

APPENDIX 2

2017 / 2018 Grant Applications to the Annual Open Bidding programme

Strategic Objective: Strong, Active Communities

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<p>Amp Community Pub Ltd Funding has been requested to contribute towards the reopening of the Ampleforth Public House on Risinghurst.</p>	North East	Nil	£10,000	Nil	<p>For an organisation to be eligible for funding from Oxford City Council they need to be a formerly constituted group with a bank account and be able to provide audited accounts or a signed statement of their income and expenditure.</p> <p>No supporting documents have been received, therefore the recommendation is not to fund.</p>
<p>Ark T Centre The Ark T Centre provides a range of creative workshops with a recording studio for young people to learn all aspects around music.</p> <p>Funding has been requested to engage with 12 young people aged 16 to 25 years old who are living in hostels, temporary accommodation and those leaving care.</p> <p>2 project workers will work with them to write song lyrics, record tracks in the studio plus rehearse for 2 live celebratory gigs.</p>	City Wide	Nil	£7,145	£4,470	<p>The Ark T Centre has a good track record of engaging with vulnerable young people.</p> <p>The recommendation is to fund £4,470 of this request..</p>
<p>Asian Women's Group Funding has been requested to enable the group to provide activities with women from South Asia backgrounds.</p> <p>Funding has been requested for the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise classes • Arts and craft sessions • Family trips • Networking for volunteers • Developing their catering business • Celebrations 	South East	Nil	£5,250	Nil	<p>It was unclear from the application if the women engaged with this programme would be from Oxford or Oxfordshire.</p> <p>There was also uncertainty on the financial capacity of the group in managing grant funding.</p> <p>The recommendation is not to fund although the group would be more suitable to apply for a small grant and focus on one activity. It would also be of benefit to them to link up with OCVA for support writing their application and be more specific about who they are engaging with.</p> <p>It would also benefit the group to link up with the Councils Active Communities team regarding exercise sessions for women.</p>

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<p><u>Asylum Welcome</u> Asylum Welcome supports refugees and asylum seekers in Oxford and Oxfordshire. They provide:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and signposting advice service • Weekly lunch club • English lessons and access to mainstream courses for better integration • Specialist work with young refugees and asylum seekers, helping them with CV's, looking for jobs and budgeting. <p>Funding has been requested to contribute towards the core running costs of the organisation.</p>	City Wide	£7,500	£10,000	£7,500	<p>The project is strong in terms of need and targeted work with asylum seekers and refugees who have recently arrived in the country and are living in Oxford mainly in the OX4 area.</p> <p>The panel recommend funding 75% towards this work conditional that it is not used for work outside of the city.</p>
<p><u>Barton Community Association</u> Funding has been requested to plan and deliver a 'Therapy & Pampering Day' during May 2017 half term for disadvantaged residents of Barton who are not engaged with services.</p> <p>Stalls from partner agencies will provide a range of wellbeing advice, that includes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy eating • Smoking cessation • Breast screening • Weight management • Drug & alcohol support • Mental health and wellbeing 	North East	Nil	£2,500	Nil	<p>Concerns were raised that the objectives they wish to achieve through this project are already being funded through another funding stream.</p> <p>It was also unclear why they were targeting adults (which included single parents) during a school half term when there was nothing in the application to explain if there would be childcare or activities for children and young people while parents were taking part in pampering or therapy sessions.</p> <p>The recommendation is not to fund.</p>

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<p><u>Children Heard and Seen</u> This organisation was set up in 2014 to provided targeted support to children of prisoners.</p> <p>They aim to mitigate the effects of parental imprisonment on children, young people and their families.</p> <p>Funding has been requested to provide weekly group sessions for children and young people, plus recruiting and training volunteers to provide the 1:1 support and to co-facilitate the groups.</p>	City Wide	Nil	£10,000	Nil	<p>The panel had some concerns with the application because they say they would like to deliver sessions in 4 areas of the city but they have not identified the children and families that need their support.</p> <p>This suggests no research to evidence if the need is there.</p> <p>Funding was requested for 8 months and it was unclear what would happen to the children and families after this period of support ends.</p> <p>Therefore the recommendation is not to fund.</p>
<p><u>Cotteslowe Community Association</u> Funding has been requested to contribute towards the cost of running a 3 week Summer holiday play scheme for 50 children aged 5 – 11 years old from the local area.</p>	North	£4,450	£7,000	£3,500	<p>Strong on evidencing the need and targeted towards children living in a recognised pocket of deprivation in an otherwise affluent area of Oxford.</p> <p>The panel agreed this project supports the local priorities chosen for the area.</p> <p>The recommendation is to fund 50% of this request.</p>
<p><u>Cotteslowe Seniors</u> A club for local people aged 60 plus living in Cotteslowe and the surrounding area.</p> <p>Cotteslowe Seniors meet every second and fourth Friday morning of the month, alternating a social meeting (usually with a speaker) with an outing to a place of interest. It currently has 33 members and is managed by a part- time co-ordinator.</p> <p>Funding has been requested to contribute towards the cost of hiring wheel chair compatible transport for members to get to social meetings and trips.</p>	North	£1,000	£1,000	£500	<p>The panel noted that transport links in Cotteslowe are poor and there is a significant amount of isolation among the elderly in the area.</p> <p>The panel recommend funding 50% of this request with a condition that it is used for adapted transport to enable members to get to the social meetings.</p>

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<p>Dovecote Voluntary Parent Committee The Dovecote play scheme runs on Greater Leys and is for children aged 4 - 12 years old.</p> <p>Funding is requested to contribute towards the delivery of low cost inclusive out of school play facilities for vulnerable children living in the local area.</p>	South East	£2,500	£10,000	£10,000	<p>Strong on evidenced need and targeted support for children and young people living in the ward of Northfield Brook.</p> <p>The panel agreed that they fill gaps in service provision for this age group and it is likely they can expect an increase in numbers and their costs due to loss of other services.</p> <p>The recommendation is to fund 100% of request on condition that they increase their public liability insurance cover from £3 million to £5 million.</p>
<p>Good Food Oxford Good Food Oxford was launched in December 2013 to help support the existing work of many organisations in and around the city to improve our food system, to catalyse new initiatives and collaborations and to encourage more joined-up thinking and policy around food issues.</p> <p>Funding has been requested to deliver a year of activities focusing on healthy, accessible and affordable food for residents of The Leys (Blackbird Leys and Greater Leys).</p>	South East	Nil	£7,965	£7,200	<p>Strong on need and targeted activities for local residents in an area of multiple deprivation.</p> <p>Recommend funding £7200 of this request with a condition that they link up with Oxford Survivors and the Clockhouse project regarding their cooking skills workshops.</p>
<p>Headington Action Funding has been requested to contribute towards the cost to organise and deliver Headington Festival.</p> <p>The two day event is being planned to take place over a weekend in June 2017.</p>	North East	£500	£2,000	Nil	<p>Weak on need and nothing in the application to indicate the festival will be promoted in areas of deprivation.</p> <p>The application is unclear whether any follow up is done with stall holders to see if they had received an increase in clients or memberships due to having a stall at the festival.</p> <p>It was noted that Active Communities will be attending the festival delivering activities and providing some volunteer support.</p> <p>The organisation has healthy reserves and due to budget limitations the recommendation is not to fund.</p>

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<p>Home Start Oxford Home Start Oxford are an independent local charity,(but part of a nationwide network Home-Start UK) and based in Blackbird Leys.</p> <p>The organisation offers befriending and peer support to families with young children who are vulnerable, isolated and struggling to cope.</p> <p>Funding has been requested to recruit 15 volunteers and provide two 8 week training courses for 4 hours each week for the new recruits.</p>	City Wide	Nil	£9,688	£7,266	<p>Strong on need and targeted support for vulnerable and isolated people and families.</p> <p>Recommendation is to fund 75% of the amount requested because the application tells us they will raise funding from another source for the balance and still run the two 8 week training courses plus recruit and train 15 volunteers.</p> <p>These volunteers will be able to support 125 people.</p>
<p>In2scienceUK In2scienceUK was founded in 2010 to provide young people from low income backgrounds an opportunity to gain practical insight into the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) sector as well as the knowledge and confidence to progress to University.</p> <p>Funding has been requested to provide 20 young people from disadvantaged backgrounds with science focused paid work placements and work ready workshops.</p>	City Wide	Nil	£9,880	£4,940	<p>Strong on need and targeted towards young people from areas of multiple deprivation. Links well with education attainment.</p> <p>Overall the panel agreed that unless this type of intervention was done it is unlikely that disadvantaged young people would have the opportunity to get into STEM internships.</p> <p>The recommendation is to fund 50% of request for a small scale pilot project with the conditions that they link up with the locality officer for Blackbird Leys and the Councils Equality and Diversity Officer to ensure they target those most in need.</p>

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<p><u>Innovista – Thrive Mentoring Project</u> The Thrive project is a youth project working in Barton.</p> <p>Funding has been requested to run a year -long intensive mentoring programme targeting 14 'high risk' young people (aged 10 to 19 years old) on Barton & Sandhills.</p> <p>The programme will provide 1:1 sessions to help mentees develop life skills and attitudes required for them to become productive members of their community.</p>	North East	£8,000	£8,000	£8,000	<p>Strong evidence of need and targeted work with a vulnerable group of young people living in an area of multiple deprivation.</p> <p>The quality of the work from this project is considered high.</p> <p>The panel recommend funding 100% of this request.</p>
<p><u>Leys Community Development Initiative – Clockhouse Project.</u> The Clockhouse Project delivers activities that address the needs of older people in the Leys to help them feel less isolated and alone.</p> <p>Funding has been requested to contribute towards providing low cost activities for older people living on the Leys and the support costs to run and organise these activities.</p>	South East	£7,000	£10,000	£7,000	<p>Strong in terms of need and a project targeted towards older people living in the Leys which is an area of multiple deprivation.</p> <p>The panel recommend funding £7,000 of this request with the condition that outreach is continued to encourage new people (from both sides of the estate) to get involved and take part in the activities and to link up with Good Food Oxford regarding their cookery skills workshops.</p>
<p><u>Leys News (Oxford Community Media)</u> Leys News is a community paper that provides news and information about local events and issues, training and learning opportunities and advice on pertinent issues for local people on Blackbird Leys and Greater Leys. .</p> <p>Funding has been requested to contribute towards the costs for them to continue supporting community groups across Oxford in publishing their own local community newspapers.</p>	South East	£7,000	£10,000	£10,000	<p>Strong in terms of targeted work with community groups in regeneration areas of the City.</p> <p>Currently working with community newspaper groups in Cowley, Rose Hill, Wood Farm, Barton, Northway, Risinghurst and Blackbird Leys, supporting 60 volunteers across these newspapers.</p> <p>The panel agreed that community newspapers are an important means of information for vulnerable, isolated local people who may be unable to get out.</p> <p>The recommendation is to fund 100% of request.</p>

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<p><u>Leys Information Technology Zone (LITZ)</u> LITZ is a Community Interest Company based at Blackbird Leys Community Centre and runs IT courses for local residents.</p> <p>Funding has been requested to contribute towards salary costs for tutors and teaching assistants.</p>	South East	Nil	£10,000	£5,000	<p>Strong on evidenced need.</p> <p>The panel recommend funding 50% of request to enable 90 students from the regeneration areas of the city to access courses.</p> <p>The recommendation is given with the condition that they collect evidence to show how they target and recruit people from the regeneration areas and that they link up with the Blackbird Leys Locality Officer.</p>
<p><u>My Life My Choice</u> My Life My Choice is a self-advocacy organisation for people with a learning disability and is based in the City of Oxford.</p> <p>Funding has been requested to contribute towards the costs of running and expanding a monthly social session run from a City location.</p>	City Wide	Nil	£1,000	£250	<p>Strong on targeted work with disabled people.</p> <p>The recommendation is to fund 25% of this request to pay for the transport needs of people who have profound and multiple learning disabilities to enable them to attend the group.</p>
<p><u>Open Door</u> Open Door provides a weekly drop in and sign posting service for local refugees and asylum seekers at East Oxford Community Centre.</p> <p>As well as providing a free hot meal and a space to meet they provide support with form filling and other general support to help them sort out problems.</p> <p>Basic English lessons are also provided.</p> <p>Funding is requested to contribute towards their general running costs.</p>	East	£2,966	£5,390	£2,574	<p>Strong in terms of targeted work with minority groups living in the City.</p> <p>The panel noted that generally they provide the first step before going to or being sign posted to Asylum Welcome.</p> <p>The panel recommend funding £2,574 of this request to contribute towards their general running costs of the project and suggest they link up with SOFEA (South Oxford Food & Education Alliance) an organisation that provides fresh nutritious in date food to local not for profit organisations across Oxfordshire at a reduced price.</p>

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<p>Oxford Against Cutting (OAC) OAC was set up as a charity in 2015 and is working to help prevent female genital mutilation (FGM) by raising awareness, sharing information, supporting survivors and developing projects to empower young people to champion anti FGM initiatives.</p> <p>Funding has been requested for a 'Train the Trainers' programme so that they can continue to raise awareness and safeguarding work on FGM in Oxford.</p>	City Wide	£5,000 (through youth ambition grants programme)	£8,750	£3,000	<p>Strong on targeted work with vulnerable girls and young women.</p> <p>The panel agreed that this work should be supported and the recommendation is to fund the group £3,000 but some reassurances are needed to ensure what is supported by the Council does not put girls or young women at any unnecessary risk</p> <p>Therefore the recommendation is made conditional that they work with the Equality and Diversity Officer and the Domestic Abuse co-ordinator both from Community Services to work up a proposal that will ensure that young women are not further isolated within their communities by the approach of the project.</p> <p>It is also recommended that the proposal is reviewed and cleared by the Board Member for Portfolio Holder for Culture and Communities.</p>
<p>Oxford Community Land Trust (OCLT) OCLT is a co-operative with the aim to promote and build affordable housing in Oxford.</p> <p>They are working to put in a community led bid for the Irving Building in East Oxford.</p> <p>Their application is requesting funding to pay for a programme manager to take the project through planning and procurement.</p>	East	Nil	£10,000	Nil	<p>The panel felt this is a high risk capital project.</p> <p>Within the grants programme prospectus one of the items the Council will not fund through this programme is capital expenditure.</p> <p>Therefore the recommendation is not to fund</p>

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<p>Oxford Credit Union Funding has been requested to employ a project worker to develop a marketing strategy with the aim to expand their membership.</p>	City Wide	£10,000 (through commissioning Programme)	£6,000	£3,000	<p>The panel agreed that this application helps support the Councils Financial Inclusion Strategy and has a clear sustainability element to the work as long as membership numbers can be increased, although we recognise there is no guarantee.</p> <p>Therefore the recommendation is to fund 50% of this request with a condition that they attend local community events to promote their service.</p>
<p>Oxfordshire Play Association This organisation provides practical and professional support to all those who provide children and young people with opportunities to play. Funding has been requested to organise and delivery a play and activity day on Blackbird Leys.</p>	South East	£2,500	£2,500	Nil	<p>Weak on need and poor value for money.</p> <p>The panel felt that it would have been better delivered along with the Leys Festival rather than doing something separate.</p> <p>Therefore due to budget limitations the recommendation is not to fund.</p>
<p>Oxford Sexual Abuse & Rape Crisis Centre Funding has been requested to continue the provision of their support group for survivors of sexual violence.</p>	City Wide	£15,000 (through commissioning programme)	£10,000	Nil	<p>The panel had concerns that the approach they proposed in their application didn't address barriers some people may face accessing the group.</p> <p>The organisation has been recommended to receive funding through the commissioning programme and due to budget limitations the recommendation is not to fund.</p>
<p>Reducing the Rise of Domestic Abuse This organisation supports vulnerable adults and children who are at risk of harm in their own homes. Aiming to keep them safe and helping them rebuild their lives. Funding has been requested for an emergency fund to enable those people who are considered high risk to get to a place of safety.</p>	City Wide	Nil	£2,000	£1,000	<p>Strong on evidenced need and targeted work with vulnerable adults and children.</p> <p>The panel noted that they work County wide therefore the recommendation is to fund 50% of request for those adults and children they support in the city..</p>

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<p><u>Restore – Elder Stubbs Festival</u></p> <p>Funding requested to contribute towards the cost of organising and running the Elder Stubbs Festival planned to take place on 19.08.17</p>	Cowley	£3,099	£6,000	£1,500	<p>A popular annual event that works to dispel the misconceptions around mental health issues.</p> <p>The panel recommend funding 25% of the amount requested towards the volunteer recruitment, training and expenses.</p>
<p>Rose Hill Junior Youth Club</p> <p>RHJYC runs twice weekly after school sessions for children aged 6-8 years and 9-11 years old during term time.</p> <p>A senior youth club runs on a Thursday evening for young people aged 11-15 years old.</p> <p>Average weekly attendance to all of the above is a cumulative 150 children and young people.</p> <p>Funding has been requested to contribute towards the staffing and room hire charges for the club.</p>	South East	£7,500	£9,900	£9,900	<p>The panel noted that one of the Rose Hill priorities is the RHJYC.</p> <p>Concerns were raised on the sustainability of the project and what would happen if their Big Lottery bid fails.</p> <p>The recommendation is to fund 100% of their request dependent upon whether their Big Lottery bid is unsuccessful because their costs should potentially be covered in full through their application to the Big Lottery. They will know the outcome of this bid in February 2017.</p>
<p>Streets Revolution</p> <p>A non-profit organisation whose aim is to use Sport and leisure as a tool to engage with marginalised sections of the community.</p> <p>Funding has been requested to work with Oxford Survivors who are based in Blackbird Leys community centre to support their members in a variety of ways.</p>	South East	Nil	£5,585	£3,900	<p>Targeted work with a mental health support group.</p> <p>The recommendation is to fund the room hire charges for the group so they can continue meeting at Blackbird Leys Community Centre.</p> <p>The recommendation is made with the condition that the payment is made as an internal transfer and that they link up with Good Food Oxford.</p>

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<p>Wood Farm Youth Centre Funding has been requested to contribute towards the continuation of youth sessions in 2017.</p>	North East	£7,000	£9,000	£7,000	<p>Strong in terms of need and targeted work with vulnerable young people in a regeneration area of the city.</p> <p>A facility that is still much needed in the area where there is little else for young people on the estate.</p> <p>Therefore the panel recommend funding £7,000 of the request.</p>
Totals		£87,015	£206,553	£107,500	

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