has been allocated within the budget to finance 12 community groups to help them with putting on events.

The panel agreed it would be more appropriate for groups to apply for events on an individual basis to the small grants budget.

Recommendation is a grant of 25% of request.

## Oxford Malayalee club

**Reference:** 74/479

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute towards the costs of running cultural celebrations, social events and activities.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008     **Requested Amount:** £3,626.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** East

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

### **Summary:**

This application is applying for funding for 3 cultural events, equipment, start up costs for a 5-a-side football team and a tabala drums group.

These activities are for one cultural group. The panel were disappointed to note that the events will not be open for everyone to join in unless Oxford City Council awarded a grant.

The panel recommend no grant.



## Oxford Sudanese

**Reference:** 261/480

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute to the volunteer/staff incentive pay, rent and general running costs for this supplementary school aimed at children who are generally at risk of under achievement in their day school.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £15,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This application is requesting funding for the costs of running a school at weekends. The panel agreed this work is the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council.

Recommendation no grant.

# Oxford Urban Wildlife Group

**Reference:** 79/481

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute towards general running costs, park improvements including replacing rotted structures and purchase equipment.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £12,929.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Tackle Climate Change and Promote Environmental Resource Management

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £3,158.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This application is requesting funding to carry out capital improvements to Boundary Brook Nature Park plus the general running costs for the group. The total costs are being requested from Oxford City Council.

Detailed in the 2009/10 grants programme prospectus it says that Oxford City Council will not fund capital or tangible items, so a large part of this application is not eligible.

The annual running costs for this group are estimated at £6316, the panel recommend a grant of 50% towards these annual commitments.

# Oxford Young Steps

**Reference:** 201/482

**Project Name:** Funding requested to help with the cost of various events throughout the year, such as Basketball Tournament in April 2009, Cultural musical show in July-Aug 2009 and a Christmas celebration.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £15,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** South East

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This group are a new charity, however the panel are aware that they have been in operation for some years. There was some concern that some items of expenditure shown in the detailed costs are given free and should have been shown as in kind contributions and not a direct cost to the project.

The panel suggest that they re-apply after they have been operating as a charity for longer and can provide audited accounts.

Recommendation no grant.

# Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum

**Reference:** 89/483

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute to the running costs of supporting organisations in Oxford City that are involved in nature conservation.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £2,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Tackle Climate Change and Promote Environmental Resource Management

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Requesting funding for a salaried worker.

Due to budget restrictions and the fact that the application was very general, the panel felt there was better value for money by recommending a grant directly to a local wildlife group.

Recommendation no grant.

## Oxfordshire User Team

**Reference:** 262/484

**Project Name:** Funding requested to cover the costs of a wave of educational sessions within secondary school in Oxford City to raise awareness about substance misuse and their effects and consequences.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £14,020.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Reduce Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This is requesting funding to set up drug awareness projects in schools  
The panel agreed this is the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council and  
Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust

Recommendation no grant.

# Oxfringe

**Reference:** 263/485

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute to the costs of organising and running OXFRINGE 2009, a multi-genre arts festival in Oxford.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008     **Requested Amount:** £15,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This application is requesting funding for the salary costs of the festival manager. The application said it is not scalable so due to budget limitations the panel do not recommend a grant.

# Oxsrad

**Reference:** 94/486

**Project Name:** Funding requested to help fund staff and running costs for OXSRAD facility.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £12,800.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £9,600.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

A good application and well used facility for disabled and able bodied people. The panel recommend a grant of 75% of request.

## **OYAP Trust (Oxfordshire Youth Arts Project)**

**Reference:** 196/487

**Project Name:** Funding requested to deliver a number of project in Oxford including Art on the Estates, The Big Green Umbrella, Zero Footprint and Arts Awards a day of training for tutors & community art leaders.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008     **Requested Amount:** £8,800.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £4,400.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

A good application. The panel recommend a grant of 50% of request specifically for the Arts On Estates project work.



## Refugee Resource

**Reference:** 98/488

**Project Name:** Funding requested to go towards the salary costs for the Director, Operations Manager & Finance & Administration Manager but also to be used as match funding for a grant applied for from the Big Lottery ' Reaching Communities Initiatives'.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £15,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Applying for funding to help with salary costs.

Due to budget limitations the panel do not recommend a grant because Oxford City Council commission with Asylum Welcome and a recommendation has been made for a grant to be given to Open Door, who both work with the same client group.

Recommendation no grant.

## Elder Stubbs Garden Group

**Reference:** 27/489

**Project Name:** Funding requested to help towards the costs of organising and running the annual Elder Stubbs Festival planned for Saturday 22nd August 2009.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £2,705.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** Cowley

**Recommended Amount:** £1,352.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

A good application, however due to budget limitations the panel recommend a grant of 50% of request.

## **Risinghurst Senior Citizens Club**

**Reference:** 101/490

**Project Name:** Funding requested to help with the transport costs for this group

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008     **Requested Amount:** £400.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** North East

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Due to budget limitations the panel recommend that this application is submitted for a small grant in 2009/10.

# The Story Museum

**Reference:** 111/492

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute to the cost of organising and running Alice's Day 2009.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £8,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This application evidenced need based on local GCSE results and how young people are 'turned off' reading and education. It did not provide specific information on local need. The project is about story telling and the panel agreed that this should be funded from other sources.

Recommendation no grant.

# Phoenix Sports Association

**Reference:** 102/493

**Project Name:** Funding requested to cover rent charges for Barton Pavillon

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £4,600.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** North East

**Recommended Amount:** £1,150.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

The panel recommend a grant of 25% of request, to help with the cost of their rent.

# Oxford Survivors

**Reference:** 264/494

**Project Name:** Funding requested to pay for visits to London to visit museums.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008     **Requested Amount:** £2,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** South East

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This application is requesting funding for coach trips to London in February 2009 and the Summer of 2009.

The grants budget is for activities commencing from 1st April 2009 so any grant awarded could not be used for the February trips.

This group is for individuals who suffer from mental health problems. It was noted that they receive £11,000 funding from Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust, and within their budget they have allowed for trips.

Panel recommend no grant.

## Rose Hill News

**Reference:** 164/495

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute to the costs of producing a quarterly newsletter for Rose Hill.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £6,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** South East

**Recommended Amount:** £2,000.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

The panel recommend a grant of £2,000 to go towards the costs of producing this quarterly local newsletter

# Leys Fair

**Reference:** 195/496

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute to the annual Leys Fair planned for Saturday 12th September 2009

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £2,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** South East

**Recommended Amount:** £2,000.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Funding requested for this well attended community event. The application gave itemised estimated expenditure which was realistic.

The panel recommend a grant of £2,000.



## Magdalen Road Studios

**Reference:** 45/497

**Project Name:** Funding requested to purchase materials, labour and legal fees associated in expanding studio space to accommodate more artists.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £5,285.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** East

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Application describes a capital project to create more space for artists.

The 2009/10 grants programme prospectus states Oxford City Council will not fund tangible or capital items.

The panel recommend no grant.

# Oxford African Refugees And Families Development Community

**Reference:** 57/498

**Project Name:** Funding requested to pay for football training/coaching for 15 to 25 year olds.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £9,911.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

## **Summary:**

This group is requesting the total costs, for this sport based project, from Oxford City Council.

It was difficult for the panel to clarify, from the application, if there is a local community need for this football project.

The panel agreed that they would be better applying to Awards For All or Oxfordshire Football Association for a grant and recommend they work with OCVA to support them with these applications.

Recommend no grant.

# Oxfordshire Racial Equality Council

**Reference:** 88/499

**Project Name:** Funding requested to increase awareness of OREC services, specifically to cover the printing of leaflets, organisation and the running costs of 6 events planned for next year.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £15,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

When this application was submitted the request was for £35,500, after contacting this organisation to explain that the maximum amount any organisation can apply for is £15,000 they reduced their request.

The application is requesting funding to cover the total costs of this work and the panel questioned the sustainability of this work. It is an expensive initiative to print 5000 leaflets and carry out awareness raising events.

The panel recommend no grant.

**KEEN**  
**(Kids Enjoy Exercise Now)**

**Reference:** 44/500

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute to the running costs of KEEN, which include transport, equipment and general running costs.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £8,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £4,000.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Panel recommend a grant of 50% of request

# Oxford Wheels Project

**Reference:** 80/501

**Project Name:** Funding requested to pay for the insurance premium, general repairs and running costs

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £4,500.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £4,500.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

The panel recommend a grant of 100% of request to go towards the costs of the general maintenance of the site as well as help with the insurance premium.

## Bangladesh Association Oxfordshire

**Reference:** 265/502

**Project Name:** Funding requested to fund womens cookery and sewing classes, womens swimming classes and a mens 5-a-side football league.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £7,377.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This application is requesting the total costs of these activities from Oxford City Council. The panel felt that the estimated expenditure detailed in the application were not realistic, particularly for the women's swimming.

The panel suggest that this group links in with Oxford City Council's Asian Families Development Worker for support with these activities planned for the Bangladesh community.

Recommendation is no grant.

## Oxford Contemporary Music

**Reference:** 64/503

**Project Name:** Funding requested to deliver 3 projects in 2009, Polish Music Series, Sounds of the City Project and Street Bands Development Weekend.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £9,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £6000.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

The panel recommend a grant to help towards the costs for the Street Bands community weekend and the Polish Music series which will involve community outreach work informing the community about Polish music.

Recommend a grant of £6,000

## Anjuman-e Adab Oxford

**Reference:** 143/504

**Project Name:** Funding requested to pay the fees for speakers, poets, musicians and artists for two events, Urdu-Punjabi poetic seminar and a Speech seminar on national integration with a music program.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008    **Requested Amount:** £3,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

### **Summary:**

This was a low scoring application because the application did not provide: -

- any evidence of a local community need,
- no safety risks were identified

The application says the project will be organised in March 2009 but it was unclear if this was when both events will take place or just one.

The panel do not recommend a grant.

However, as an arts based project the panel felt that this group could apply for an Art Development Grant next year.



## Restore

**Reference:** 266/505

**Project Name:** Funding requested to support a project called Activate. The funding will pay for equipment hire charges and specialist canoe coaches fees for 60 individuals, using this project.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £7,600.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This application is requesting the majority of the costs, for this project, from Oxford City Council. The panel questioned the sustainability of this work and as the client group they are working with suffer from mental health issues it was felt that these activities/work should be funded through other sources.

Recommendation no grant.

## Cotteslowe Community Association

**Reference:** 140/506

**Project Name:** Funding requested to help fund a three week holiday playscheme for children aged 5-11 on the Cotteslowe Estate.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £5,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** North

**Recommended Amount:** £1,250.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

The panel recommend to fund 25% of request.

# Cotteslowe Community Association

**Reference:** 140/507

**Project Name:** Funding requested to contribute to the salary costs of two part time Community Workers.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £10,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** North

**Recommended Amount:** £2,500.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

## **Summary:**

A very good application, however there were concerns that there was no strategy, as to how this post would continue to be funded. By providing a central grant Oxford City Council are setting a precedence and other Community Associations around the City could expect the same support.

It was also noted that the association has large reserves, yet the community association do not contribute any revenue to this post.

The panel recommend to fund 25% of request, with a condition that the grant funding is for this year only and no further central grant be provided for any continuation of this post.

# African Caribbean Community Advice Network

**Reference:** 188/508

**Project Name:** Funding requested to develop the HEAT (Health Education, Advice & Training) project. Specifically to pay for a part time admin workers salary, upgrading and purchase computers and general expenses.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £15,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This project is about health education, advice and training, its being supported by Oxfordshire County Council by a member of staff who is seconded to this project and an application is pending to Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust.

The panel do not recommend a grant because this work is the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council and Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust.

# **African & African Caribbean Kultural Heritage Initiative (ACKHI) & African Women's Art Collective**

**Reference:** 1/509

**Project Name:** Funding requested to raise the profile of Black History Month across the City and County. the funding will be used to pay salary costs, marketing and general running expenses to do this.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £15,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

## **Summary:**

The application submitted was confusing. The main part of the application form refers to employing a worker to coordinate Black History Month while section 7 refers to Cowley Road Carnival.

The accounts submitted with this application were for a different year quoted in the application and detailed income and expenditure lists did not add up. Other funding bids unconfirmed.

An email was sent requesting the correct accounts on 28.11.08 but nothing was received.

An amended application was not submitted until after the evaluation had taken place.

The panel recommend no grant.

## Leys News

**Reference:** 41/510

**Project Name:** Funding requested to pay the salary costs for the Business Development and Officer Manager.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £14,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** South East

**Recommended Amount:** £2,500.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Since 2005/06 grants awarded have been given on the basis that this project becomes more self sustainable. In 2006/07 it was noted that South East Area Committee questioned the value of continuing to support this project.

The panel recommend a grant of £2,500 but a condition is made that they look into becoming sustainable.

## Hammer & Tongue

**Reference:** 267/511

**Project Name:** Funding requested for the sustainable development of literature activity in Oxford City. The funding will be used to pay salary costs for two part time workers, purchase equipment and general running expenses.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008     **Requested Amount:** £15,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This application is applying for funding to help with the costs of developing the organisation. Oxford City Council's Art Officers have been working with them to do this but agreed they should be applying to other sources for this funding

The panel recommend no grant.

# Oxford Philomusica

**Reference:** 268/512

**Project Name:** Funding requested for a Family Concert to be held on Sunday 5th April 2009.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008     **Requested Amount:** £9,239.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

The panel's opinion is that this is an expensive afternoon event which is requesting nearly 75% of the total costs for this event from Oxford City Council.

The event would be publicised through a mail out which the panel felt did not show a proactive engagement with the communities the application stated would be targeted to attend the event.

It was noted that the hire of the Town Hall will be free of charge for this event, the cost of this in kind contribution is estimated to be £1,000. This match funds the contribution from Oxfordshire County Council.

The panel recommend no grant.



# The Barn Youth Project

**Reference:** 269/513

**Project Name:** Funding requested to develop youth provision and youth facilities.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £13,400.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** South East

**Recommended Amount:** £0.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This application is applying for funding to develop and widen youth provision on Greater Leys for 13 plus age group.

The 2009-10 grant programme prospectus specifically states that Oxford City Council will not fund youth work that is the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council.

The panel recommend no grant.

## **British Sub Aqua Club - Oxford Branch**

**Reference:** 15/514

**Project Name:** Funding to pay rent, cleaning and utilities as agreed by Executive Board in 2005

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £11,900.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £11,900.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Grant already committed by Executive Board in 2005



## **Appendix 3**

### **Blackbird Leys Neighbourhood Support Scheme Ltd (BLNSS)**

**Reference:** 3/520

**Project Name:** Additional funding requested to help with current shortfall for 2009-2010

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £20,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** South East

**Recommended Amount:** £16,010.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This application is applying for additional funding to help with the shortfall they are facing next year. The panel recommend the same additional grant as last year.

## OCWA

**Reference:** 60/522

**Project Name:** Additional funding requested for the recruitment and salary costs of training co-ordinator

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £49,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** North East

**Recommended Amount:** £12,250.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Application applying for additional funding to pay for the recruitment costs and salary cost of the training coordinator. who will provide targeted accredited training within the voluntary, education, benefits, and healthcare sectors to benefit vulnerable groups in Oxford.

This work is scalable and due to budget limitations the panel recommend a grant of 25% of request for which this organisation say they can still carry out the training but there will be reduced networking and website development.

## Rose Hill & Donnington Advice Centre

**Reference:** 103/523

**Project Name:** Additional funding requested towards shortfall for this service in 2009/2010

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £25,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** South East

**Recommended Amount:** £16010.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This application is applying for additional funding to help with the shortfall they are facing next year. The panel recommend the same additional grant as last year.

## Oxford CAB

**Reference:** 59/524

**Project Name:** Additional funding requested for Benefits In Practice project

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £20,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £17,250.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

This application is applying for funding to help with the costs of running the Benefits In Practice project.

The PCT have confirmed their support for this work and will be contributing £20,000 next year.

Due to budget limitations, the panel recommend the same amount as awarded 2008-09.

# Oxfordshire Chinese Community & Advice Centre

**Reference:** 83/521

**Project Name:** Additional funding requested to employ part time bilingual community advice worker.

**Date Received:** 21 Nov 2008      **Requested Amount:** £18,000.00

**Scheme:** Open Bidding - up to and including £15k

**Classification:** Improve the Local Environment, Economy and Quality of Life

**Area:** City - Wide

**Recommended Amount:** £3,539.00

**Financial Year:** 2009 / 2010

**Summary:**

Requesting additional funding to employ a part time bilingual advice worker. This request is scalable and due to budget limitations the panel recommend a grant of £3,539.



## **APPENDIX 4**

Comments received from Area Committees & Community & Partnership Scrutiny for City Executive Board Consideration.

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Comments / Recommendations</b>
North East Area	20.01.09	To approve the recommendations as detailed in the report; Recommended to the portfolio holder that group who are recommended to the small grant budget be informed about this in the letter sent to them informing them about the outcome of their grant application.
East Area Parliament	21.01.09	<p>Councillor Williams observed that, although the Council was in a dire financial position, it was still worth fighting hard for things that mattered. He expressed strong support for the Chinese Advice Centre and the valuable contribution it made to the well being of East Oxford.</p> <p>Councillor Benjamin added that she felt some grant applications to be linked to specific Area Committees – such as the Rose Hill newsletter and South East Area Committee; and in such circumstances she felt that it was better for the relevant Area Committee to provide funding, rather than the Council as a whole.</p> <p>Note that the grants process has been completed in especially difficult financial circumstances this year.</p> <p>Recommend that the following applications should be considered for additional funding:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chinese Community Centre &amp; Advice Centre</li><li>• Cowley Road Carnival</li><li>• Barracks Lane Community Garden</li><li>• Hammer &amp; Tongue</li><li>• Falcon Rowing Club</li></ul>

		<p>Express concern that the following organisation appear to have been given preferential treatment (awarded the full amount), and ask that the level of support offer to them be reconsidered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hinksey Sculling Club</li> <li>• Lake Street Playgroup</li> <li>• British Sub Aqua Club</li> </ul> <p>Offer the residue of the EAP small grants budget – at the end of the financial year – to go towards grants awarded to organisations within the EAP area (shown in point 2 above).</p> <p>Note all other points made.</p>
Community & Partnership Scrutiny	22.01.09	<p>The Chair emphasised that it was not the role of the Scrutiny Committee to look at individual grants allocated, rather to consider the process used and scope for improvement.</p> <p>The main points raised were: -</p> <p>The process for allocating grant funding had been much improved over the past couple of years but there were still further improvements needed in some areas.</p> <p>The Committee was told that no grant applications had been refused for technical reasons this year and this was welcomed.</p> <p>However there was a pattern of refusals of applications from BME groups. Councillor Bance acknowledged there was still some difficulty in ensuring that all ethnic groups could access funding successfully and there was more to be done on this. One of the problems with applications from BME groups was that several events were not open to all ethnic groups and therefore scored less highly than applications for events that were socially inclusive. For next year work would be done to try and bring different groups together so they could bid more successfully.</p>

		<p>It was noted that funding for advice groups seemed high and this was because work undertaken by advice groups tended to align closely to the Council's corporate goals. Some apparent anomalies and overlaps in funding were due to commissioning grants being allocated over a 3 year period, and where the rules changed part way through a funding spell sometimes two grants were allocated in parallel to cover different periods.</p> <p>It was part of the criteria for awarding grants was that we should not fund activities that were the responsibility of other bodies to provide, but attempts at dialogue with providers over the funding of such activities had not been a great success to date.</p> <p><u>Resolved</u> to advise the City Executive Board of the above comments and in particular that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) There was concern to ensure that BME groups were able to access funds as much as possible, and there was a need to look at further development work in this area;</li> <li>(2) There was a need for dialogue and working with other bodies, particularly the County Council, so that there could be a joined up approach to assisting community and voluntary organisations and the Committee would be happy to assist if that was considered to be appropriate;</li> </ol>
South East	02.02.09	Recommendations noted and supported
Cowley	04.02.09	<p>The Committee agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) To note and support the recommendations;</li> <li>(b) To pass to the Executive Board comments made by a member of the public that community groups would benefit from even token amounts of funding rather than no funding at all, as this token amount</li> </ol>

		allows them to seek larger funding from other sources.
North Area	05.02.09	Awaiting any comments
Central South & West	10.02.09	Awaiting any comments.