

## APPENDIX 1

### 2011 / 2012 Commissioning Programme

Theme **Community Safety**  
Strategic Objective **Reduce Crime & Anti Social Behaviour**

Organisation & project description	Grant awarded 2010/11	Amount Recommended for 2011/12	Why?
<p><b><u>Asylum Welcome</u></b> A project working with unaccompanied young asylum seekers aged up to 21 years old. Asylum Welcome is currently the only organisation in Oxford providing activities for newly arrived young asylum seekers. This project offers constructive support, help to access and negotiate with the more specialist supports and services they need.</p>	£8,000	£8,000	<p>Strong on evidencing a need and targeted work with vulnerable young people. Diversionary activities providing the constructive support needed by these young people to steer them away from anti social behaviour.</p> <p>Recommendation to fund £8000 for the following activities and associated costs:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Venda Youth Group</li> <li>• All Nations Football Club</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>A2 Dominion Housing Group</u></b> A project providing practical and emotional support for females and males experiencing domestic abuse.</p> <p>Working to improve the quality of life for females, males and any children by working in a holistic approach to support and using family intervention</p>	£33,000	£35,082	<p>With a growing need for specialist support for victims of violence, intimidation and abuse, this project has a good track record supporting victims of domestic violence.</p> <p>Recommendation is to fund £35,082 to fund 1 FTE domestic violence outreach worker and support costs for post.</p>
<p><b><u>Oxford Sexual Abuse &amp; Rape Crisis Centre</u></b> A telephone helpline service which is run by a team of trained volunteers. Enabling victims of sexual violence to deal with the effects of these crimes in their lives and improve access to information.</p> <p>An email helpline service has recently been launched.</p> <p>The helpline is open 4 times a week.</p> <p>They are developing their service to include support groups dependent on funding</p>	£10,000	£15,000	<p>As the only agency providing specialist services for survivors of sexual abuse and rape, strong evidence of need and targeting vulnerable people.</p> <p>Also engaging with hard to reach women who are living with the effects of sexual violence in their lives.</p> <p>Recommendation is to fund £15,000 to contribute to the core running costs for this work (including £5k for rent payable to Oxford City Council)</p>

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Theme **Inclusive Arts & Culture (includes twinning)**  
 Strategic Objective **Improve the Local Environment, Economy & Quality of Life.**

Organisation & project description	Grant awarded 2010/11	Amount Recommended for 2011/12	Why?
<p><b><u>Fusion</u></b>            A project that fosters and promotes the improvement and development of artistic knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the arts for the benefit of the public and in particular community groups, young people, older people and people with special needs.</p>	£46,923	£36,923	<p>Strong on targeting and delivers against social inclusion objectives.</p> <p>They aim to deliver inclusive projects with outcomes that bring people together in established cultural venues and events.</p> <p>Recommendation to fund £36,923 to deliver community focused projects.</p>
<p><b><u>Modern Art Oxford</u></b>            This organisation, located in Pembroke Street, was established to promote modern visual arts to the public. Working with artists they deliver a community &amp; education programme aiming to increase the enjoyment and understanding of contemporary art.</p>	£72,100	£60,000	<p>Free entry and activities. Delivers art projects on the estates delivering against social inclusion objectives.</p> <p>Recommendation to fund £60,000            (£60,000 will pay rent charges payable to Oxford City Council)</p>
<p><b><u>Oxford Contemporary Music</u></b>            A project working with artists and musicians to promote high quality new music to the public through the delivery of community focused projects</p>	£10,000	£2,500	<p>A good sustainable project incorporating good outdoor projects and partnership working. Core funded by the Arts Council. Any funding awarded by the City Council will be used to lever in other sources of funding.</p> <p>Recommendation to fund £2,500</p>
<p><b><u>Oxford Film &amp; Video Makers</u></b>            A project making film and digital media more accessible</p>	£39,303	£29,303	<p>Good social inclusion projects delivering training to increase opportunities for individuals into this industry.</p> <p>Recommendation to fund £29,303            (£5,000 will pay rent charges payable to Oxford City Council)</p>
<p><b><u>Oxford Inspires</u></b>            A cultural development agency creating new opportunities for arts and heritage organisations.</p>	£55,735	£45,735	<p>Brings a lot of sponsorship into the city, good contacts and partnership working</p> <p>Recommendation to fund £45,735</p>
<p><b><u>Oxford International Links (OIL)</u></b>            An umbrella organisation co-ordinating twinning links and events throughout the year.</p>	£5,000	£5,000	<p>Good partnership working and brings a lot into the City in both funding and culture.</p> <p>Recommendation to fund £5,000 to delivery twinning links/events</p>

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<p><b><u>Oxford Playhouse</u></b>            An organisation aiming to raise public awareness and appreciation of the arts through theatre, dance and music.</p>	£51,690	£24,675	<p>Good national and international reputation. Delivering a range of participatory opportunities for the community including youth theatre, access performance for people who are hard of hearing, deaf, blind and partially sighted, support for local artists and family friendly initiatives.</p> <p>Recommendation to fund £24,675 for community based/focused projects.</p>
<p><b><u>Oxfordshire Theatre Company</u></b>            A small scale organisation taking high quality accessible theatre to audiences with little or no access to professional theatre and drawing communities together,</p>	£8,720	£2,500	<p>A good project that promotes diversity and inclusion with challenging audiences and innovative productions. Core funded by the Arts Council, any funding awarded by the City Council will be used to lever in other sources of funding</p> <p>Recommendation to fund £2,500 to bring small scale theatre across the City.</p>
<p><b><u>Arts at the Old Fire Station</u></b>            Work is current ongoing to establish a new independent arts company at the Old Fire Station. These spaces will include an art gallery, retail space, a fully refurbished auditorium, dance studio and creative studios for artists to rent.</p>	nil	£15,500	<p>In the absence of OVADA producing a business plan for the Old Fire Station Gallery, approval is requested to hold this funding for another organisation to deliver this work.</p>
<p><b><u>Pegasus Theatre</u></b>            An organisation promoting the appreciation of the arts in particular for the benefit of children and young people,</p>	£26,459	£26,459	<p>Strong reputation, good partnerships and good track record delivering high quality accessible arts. Delivers projects with children and young people targeting socially excluded groups.</p> <p>Recommendation to fund £26,459</p>
<p><b><u>Oxford Visual Arts Development Agency (OVADA)</u></b>            An organisation developing the visual arts and artists in Oxfordshire and promoting access to high quality arts for all residents of, and visitors, to Oxfordshire.</p>	£15,500	NIL	<p>No outreach work, no other secured funding, no links with the gallery at the Old Fire Station, sustainability of the organisation questioned.</p> <p>Recommendation not to fund.</p>

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**Theme** Inclusive Play & Leisure for Children & Young People with Disabilities  
**Strategic Objective** Improve the Local Environment, Economy & Quality of Life.

Organisation & project description	Grant awarded 2010/11	Amount Recommended for 2011/12	Why?
<p><b><u>Parasol Project</u></b>            A project providing integrated play, recreational and social opportunities for children and young people with learning and /or physical disabilities in Oxford City</p>	£10,000	£15,000	<p>Good track record of delivering play and leisure opportunities for children and young people with disabilities. Integrating them with their non disabled peers</p> <p>Supports other play facilities across Oxford City by providing trained 'enablers' ( an enabler is someone who will support individual disabled children or young people to access mainstream activities.).</p> <p>Therefore this funding will enable Parasol to access the appropriate play facilities across the City to support the needs of their client group</p> <p>Recommendation is to fund £15,000</p>

**Theme** Community & Voluntary Organisations Infrastructure  
**Strategic Objective** Stronger and More Inclusive Communities

Organisation & project description	Grant awarded 2010/11	Amount Recommended for 2011/12	Why?
<p><b><u>Oxfordshire Community &amp; Voluntary Action (OCVA)</u></b>            OCVA is the main umbrella body for the voluntary and community sector in Oxfordshire. Providing advice, information and training, acts as advocates and representatives at a strategic level and builds partnerships.</p>	£59,486	£48,736	<p>With 476 members (of which over 50% are city based organisations) this umbrella body has a good track record supporting and being an advocate for the sector.</p> <p>Recommendation is to fund £48,736</p>

**Theme** Homelessness  
**Strategic Objective** More Housing, Better Housing for All

<b>Total budget recommended for Homelessness</b>	<b>£442,279</b>
<b>A separate report outlining the Homelessness recommendations is going to the City Executive Board on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 for approval.</b>	

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Advice (including money management)  
Stronger and More Inclusive Communities.

Organisation & project description	Grant awarded 2010/11	Amount Recommended for 2011/12	Why?
<p><b><u>Blackbird Leys Neighbourhood Support Services</u></b> (formerly Agnes Smith Advice Centre) This advice centre is located on Blackbird Leys and aims to ensure the best practices in the delivery of free independent, impartial and confidential advice.</p> <p>Area of delivery is Blackbird Leys and the surrounding area.</p>	£72,554	£85,290	<p>Strong on targeted work in an area of social deprivation.</p> <p>Noted that planning permission, for the portacabin, terminates in April 2011. The portacabin provides extra space needed to deliver their service. Concerns on how they will continue to provide an advice service if alternative premises are not found or planning permission not renewed.</p> <p>Based on monitoring data returned for 2009-10, the total number of clients helped with issues (new &amp; existing) was 2680. Dividing this number by the total amount of funding awarded through the grants commissioning programme, that year, equates to £26.97 per client.</p> <p>Recommendation is to award a grant of £85,290 towards the core running costs of the organisation, with support from the Communities &amp; Neighbourhood Team to help look for alternative premises.</p>
<p><b><u>Oxford Citizens Advice Bureau</u></b> Located in the centre of Oxford, the citizens advice bureau offers self help and assisted information. A free confidential advice service including signposting, generalist and specialist casework for client's city wide.</p>	£186,750	£200,000	<p>Strong on evidencing a need and working with target groups, such as unemployed &amp; vulnerable low income households across the City.</p> <p>Based on monitoring data returned for 2009-10, the total number of clients helped with issues (new &amp; existing) was 6061. Dividing this number by the total amount of funding awarded through the grants commissioning programme, that year, equates to £30.81 per client</p> <p>Recommendation is to award a grant of £200,000; this includes funding for Benefits in Practice &amp; a welfare benefits specialist for complex issues.</p>

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<p><b><u>Oxford Community Work Agency (OCWA)</u></b>            Located at Barton in the Neighbourhood Centre, this organisation is an independent community advice and information centre, providing services to individuals who live locally in Barton, Headington and Risinghurst and throughout Oxfordshire.</p>	£93,250	£94,000	<p>Strong on targeted work in an area of social deprivation.</p> <p>Based on monitoring data returned for 2009-10, the total number of clients helped with issues (new &amp; existing) was 1840. Dividing this number by the total amount of funding awarded through the grants commissioning programme, that year, equates to £50.67 per client</p> <p>Recommendation is to award a grant of £94,000 towards the core running costs of the organisation.</p>
<p><b><u>Oxford Credit Union</u></b>            Promoting social inclusion by providing a community based saving and loans co-operative that is accessible, straightforward and affordable.</p>	£20,000	£20,000	<p>An organisation targeting financial exclusion by promoting the benefits of low cost loans to members which may help them regain control of their finances and break free from a cycle of debt,.</p> <p>Recommendation is to award a grant of £20,000 towards the core running costs of the organisation, with support from the Communities &amp; Neighbourhood team to help find more accessible premises.</p>

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<p><b><u>Oxfordshire Chinese Community &amp; Advice Centre</u></b>            An advice and community support service centre for the non English speaking Chinese living in Oxfordshire,</p>	£49,703	£18,000	<p>This organisation is delivering an advice service primarily aimed at non English speaking individuals, particularly the elderly, across Oxfordshire.</p> <p>Based on monitoring data returned for 2009-10, the total number of clients helped with issues (new &amp; existing) was 352. Dividing this number by the total amount of funding awarded through the grants commissioning programme, that year, equates to £141.20 per client. This is a very high cost per client.</p> <p>In reviewing this service's suitability for continued funding, officers have undertaken consultation within the Chinese community. This consultation did not rate the service highly due to poor access, service and limited opening hours. Many surveyed used other sources for information and advice including other advice facilities in the City.</p> <p>Recommendation is to award a grant of £18,000 for the advice service. This will cover their rent payable to Oxford City Council.</p> <p>This level of funding matches 60% of the funding they estimate to receive from Oxfordshire County Council for the advice service next year.</p>
<p><b><u>Rose Hill &amp; Donnington Advice Centre</u></b>            Located in Rose Hill this advice centre aims to relieve poverty in Rose Hill, Donnington and the surrounding area by providing information, advice and assistance on all matters relating to welfare benefits.</p>	£77,743	£90,478	<p>Strong on targeted work in an area of social deprivation and addressing inequalities within the community.</p> <p>Based on monitoring data returned for 2009-10, the total number of clients helped with issues (new &amp; existing) was 1779. Dividing this number by the total amount of funding awarded through the grants commissioning programme, that year, equates to £43.70 per client</p> <p>Recommendation is to award a grant of £90,478 towards the core running costs of the organisation.</p>