

Community Grants

Evaluation Précis

Name of Organisation		Age UK Oxfordshire	
Ref	738	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	St Edmund Centre, Abingdon		£
Project Area	All (covers whole of Vale)	Total Project Cost	£25,395
Area Committee	Executive	Amount Requested	£5,000
Project Description To provide IT lessons and drop in IT facilities for older people in a non-threatening, welcoming environment.		Secured Funding	£15,095
		Town/Parish council funding	requested awaiting reply from Abingdon TC
		Recommended Award	£5000
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	improving the quality of life for older people	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	We are helping older people learn basic IT skills which will enable them to feel part of their community; locally, nationally and internationally. The skills learnt will range from how to turn on the computer to being able to shop from home and access information on websites. It will contribute to an ongoing education for older people who might feel left out and neglected by a society which relies heavily on new technology. It could also have the cross-benefit of introducing those people to extra opportunities and services that we can provide (e.g. information & advice and footcare) further enhancing their lives.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Involving young people Fostering a Greater Sense of Community Helping those without cars to access jobs and services.	
			Score 50
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	helping to maintain a safe Vale	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	We already have strong links with John Mason Secondary School and would invite them to be part of an Intergenerational project offering the chance to Sixth Form Students to help teach IT skills. It will benefit both young and older people by seeing that a) young people can be helpful, nice, good mannered people and are not always the stereotypes that are widely publicised; and b) young people can learn that becoming older isn't scary and older people aren't as intimidating as once thought. The young people would be using their own time to volunteer reducing their unoccupied free time which might otherwise be used in an anti-social manner. I would hope that this intergenerational approach would lead to a better	

		understanding and respect between generations.		
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?			
<i>Grant Officer note: This project also contributes to the councils priority to optimise access to council services although not quoted on the form but included in the score.</i>			Score	30
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	Consultation across the county identified issues of importance to older people in maintaining their health and wellbeing identified IT as a barrier to achieving this. The findings are published in A Tale of Two Counties. Locally we made the decision to test this by piloting free introduction to computers sessions.		
			Score	15
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	We know that it is needed as figures confirm they do. Between October and December 2010 our pilot project delivered 331 free sessions to older people who hadn't been able to access IT before. Many of whom have gone on to buy their own equipment. Past anecdotal evidence confirms this : "Computing is important as I've got left behind and everythign moves so fast", "Computing would be very valuable".		
			Score	15
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	Vale residents over 50 years old and local people (school age and over) who want to volunteer their skills as IT tutors.		
			Score	15
Finance score				
Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points			Score	15
Scoring Points System:				
115 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 125 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 150 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority			TOTAL	140
<u>Comments Section</u>				
Grants Officer:				
<p>This project will provide IT sessions for the over 50's in a special training facility in central Abingdon. No other funding has yet been secured for this project but charitable reserves of £15,095 will be available if other bids for funding are not successful. A detailed estimate of costings for the project has been provided and includes full core cost recovery (essentially helping to funding the core costs of Age UK in Oxfordshire).</p> <p>This project is a small one for a large organisation like Age UK but will provide a good service for local residents in addition to that already provided by Age UK.</p> <p>As at 31/3/2010 the organisation had unrestricted general funds of £202,552 which represents approximately 1.1 months of total budgeted costs.</p>				

Has this organisation previously received funding?

Conditions:

Should any additional conditions be applied to a grant award?

The training should include accessing the Vale of the White Horse District Council's website and providing feedback to online surveys when requested.

A satisfaction survey of the users and volunteers of the service should be completed and returned after six months and one year of operation of the service.

Has this organisation previously received funding?

£1,000 2008/09

£2,000 2006/07

£4,500 2005/06

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Name of Organisation		ARCh (Assisted Reading for Children in Oxfordshire)	
Ref	720	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Recruitment, training and 1 year support 8 new volunteers		£
Project Area	All (covers whole of Vale)	Total Project Cost	£6,144
Area Committee	Executive	Amount Requested	£3,144
Project Description We wish to provide 8 new reading helpers to offer support to at least 24 needy children in primary schools in the Vale.		Secured Funding	£1,221
		Town/Parish council funding	£1,221
		Recommended Award	£0
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	fostering a greater sense of the community	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	<p>Our project enables members of the community to become involved in their local primary school. We aim for a diverse volunteer base and do not require any particular qualifications, just a love of reading and an enjoyment of children's company. All of our volunteers have one thing in common - they are aware that many children do not have a positive experience of reading and so they want to help to change these children's attitudes and life chances, thereby benefitting the community. Many of our volunteers are retired, some are disabled, they may be living in a rural area, have felt isolated, be missing contact with a younger generation and be seeking to put their skills to good use. Some of our volunteers may be looking to a future child related career and volunteering for ARCh gives them useful insight and experience. Some volunteers go on to become school governors or teachers. ARCh provides initial and ongoing training and support for every volunteer so that they feel confident in their role.</p>	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	<p>Yes, Healthier Communities - volunteering has been proven to alleviate depression. The company of children is particularly uplifting. As each volunteer works with the same 3 children for the entire academic year a special relationship develops. The children also benefit from the year's mentoring support from their ARCh helper. Improving the Quality of Life for Older People - the twice weekly commitment we ask provides a good framework to the week for a lot of older people, being in the company of children and seeing their progress is very motivating and boosts the volunteers' self esteem. Some give extra time to their school outside ARCh sessions - they may give talks, help on trips etc. Involving Young People - the children we work with benefit tremendously and all sessions are child centred. We encourage the children to feedback their views.</p>	

		Score	40
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	Not applicable	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?		
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?		
		Score	0
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	We maintain regular contact with all primary schools in the area. Each year we send every school we work with a Pupil Survey form to seek their views.	
		Score	10
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	2010 SATs results from Oxfordshire primary schools indicated that around 20% of children leave primary school with a reading age below the Government's expected standard. The busy school curriculum does not allow time for 1:1 reading and many children do not have this experience at home either.	
		Score	10
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	8 new volunteers and initially 24 children. We ask volunteers to commit to the charity for at least one year but many continue year after year thereby helping more children.	
		Score	10
Finance score			
Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points		Score	5
21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points			
41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points			
Scoring Points System:		TOTAL	75
99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding			
100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding			
140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority			
<u>Comments Section</u>			
Grants Officer:			
<p>ARCh are applying for training opportunities for 8 new volunteers to offer 1-1 reading support to 24 children at primary school age. The project will have a good impact on the Vale Community Strategy, but has shown not shown how it will benefit the council priorities.</p> <p>The organisation have financial support from Abingdon Town Council of £400 and Faringdon Town Council of £827, and are currently awaiting a decision from Wantage Town Council on a £750 grant.</p> <p>The organisation made a surplus of £13,207 at March 2010 and held funds of £42,688. The organisation could fund this project though their own reserves and with the contributions from Town Councils.</p>			

Information of the detailed expenditure on the application form suggests that the overall expenditure is towards the organisations ongoing costs to facilitate this project.

This application should only be considered for funding if a budget remains after the allocation of grants to projects scoring over the 100 point minimum.

Has this organisation previously received funding?

2008/9 - £1000 & £250

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Name of Organisation		My Life My Choice	
Ref	681	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Local Speaking Up Groups		£
Project Area	All (covers whole of Vale)	Total Project Cost	£5,594
Area Committee	Executive	Amount Requested	£2,500
Project Description My Life My Choice is a self-advocacy charity run by and for people with learning disabilities. We run a nightclub, cafe, training and consultancy teams, and a travel buddy scheme. The most important part of our work is building our local self-advocacy networks, and setting up these groups in Abingdon and Wantage is paramount. The groups meet once a month, they share news and issues, building confidence and self-esteem. They bring local issues to the My Life My Choice Champions, who speak up about issues to do with Hate Crime, keeping safe, transport, and health. We support each other in building confidence to take on full roles in the community and to be respected. We support each other to become more independent in our lives, including travelling on public transport, and keeping safe.		Secured Funding	£3,094
		Town/Parish council funding	£0
		Recommended Award	£2,500
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	fostering a greater sense of the community	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	People with learning disabilities are the most vulnerable people in society, and building their confidence and self-esteem to speak up and take part is important. Once we have established safe and friendly environments to meet, we support and encourage our local group members to travel independently, learn new skills, volunteer and work in the community, and socialise. Our members become vital voices in the community and making positive contributions in local communities and local democracy. Our work has proved it's success by becoming winners of the Guardian Charity Awards 2010, and the Oxfordshire Empowerment Awards 2010. We also raise the awareness of people with learning disabilities by positive media exposure on TV, radio and in the local and national press.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Yes. Helping those without a car to access services. People with learning disabilities are reliant on special services transport, parents, carers or taxis for	

		transport and inclusion. Our peer mentoring, travel buddy scheme provides safe and friendly ways to access services and the community, building confidence and independence travelling on public transport, and saving money. We also contribute to Healthier Communities. We have produced a wealth of projects promoting the healthy lifestyles of people with learning disabilities and healthy eating. We also train, GP's, nurses and social workers, and in 2010 trained 90% of GP surgeries in Oxfordshire encouraging the uptake and training of GP's for Annual Health Checks for people with learning disabilities. Our work has been cited for 'best practice' in the 'Six Lives' Department of Health report. We advocate and promote Annual Health Checks at our Roadshows and Local Groups.		
			Score	55
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	helping to maintain a safe Vale		
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	It is a known that people with learning disabilities live in fear of hate crime, and one in three have experience some kind of abuse or hate crime in their lives. We build our members confidence and build links with the Police, and our members take part in local police meetings and speak up at the Independent Advisory Meeting, and we aim to have trainee Police placements at our local groups to build understanding and trust.		
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	Supporting A Vibrant Local Community. We build projects that help build vibrant communities. Our Community Cafe in West Oxford sets people with learning disabilities at the heart of the community. Training people in customer service and kitchen skills, promoting our UK Online Centre at the Cafe, and projects with the community. Our strong local groups hope to copy this venture in their local areas, and we aim to support them achieve this.		
			Score	25
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	We have over 400 members who are people with learning disabilities in Oxfordshire. We hold Roadshows and consult with our members in our local groups, roadshows and champions project. We also produce our quarterly 'Includer' newsletter. We have piloted a social network with Community and Places and Up2Us, to allow us to communicate and consult across Oxfordshire in our groups.		
			Score	15
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	We have been established as a charity since 1998, and have been speaking up throughout Oxfordshire. We know that people with learning disabilities are the most vulnerable in society, socially disadvantaged and suffer ill-health. We run our own charity and we know why we need to do this work. All of our trustees are people with learning disabilities we are 100% user-led charity.		

		Score	15
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	We work with people with learning disabilities. In two groups in the Vale we hope to work directly with over 30 people with learning disabilities. Through other projects, such as the Travel Buddy Scheme, Stingray Nightclub, My Cafe project, Internet cafe, Social Network, Champions and Power Up, we will reach many more people with learning disabilities in the Vale. Up to 100 people with learning disabilities.	
		Score	15
Finance score			
Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		Score	5
Scoring Points System:			
99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority		TOTAL	130
<u>Comments Section</u>			
Grants Officer:			
<p>My Life My Choice are a registered charity promoting equal rights for disabled people within Oxfordshire. They are applying for funding towards their Wantage and Abingdon Self-Advocacy network sessions, which will be held once a month benefitting up to 30 people with learning disabilities.</p> <p>There organisation have recieved a grant of £3,094 from Oxfordshire County Council and require £2,500 to meet the full cost of running the network sessions each month in 2011/12.</p> <p>The organisation is currently applying to both Abingdon and Wantage Town Council for funding towards this project, and are awaiting decisions.</p> <p><u>Has this organisation previously received funding?</u></p> <p>Received £1000 annually from 2006/7 - 2009/10</p> <p><u>Conditions:</u></p> <p>Should any additional conditions be applied to a grant award?</p> <p>1. Award an initial 50% of any award and release the remaining 50% on receipt of 6 month monitoring information detailing the number of sessions held and the number of attendees.</p>			

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Name of Organisation		Oxford Harmony	
Ref	687	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Learn to Sing Course		£
Project Area	Cumnor	Total Project Cost	£1,678
Area Committee	Executive	Amount Requested	£678
Project Description A learn to sing course for all abilities and ages to show the benefits to health and well being of regular singing and being part of a team.		Secured Funding	£1,000
		Town/Parish council funding	£0
		Recommended Award	£0
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	healthier communities	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	A healthier community, by exploring, explaining and participating in the health giving practicalities of posture, breathing and muscle control required in the act of singing together with the sense of well being released into the brain, the mental exercise of learning music and words, and the sense of well being by participating in a group.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	A sense of community; by gathering people from all walks of life to team together to achieve satisfaction from a common purpose giving joy to themselves, others in the group and to the community through performances. Improving the quality of life for older people; by encouraging older people to participate in a leisure activity that encourages self improvement and a social framework. Involving younger people; by targeting young people to participate in a positive leisure activity and one that encourages self improvement and being part of a team.	
		Score	20
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	helping to maintain a safe Vale	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	By encouraging people to participate in a positive leisure activity.	
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	Positive and health promoting leisure activities encourage and support a vibrant local economic	
		Score	10
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	We asked people in the local community.	
		Score	5

Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>		
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	We have had feedback that people in the community wish to learn to sing and there is no other course available. A sister ladies group recently ran a course and found that there was a demand for such course for male participants.
		Score 5
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>		
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	The project will target the whole of the Vale district and particularly younger and older people.
		Score 5
Finance score		
Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		Score 10
Scoring Points System:		
99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority		TOTAL 55
<u>Comments Section</u>		
Grants Officer:		
<p>Oxford Harmony is applying for funding towards an 8 week Learn to Sing course in Cumnor. The costs of the course consist of buying teaching tracks, music, hire of hall, publicity, course packs. The organisation is meeting the remaining costs from their own funds. The course is expecting 60 participants and there will be no charge to book onto the course.</p> <p>A letter of support has been received from Cumnor Parish Council but is unable to financially support the course due to lack of notice required by the Council's standing orders.</p>		

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Name of Organisation		Oxfordshire Association for the Blind (OAB)	
Ref	680	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Future Vision		£
Project Area	All (covers whole of Vale)	Total Project Cost	£595,000
Area Committee	Executive	Amount Requested	£5,000
Project Description We currently rent a temporary portakabin to deliver our face-to-face services for visually impaired people. The portakabin is cramped, often cold, and generally unsuitable for our service users' needs and ambitions; it prevents us from delivering a range of services that they have requested of us. Rental costs of £6,000 a year, and high energy bills, represent an inefficient use of funds. Our Future Vision project will replace that portakabin with a two storey resource centre, built as an annex to our existing base at Bradbury Lodge. A successfully completed project would mean that we could provide a wider range of better quality services to more visually impaired people, for a lower cost per person. This would include the 438 visually impaired people who we already work with who live in the Vale of White Horse.		Secured Funding	£377,500
		Town/Parish council funding	£1,285
		Recommended Award	£1,000
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	improving the quality of life for older people	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	Nine out of ten blind or partially sighted people in the UK are at least 60 years old. Future Vision will enable us to offer courses in computing, cooking, and kitchen skills for older visually impaired people, helping them to live their lives as independently as possible. We will also offer a face to face counselling and emotional support service through the project, helping older visually impaired people to come to terms with the trauma of losing of their sight. Both of the above services, and many other aspects of the Future Vision project, will help to improve the quality of life for local older visually impaired people.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Healthier Communities:Future Vision will provide courses to local visually impaired people on cooking better and more safely, helping them to lead healthier and more independent lives. The project's face-to-face counselling service will help to improve visually impaired people's mental health and well-being.Fostering a greater sense of community:As part of the Future Vision project, we will provide courses in visual impairment awareness to local	

		businesses and service providers, like G. P. surgeries and residential care homes. These courses will encourage a better local community in which visually impaired people would be able to play a more active and involved role.		
			Score	30
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	supporting a vibrant local economy		
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	Three out of four visually impaired people of working age in the UK are unemployed. Through Future Vision, we will work in partnership with RNIB Action for Blind People to improve the support that is available for younger visually impaired people who are looking for work, building on an existing partnership that we have with them for their employment services.		
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	Rising to the challenge of climate change: The portakabin that we currently rent for our face-to-face services has very thin walls and windows, and poor quality heaters. As a result, it is very inefficient in its use of energy. Future Vision's resource centre will include a range of energy efficiency features, including a ground source heating system, double glazing, and thick insulation, for example. All of these features will help to improve our energy efficiency, reducing our impact on climate change in the process.		
			Score	10
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	In 2008, we sent a large print questionnaire to 800 of our service users. It was returned by 139 people. All of the services that the Future Vision project will deliver, including new courses in computing, cooking, and kitchen skills, for example, were requested by the questionnaire's respondents. The services have also been requested by our Visual Impairment Reference Group (embodied by seven visually impaired people, and one carer for a visually impaired person), leaders of the local meeting groups and societies for visually impaired people that we work with, and all members of the Oxfordshire Low Vision Committee.		
			Score	10
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	Because of the frustration which our staff and volunteers experience on a daily basis in not being able to deliver our services for local visually impaired people and their carers to the quality that we know is possible. Because of the range of services that the portakabin prevents us from delivering, like proper training courses in visual impairment awareness. Because of the high running costs to OAB in renting and running the portakabin. Because of the consultation which is mentioned above. Because of the research that has been carried out by various regional and national groups, including the Thomas Pocklington Trust and the Association of Directors of Social Services, for example, which argues		

		that visually impaired people would benefit from better services for their independence, mental health, and sense of well being. Because of the requests which are made of us by the visually impaired people who we work with on a daily basis.		
			Score	10
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	Future Vision will benefit all of our existing service users, including the 438 visually impaired people who we work with and who live in Vale of White Horse. It will also enable us to work with a higher proportion of Oxfordshire's visually impaired population, which estimates suggest totals more than 10,000 people (our current number of service users across the county is just above 2,500). Future Vision will enable us to better support the many other agencies and charities that we already work together with, benefiting them and their service users in the process. These groups include: Oxfordshire Social and Community Services, the local Optometry and Ophthalmology teams, the RNIB Action for Blind people partnership, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Age UK Oxfordshire, LOOK Oxfordshire, and the many local meeting societies for visually impaired people, including the groups in Abingdon and Wantage, for example.		
			Score	15
Finance score				
Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points			Score	15
Scoring Points System:				
99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority			TOTAL	90
<u>Comments Section</u>				
Grants Officer:				
<p>Oxfordshire Association for the Blind have applied for a £5,000 grant towards a new resource centre on the Abingdon Road in Oxford. Although the centre will not be located within the Vale, OAB are the only organisation supporting blind or partially sighted people in Oxfordshire.</p> <p>Their current resources centre, which is a temporary structure, is not fit for purpose. The proposed resource centre will provide OAB and it's users with a state of the art facility providing an IT resource space, dedicated kitchen facility, a large meeting/activity room, storage and a number of offices.</p> <p>The initial cost estimates from the projects architect were issued in December 2007 and the costs may not reflect current build costs. The organisation has yet to formally tender for the project, I presume until they are in a position to justify the costs and time scales.</p> <p>OAB have secured 63% of the estimated total cost of the project (architectural estimated) and are actively seeking the remaining funds to meet the build costs. They currently have a publicity campaign which they are hoping to rias e £100,000 (noted a £25,000 pledge from this), applying to the Dunhill Medical Foundation for a futher £20,000, SODC for £80,000, and other various trust for £25,000. If they achieve this, they should be in a position to start the project.</p>				

The project is reliant on achieving their fundraising campaign aims OF £100,000 and securing a grant from SODC OF £80,000. Due to this it is recommended that an award is given for a grant towards revenue costs for supporting Vale projects.

Has this organisation previously received funding?

2009/10 - £3,000

2008/9 - £3,000

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Name of Organisation		Oxfordshire Chinese Community & Advice Centre (OCCAC)	
Ref	742	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Abingdon Chinese Elderly Group and Bilingual Advice Surgery		£
Project Area	All (covers whole of Vale)	Total Project Cost	£16,648
Area Committee		Amount Requested	£3,200
Project Description OCCAC has been a lifeline to most non-English speaking disadvantaged Chinese in your district for nearly 20 years. Over the last few years, many of your elderly & vulnerable residents have repeatedly requested us to run a bilingual advice surgery & an elderly group in Abingdon. The frail elderly have increasing difficulty in coming to Oxford due to failing health. Catering workers with no transport do not have sufficient time to visit our Centre during their afternoon break. Abingdon has been chosen because many Chinese live or work in Abingdon or nearby areas, & it is easily accessible from the whole Vale. Project's main areas of work Provide Quality Mark General Help advice, interpretation & translation Set up an elderly group for the socially isolated & frail Chinese - providing lunch, mental & physical exercises, talks on Council services & health issues Conduct a survey into the current needs of the non-English speaking Chinese in the Vale. Time: 10:30am-4:30pm 2nd & 4th Wed of the month		Secured Funding	£5,448
		Town/Parish council funding	£0
		Recommended Award	£2,000
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	improving the quality of life for older people	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	Our project supports the Vale Community Strategy 7.2 Improving Quality of Life for Older People. Many non-English speaking Chinese elderly in your area regard themselves as 'deaf, dumb & blind' as they cannot understand English. A bilingual advice surgery in Abingdon will enable them to gain access to services without going to Oxford, while visitation to the housebound ensures equality of access. The Elderly Group will help Chinese combat social isolation, enjoy a	

		<p>healthy meal and mental exercise like Mahjong. We will also seek to provide transport for the frail. Our regular health talks, walks, Tai Chi & seated exercises will enable the elderly to adopt a more active lifestyle. "Survival English terms" on medical symptoms will be taught to equip them for emergencies. Our support & training for carers help them to do their tasks more effectively. We are confident the above will fill a gap in services and enable the elderly Chinese to live more independently, improve their health and quality of life.</p>
C3	<p>Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?</p>	<p>Our project supports the Vale Community Strategy 7.1 Healthier communities. Bilingual health talks help the non-English speaking Chinese be aware of: Healthy lifestyle choices around diet, physical activity & smoking reduce early deaths from preventable diseases. Importance of maintaining good health, mental health & timely access to care services. Physical Activity like walks, Tai Chi or seated exercises. Mental Activity like Mahjong helps delay dementia. Improved Emergency Access. Emergency contact cards for the elderly, "Survival English terms" on medical symptoms will be taught to equip them for emergencies. Health Promotion Days publicise "Healthy Eating & Healthy Living", encouraging the Chinese to eat more fruit & vegetables and quit smoking. Nurses will be present to help check blood pressure, measure BMI & give medical advice. Visitation supports the vulnerable & those with long-term health & mental health problems. We are confident the above will enable the Vale to be healthier.</p>
		<p>Score 45</p>
<p>Contributing to the council's priorities Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</p>		
C4	<p>Which priority of the council does your project support?</p>	<p>rising to the challenge of climate change</p>
C5	<p>How does your project meet this priority?</p>	<p>Our project supports the Council's low carbon Vale initiative and will help your non-English speaking Chinese residents to understand this through: Talks & workshops. Translation & interpretation of Council publications. Organising a "Recycling & Energy Saving Campaign". Advice & assistance. Waste management & recycling. Explain categorised waste disposal & encourage reduction of residual household waste, increased recycling and pooling resources. Energy Conservation by encouraging use of energy saving light bulbs, green forms of energy supply, switching off unnecessary lighting and appliances, use of the 'Energy Efficiency Rating' system. Good insulation and efficient heating systems, assisting clients to obtain grants and prioritise choices. Car sharing, walking, cycling & the use of public transport. Flood defences. Where appropriate help people prepare for floods, obtain grants & install defences. Wise use of natural resources. We are confident the above will help meet the challenge of climate.</p>
C6	<p>Does your project meet any over council priorities?</p>	<p>Our project supports the Council's priority of meeting people's need for housing. Many non-English speaking Chinese have difficulty in buying their own homes, or finding suitable rented accommodation at an affordable price in your district. Most catering workers live on the flats above the takeaways or restaurants. A family of 3 or 4 members often have to live in one room, and share the flat and facilities with a few other workers or families.</p>

		When they change jobs, the whole family have to leave. This is "hidden homelessness". The proposed bilingual advice surgery will help to prevent homelessness in the Vale through early intervention and advice, exploring various housing options for the non-English speaking Chinese. Assistance will be given to resolve the housing problems - apply for Council housing, look for cheaper accommodation and apply for housing benefits where necessary. We are confident the above will help the Council to meet its priority for housing.		
			Score	20
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	Requests and consultation during outreach visitation to the elderly, restaurants & takeaways in the Vale: Many non-English speaking Chinese request a bilingual advice surgery in Abingdon as they cannot access services through English speakers. Abingdon has been requested because many Chinese live or work in Abingdon or nearby areas, and it is easily accessible from the whole Vale. OCCAC's quarterly users & volunteers meetings in 2010: further confirm the need for the project. OCCAC's annual user survey in 2010: Many users raised this need. Consultation during our elderly day centre & various community events in the last 3 months regarding this project: Over 100 people requested both bilingual advice surgery & a Chinese elderly group with lunches, talks, physical & mental exercises, similar to our Chinese elderly day centre in Oxford. The proposal for the project: About 10 of your residents were involved in putting the proposal together. Many offered to help in cooking & running the elderly group.		
			Score	10
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	With about 1,100 Chinese living in the Vale, it is its largest ethnic minority. Request: Many of your non-English speaking Chinese residents have for a few years been requesting us to start this project as they cannot communicate with local English providers. Proven need: The House of Commons' report on "The Chinese Community in Britain" 1985 Oxfordshire Health Authority's survey on "Health of the Chinese in Oxfordshire" 1997-8 Joseph Rowntree Foundation's report on "Chinese older people: A need for social inclusion in two communities" September 2000 Oxfordshire County Council's report on "Older People's Needs Assessments" February 2005 all confirm the serious language barrier faced by the Chinese. Our consultation and surveys confirm the above need and gap in the services. OCCAC is the only bilingual advice Centre in the Thames Valley providing Quality Mark General Help advice. Many elderly have increasing difficulty in coming to our Centre in Oxford to seek help because of failing health.		
			Score	10
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	There are about 1,100 Chinese living in the Vale district, the majority live or work in Abingdon, Wantage,		

		<p>Faringdon and Botley. Many of them are non-English speaking, suffer social isolation & cannot gain access to services due to the language barrier. Many elderly are illiterate in Chinese as compulsory education in Hong Kong did not start till 1970's. Those who come from Hong Kong speak Cantonese or Hakka. The recent immigrants come from Mainland China & speak Mandarin, many do not have a word of English. A number of your Chinese residents suffer from long-term illnesses or mental health problems, and often request us to help them understand correspondence from, and communicate with medical professionals. The elderly group will benefit all the elderly, frail & housebound Chinese in the Vale district. The bilingual advice surgery provides Quality Mark General Help advice in 12 categories and will benefit all the non-English speaking Chinese in the Vale, many of whom work in the catering industry.</p>	
		Score	15
Finance score Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		Score	15
Scoring Points System: 99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority		TOTAL	115
<u>Comments Section</u>			
Equalities Officer:			
<p>It is well known that the Chinese community face the greatest language barriers and are the Vales largest ethnic minority community. Providing the bilingual surgery will help to ensure that the resident are aware of a number of services provided by the council set out in the bid, that they may be missing out on currently due to lack of confidence, pride and language barriers in approaching the Vale (although we would provide interpreters if requested). The project should therefore improve their quality of life, physical, social and mental well being through the development of the elderly group and bilingual surgery.</p> <p>In order to ensure that the council receives good value for money, I would recommend that OCCAC meet with the teams they have made reference to in their bids in order to ensure they have the most accurate information to provide to their customers.</p>			
Grants Officer:			
<p>OCCAC are applying for revenue expenditure towards the costs of delivering a new bilingual advice surgery and an elderly group in Abingdon. The organisation is looking to provide this service every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month totalling 24 sessions, which will run between 9.30am-4.30pm.</p> <p>The main costs of the service is for 2 bilingual advice workers costing, £8,000 for the year. Other costs include the hiring of a hall, OCCAC coordinator time, volunteer in-kind costs, travelling expenses and office expenses.</p> <p>It is hard to establish whether these costs are for a one off project or to supplement the organisations on-going core costs. The total costs of the project is to run these sessions for one year. It is unclear if this is a one off project or a project that will be on-going year on year.</p> <p>OCCAC at March 2010 made a surplus of £21,538 and held cash in hand of £55,620. The organisation could fund the costs of this project. If this project is on-going, and as the sessions are free for users, there is</p>			

no means of meeting the costs of the project, and therefore funding is required to maintain the project and the organisations reserves.

OCCAC have applied to Abingdon Town Council for £4,000 and they are looking to apply to the Big Society Fund to meet the costs of the project.

Has this organisation previously received funding?

2005/06 £1,000

2006/07 £1,000

2007/08 £1,000

2008/09 £1,000

2009/10 £2,000

Conditions:

Should any additional conditions be applied to a grant award?

Meet with the teams OCCAC have made reference to in their application in order to ensure they have the most accurate information to provide to their customers.

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Name of Organisation		Oxfordshire Community & Voluntary Action, Volunteer Centre Oxfordshire	
Ref	721	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	First Steps Volunteering Outreach sessions		£
Project Area	All (covers whole of Vale)	Total Project Cost	£51,315 (amended to £2,500)
Area Committee	Executive	Amount Requested	£2,500
Project Description We would like to expand the work of the Volunteer Centre to engage more vulnerable people in the Vale into volunteering. For people with Mental Health difficulties, disabilities or criminal convictions, volunteering can be a first step to building back confidence, gaining new skills and improving employment prospects. The project will provide 3 outreach sessions, in Abingdon, providing 1-1 appointments to vulnerable people to give information, advice and support into local volunteering opportunities. As well as directing to specific opportunities, we will provide follow up support to individuals. We currently hold 138 volunteering opportunities in the Vale and provide best practice advice to local organisations. With more people unemployed at present, and it being particularly difficult for vulnerable people, we feel local people and the community will benefit from volunteering.		Secured Funding	
		Town/Parish council funding	applied for £250 from Abingdon TC
		Recommended Award	£1,500
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	fostering a greater sense of the community	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	By actively encouraging vulnerable people to volunteer, we are helping the volunteer to gain confidence, and to help with them to move forward in their life. They will gain a better understanding & integration into the community. By volunteering, they are helping the local community by assisting with services of the voluntary sector.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	The project also meets the Healthier communities, safer communities and Helping those without a car to access services priorities. By encouraging people to integrate into the community, there is less marginalisation of vulnerable people, contributing to healthier communities. Safer communities particularly relates to people with criminal convictions who could benefit from volunteering.	

		By providing outreach sessions in Abingdon, we are assisting people who are unable to travel into Oxford for an appointment.		
			Score	40
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	helping to maintain a safe Vale		
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	The project fits closely with the priority of 'Working in Partnership' which weren't listed in the above. The Volunteer Centre has been working towards the LAA agreement of increasing levels of volunteering in Oxfordshire, and successfully met its' targets for this.		
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	The project also fits with 'Optimise access to our services'. By bringing the Volunteer Centre service to Abingdon, we are assisting people who are unable to travel into Oxford for an appointment.		
			Score	20
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	We have previously, in 2010 run these outreach sessions in Abingdon, based at Mind in Abingdon. They were very popular, with full days of appointments booked. We have good connections with local organisations supporting vulnerable people who could advertise the service to their clients.		
			Score	5
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	Last financial year we carried out appointments to 248 vulnerable people of which 30 were from the Vale, giving advice, information & encouragement to access local volunteering opportunities. We currently have 138 volunteering opportunities in the Vale which need filling. We are told by many organisations in the Vale that they have difficulties finding volunteers for their roles. A local presence will enable us to help fill these roles, as there is no other service in the Vale providing this.		
			Score	15
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	Potentially the whole population of the Vale could benefit from either volunteering or being supported by a volunteer. In particular people with Mental Health difficulties, physical or learning disabilities, criminal convictions or in supported housing. Having supported many vulnerable people into volunteering over the years we have good evidence of the difference the service makes to people taking on a role. Local organisations will also benefit in delivering better services through more volunteer help.		
			Score	15
Finance score Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points			Score	15

21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		
Scoring Points System: 99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority	TOTAL	110
<u>Comments Section</u>		
Grants Officer:		
<p>This is a small additional project by OCVA (part funded by Oxfordshire County Council) but this additional grant would specifically benefit Abingdon residents. Support for volunteering is one of the organisations key workstream areas.</p>		
<p>There are currently 138 volunteering opportunities in the Vale which need filling (predominantly in the Abingdon area), this project would help to facilitate linking volunteers to these opportunities. OCVA would have a meeting area within the Charter in Abingdon to hold meetings with volunteers.</p>		
<p>Financial review: Unrestricted reserves of £127,000 were available as at 31.10.2010. This represents reserves equivalent to nearly 5 months of unrestricted expenditure.</p>		
<u>Has this organisation previously received funding?</u>		
<p>received £2,500 in 2009/10, 2008/9 and 2007/8</p>		
<p>Partnership grant in 2010/11 and 2011/12 of £5,000 - to provide funding advice to voluntary groups</p>		

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Name of Organisation		Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum	
Ref	719	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	People and biodiversity		£
Project Area	All (covers whole of Vale)	Total Project Cost	£15,855
Area Committee	Executive	Amount Requested	£1,000
Project Description Working with local environment groups to improve local habitats and promoting the natural environment to the general public to encourage appreciation, understanding and use of the countryside		Secured Funding	£12,855
		Town/Parish council funding	£0
		Recommended Award	£0
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	a high quality natural and historic environment	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	ONCF is focussed on benefitting Oxfordshire's biodiversity for the benefit of all residents for their enjoyment. We send a free Weekly Environmental Email Bulletin that details walks, talks and at least 20 volunteering opportunities. We also offer advice and talks to parish councils to help them deliver their NERC Duty. We offer support and advice to local environment groups by telephone and email and an annual conference.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Yes. Much of work support local communities who want to look after their local patch of wildlife. This helps to foster a greater sense of community and improves community cohesion. Plus those working as a group have mental and physical health benefits.	
		Score	20
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	helping to maintain a safe Vale	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	Supporting and encouraging volunteer engagement through the Local Environment Groups helps to develop community cohesion. Caring for local green spaces encourages a sense of community ownership and helps to reduce the levels of anti-social behaviour and so also makes for a cleaner place to live.	
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	A beautiful countryside and access to green spaces also supports a vibrant local economy. Tourism and leisure for example brings in much income to the local economy. The work done by local groups helps look after many beauty spots.	
		Score	10
Consultation			

<i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>		
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	ONCF is a membership organisation of over 40 bodies. We are in regular contact with all of them and we exist to serve the membership. Any events we hold are organised in partnership with other organisations and usually as a result of feedback or requests from members.
		Score 5
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>		
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	Circulation of the bulletin continues to increase (currently 1,300) and qualitative feedback suggests it is valuable. We offer to help parish councils with their NERC duty and they request help. We carry out feedback surveys after each Local Environment Group's conference
		Score 10
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>		
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	All residents of Vale. All our services are free of charge so accessible by all (events may incur a small charge).
		Score 5
Finance score		
Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		Score 15
Scoring Points System:		
99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority		TOTAL 65
Comments Section		
Grants Officer -		
<p>ONCF are applying for costs associated with organising and sending bulletins to local environmental groups (£5,625), costs for supporting local groups with advice and events (£7,250), talks to Parish Councils (£912) and management costs and overheads (at 15% - £2,068).</p> <p>The costs associated with this project are towards the organisations overall core costs and are not one off projects.</p> <p>The organisation at March 2010 held cash in hand of £164,609 and have adequate funds to continue this project that is already running.</p> <p>Due to the score and that the costs are related to the organisations core revenue expenses, the recommendation is that the project does not receive funding at this time.</p> <p>Has this organisation previously received funding?</p> <p>2004/5 - provision of courses - £500</p>		

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Name of Organisation		Oxfordshire Play Association	
Ref	673	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Oxfordshire Playweek		£
Project Area	All (covers whole of Vale)	Total Project Cost	£12,500
Area Committee	Executive	Amount Requested	£2,500
Project Description As part of National Playday on Wednesday 4th August (www.playday.org.uk) we are hoping to organise a Playweek in Oxfordshire with one event being held in each district of Oxfordshire		Secured Funding	£1,000
		Town/Parish council funding	£2,000
		Recommended Award	£0
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	access to good quality green spaces, sports, cultural and leisure facilities	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	Playday will be a free to attend, family day to encourage children & young people to Play together with their parents / cares in an outdoor environment. It will educate families on the benefits to both their Physical and Mental Wellbeing by making the best use of their recreation time by using natural outdoor spaces.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	The theme of Playday is to encourage families to Play together using natural and recycled materials thus reducing waste, encouraging recycling and helping families on low incomes by showing the play value of items such as boxes, bottles, natural environment etc	
		Score	20
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	helping to maintain a safe Vale	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	Research has shown (Play England) that residents consider communities that encourage children & young people to play outside feel safer and encourage the building of stronger communities	
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	In this time of austerity and a reduction in children & young peoples service it is designed to show that you can enjoy Play on a zero budget and without any other facilities (buildings etc) It encourages Big Society	
		Score	10
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	For Playday 2010 we attended the Vale Youth Forum in March 2010 (via Karen Tolley) and completed questionnaires at the Playday events themselves.	
		Score	15

Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>		
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	Local & national research shows that the Play 'habitat', space in which children and young people can play has been steadily eroded over the past few years, coupled with the advancements in computer games etc obesity levels are at record levels and the UK came bottom of the children and young people 'wellbeing' indicators.
		Score 10
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>		
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	Children & Young People Families Communities
		Score 10
Finance score		
Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		Score 15
Scoring Points System:		
99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority		TOTAL 80
<u>Comments Section</u>		
Grants Officer:		
<p>Oxfordshire Play Association (OPA) are looking to hold a play week in Oxfordshire, where they are looking to hold a play day in all districts within the County. OPA are to hold a play day within the Vale around September 2011 at the Hill End Activity Centre in Botley, where they hope to engage over 1,000 young people and families at the event. OPA have organised similar events in 2010 in Oxford and Dalton Barracks that have been successful in engaging a large number of young people in the benefits of play.</p> <p>Estimates have been received and no formal quotations on the specific costs for the vale play day has been confirmed. OPA would have to provide this prior to any grant release.</p> <p>OPA at 31 March 2010 held net assest of £137,979 with only £263 as fixed. Based on the 2010 accounts OPA can fully fund this project without a community grant.</p> <p><u>Has this organisation previously received funding?</u></p> <p>2008/9 - OPA costs - £2,800</p>		
Young People's Co-ordinator Comments:		
<p>Oxfordshire Play Association provides an excellent service to promote the benefits of play for children, young people and families. Martin has been to the Youth Forum and consulted young people about last year's event. It is a good initiative and I agree with his comments about the need for such an event.</p> <p>Martin also helped run a workshop at Stephen Freeman school in Didcot consulting young people about Great Western Park and I am likely to utilise his expertise again in future in relation to park provision in connection with houses being built at Grove / Wantage.</p> <p>I have called on the expertise of this organisation in the past and they work brilliantly with partners. I fully support the play day application.</p>		

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Name of Organisation		Ryder Cheshire Volunteers Oxfordshire	
Ref	675	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Vale of the White Horse Project		£
Project Area	All (covers whole of Vale)	Total Project Cost	£20,000
Area Committee	Executive	Amount Requested	£5,000
Project Description To reduce social isolation and raise self esteem of physically disabled adults through enabling them to access leisure and learning activities and opportunities.		Secured Funding	£9,500
		Town/Parish council funding	£500 awaiting dec
		Recommended Award	£3,500
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	healthier communities	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	It is important for people with physical disabilities to still feel part of, and contribute to, the community in which they live. However, so often their disability prevents them from feeling able to play their part and they suffer from a lack of social interaction leading to a feeling of isolation and a fall in their self esteem. By enabling disabled people to access opportunities for leisure and learning, this isolation is tackled and they begin to feel part of their community, and can be a valued member of it.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Improving the quality of life for Older People.Fostering a greater sense of community.Involving Young People (through volunteering opportunities).Helping those without a car to access services.Access to good quality green spaces, sports, cultural and leisure facilities.Addressing economic weaknesses (by enabling some disabled people to access employment).	
		Score	50
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	supporting a vibrant local economy	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	Ensuring that all local people, including those with a physical disability, can all play their part (and feel that they are doing so) in the local economy, by being employed (where possible and appropriate), by being able to spend their money within the community, and by being enabled to use local facilities and services despite the restrictions of their particular disability.	
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?		
		Score	15
Consultation			

<i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>		
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	We meet regularly with all of our disabled Members and volunteers to assess their needs, desires and aims, and to develop assistance to enable them to achieve these. We work with other services, agencies and authorities in the area of physical disability to ensure that our services are in line with current priorities and complement other provision for disabled people.
		Score 10
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>		
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	The majority of our Members are referred to us by Social Services, GPs, Hospitals and other Health/Social agencies and providers who identify our services as being of direct benefit to physically disabled people.
		Score 15
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>		
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	Any adult with a physical disability who lives within Oxfordshire, and the Vale of the White Horse specifically for this Project.
		Score 15
Finance score		
Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		Score 10
Scoring Points System:		
99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority		TOTAL 115
<u>Comments Section</u>		
Grants Officer:		
<p>Ryder Cheshire Volunteers Oxfordshire are a registered charity that provides recreation provision or other leisure activity time provision for disabled residents in Oxfordshire by matching people with suitable volunteers. The organisation is applying for funding towards their yearly activities in the Vale area. Although the project is specific to the Vale, the organisation is applying for on-going salary, volunteer and office costs and would not be classed as a one-off project.</p> <p>The organisation currently has 59 members who are actively paired up with volunteers to do weekly/monthly activities and will benefit from their activities in 2011/12.</p> <p><u>Has this organisation previously received funding?</u></p> <p>2008/09 - £1,000 - Vale project for running costs 2009/10 - £1,500 - Vale project for running costs</p>		
Conditions:		
Should any additional conditions be applied to a grant award?		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. 50% of any award should be retained for the first 6 months. Details of the number of beneficiaries must be submitted after this period for the remaining 50% of award to be released. 3. Confirmation that all funding is in place prior to the release of any award. 4. The council's logo should be used in any publication and on letterheads. 		

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Name of Organisation		South and Vale Carers' Centre	
Ref	689	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Carers - Take a Break!		£
Project Area	All (covers whole of Vale)	Total Project Cost	£17,650
Area Committee	Executive	Amount Requested	£4,500
Project Description The project will promote the availability of low-cost, high quality day trips and leisure activities for unpaid carers in the local community. In the Vale, over 2,500 people care for more than 20 hours a week for someone who is ill or disabled. Short breaks for unpaid carers in the community are essential to give them some relief from their caring responsibilities, and to enable them to carry on caring.		Secured Funding	£650
		Town/Parish council funding	£2,404
		Recommended Award	£4,500
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	improving the quality of life for older people	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	Our project supports your Partnership's objective "to provide support for carers [...]".The greatest need identified by carers locally and nationally is for breaks to give respite from the caring role. This is especially important for carers living with the person they care for, and where caring is a full-time job. It is essential for carers to have time for themselves, to rest and re-energise. Our project will offer carers a good range of day trips and activities at affordable prices (theatre, country houses, gardens, town visits, seaside trips). The trips also offer carers a chance to get out and meet people in a similar situation, for mutual support.Start-up funding for one year, to pay for administration and promotion of the service, will be supplemented by the fees that we charge to carers which will include a contribution to fund administration from year two onwards.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Fostering a greater sense of community:through wide dissemination of publicity leaflets for the Carers' Centre, as well as for 'Take a Break', awareness is raised about carers amongst the local community. Many people are unaware of the essential role that carers play, and of the stress and exhaustion that can result from long-term caring. By raising awareness about carers, other members of the community do begin to care about the well-being of carers.Addressing economic weakness: the wider work of the Carers' Centre (promoted through our leaflets), supports working carers and enables them to carry on juggling work and caring for longer. We also	

		work with employers to encourage flexible working policies for carers. Involving young people: our wider work with Young Carers (aged 8-18), enables them to realise their potential through juggling their education and caring responsibilities, and encouraging them to enjoy activities outside of their caring role.		
			Score	60
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	Not applicable		
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	Equality and Diversity: the work of the Centre contributes towards the Council's objectives with respect to the Equalities Act 2010, under the 'Managing our Business' priority. Carers are amongst the most socially excluded people in the community, due to the constraints of their caring responsibilities. The support that the Centre offers ensures that carers are aware of their rights under the Equalities Act, and helps carers to juggle work and caring.		
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?			
			Score	5
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	Our quarterly Newsletter is sent to over 1500 carers across South Oxfordshire and the Vale. In January 2011, a survey form was sent with our Carers Newsletter to confirm the services that carers value most. In terms of support for our services from Town and Parish Councils, every year we approach all Town and Parish Councils across the Vale and South Oxfordshire to ask for their support for our work, with reasonably good success rates every year.		
			Score	15
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	In our recent survey, trips were identified as a highly valued service by 86 % of the respondents who have been on them. Overall, 95% of respondents felt that our services have helped them to cope better with their caring responsibilities. The Centre has been offering trips and activities for over 5 years, and these have always been over-subscribed. Over 500 carers a year go on these trips. From April 2011, we will no longer receive any funding from Oxfordshire County Council to support trips, so this project is intended to develop a sustainable way of continuing to provide this much needed service. Carers have responded to our recent surveys to confirm that, in principle, they would be interested in going on trips, even if they have to contribute more towards the costs themselves.		
			Score	20
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>				
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	Unpaid carers (10% of the population: 20% in the over 50 age-range) across the whole of the Vale will benefit from		

		the trips and activities offered through this project. The people who are being cared-for are all children and adults, with physical disabilities, long-term illnesses, learning disabilities, addictions, or mental ill-health. The project also directly benefits them, as their carers will be better able to carry on caring as a result of the breaks offered through the project.
		Score 15
Finance score Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		Score 10
Scoring Points System: 99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority		TOTAL 125
<u>Comments Section</u>		
Grants Officer:		
<p>South and Vale Carers' lost their support from Oxfordshire County Council due to the redistribution of funding to the disabled person. Prior to this the organisation was able to offer this service as part of their on-going yearly activities. As a result of this S&V Carers are looking to charge their users for this service, whilst looking to subsidise this cost through grant funding. The centre has been offering this service for over 5 years where they have over 500 carers a year participating in their trips.</p> <p>The organisation is contributing £650 through its transition fund and have allowed charges for the service to carers of £12,500 for the year. Due to the popularity of this service I am confident that they will maintain a similar number of participation and obtain enough revenue from charging subsidised amounts to carers.</p> <p>The organisation have had financial support from the following Parish Council's this financial year totalling £2,040 varying from £25 to £250:</p> <p>Blewbury, Charney Bassett, Childrey, Chilton, East Hendred, Fyfield and Tubney, Harwell, Hinton Waldrist, Kennington, Kingston Bagpuzie, Longworth, Marcham, North Hinksey, Radley, Shellingford, Shrivenham, St. Helen without Parish, Sunningwell, West Challow, West Hanney, Wooton.</p> <p>The organisation received a yearly grant from OCC of £112,000. This has now been withdrawn and the organisation will need to seek other funding opportunities to maintain their services. The organisation held £328,719 at 31 March 2010 which will help in maintain services in the short term.</p>		
<u>Has this organisation previously received funding?</u>		
2008/9 - £3,214 & £1,000		
Conditions:		
Should any additional conditions be applied to a grant award?		
No		

Community Grants Evaluation Précis

Name of Organisation		Vitalise	
Ref	676	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Respite Care Breaks for Disabled People and Carers		£
Project Area	All (covers whole of Vale)	Total Project Cost	£5,423
Area Committee	Executive	Amount Requested	£1,355
Project Description Vitalise offers planned respite care breaks to disabled people based on individual need, enables carers to have a guilt free break from their caring duties and provides inspirational volunteering opportunities. To ensure that our breaks are accessible to those who really need them Vitalise subsidises each care break week taken by £372. Although our volunteers give their time freely Vitalise subsidises each week given by a volunteer by £215 to cover travel, living, training a security check costs. Vitalise has four fully accessible centres around the UK offering 24 hour on call nursing and care where fully trained staff are supported by teams of residential volunteers.		Secured Funding	£4,068
		Town/Parish council funding	£0
		Recommended Award	£650
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	healthier communities	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	Everyone needs a break from their daily lives and none more so than disabled people and their carers who are often some of the most disadvantaged members of our society experiencing social isolation and poverty. A Vitalise respite care break gives disabled people and their carers real choice when they are looking for a care break that supports their often very individual needs. Disabled people are able to access respite care breaks that support their often very individual needs. Carers are able to have a guilt free rest from their caring duties. They can then return rested and refreshed and more able to cope with their caring duties.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Involving Young People. Vitalise has four fully accessible centres around the UK offering 24 hour on call nursing and care where staff are supported by teams of residential volunteers. Vitalise runs one of the largest volunteer programmes around the UK and our volunteers gain knowledge of working as part of a team and disability issues. They enhance their CV's and some of them go on to a job in a related field such as OT, Nursing	

		or Care.	
		Score	40
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	helping to maintain a safe Vale	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	Disabled people and their carers can be some of the most disadvantaged members of our society experiencing social isolation, poverty and ill health. A Vitalise respite care break offers socially inclusive care breaks in welcoming environments that inspire confidence for disabled users and their families. A Vitalise respite care break can make a real difference to disabled people and carers enabling them to be more involved members of a community, who are more able to contribute and less likely to feel unsafe in their local community. Carers especially will have the emotional and physical resources to engage with the local community if they are able to have a real break from their caring duties.	
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	Supporting a vibrant local economy. Vitalise volunteers gain valuable experience of team work and disability issues. They enhance their CV's and career prospects which can only be a gain for the local economy.	
		Score	15
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	We ask all our guests and volunteers to complete a confidential questionnaire at the end of their stay and the information we receive is used by our Trustees and Senior Management Team to ensure that we are offering and developing the services required by our users.	
		Score	5
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	It is often very difficult for disabled people and carers to find a respite care break that supports their often very individual needs. Vitalise offers real choice to disabled people and carers. It offers a cost effective alternative to Local Authorities who may not have a respite care service that supports the needs of all disabled people.	
		Score	10
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	Disabled people Carers Volunteers (70% of which are under 25)	
		Score	20
Finance score Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		Score	10
Scoring Points System: 99 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 100 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 140 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority		TOTAL	100
Comments Section			

Grants Officer:

The organisation looks to meet the remaining costs from fundraising activities through their fundraising programme, but no information on the sources of funding has been detailed within their application.

Vitalise provide breaks for disabled people based on individual need ensuring their carers can have a rest from their care role, and also to secure the involvement of volunteers. Although a fee is paid by or on behalf of each guest, Vitalise subsidises this by an average across their 5 centres of £372 per guest week, to make up the shortfall between the actual cost of the break and the fee charged. Last year 6 Vale residents benefited from 14 care break weeks with Vitalise.

Vitalise are looking to subsidise 14 care break costs for Vale residents in 2011/12 amounting £5,208 and one vale resident volunteering with associated costs of £215. They are applying for a grant of 25% of their costs towards providing care breaks/volunteering opportunities for residents in the Vale

Has this organisation previously received funding?

2008/09 - Subsidising holiday breaks - £500

2009/10 - Subsidising holiday breaks - £2,250

Conditions:

Should any additional conditions be applied to a grant award?

Confirmation on the 14 scheduled week breaks and the number of Vale residents that will benefit.

Application for 3rd party Funding

Evaluation Précis

Name of Organisation		Kennington Parish Council	
Ref	679	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Forestside BMX track		£
Project Area	Kennington	Total Project Cost	£13,390
Area Committee	Executive	Amount Requested	£1,253
Project Description The project is to provide a BMX dirt cycle track for children and teenagers on Forest Side recreation field.		Secured Funding	£0
		Town/Parish council funding	£2,000
		Recommended Award	£1,253
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	access to good quality green spaces, sports, cultural and leisure facilities	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	The project will allow young people from about 8 to 15 to have the opportunity of practising their skills and getting exercise while being challenged by a cycle track involving jumps.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Healthier and Safer Communities Involving young people	
		Score	45
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	helping to maintain a safe Vale	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	There has been conflict with young people riding their bicycles around the carpark of the Church and trying to build ramps at inappropriate places. This facility will offer an exciting and safe alternative.	
C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	No	
		Score	25
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	The Parish Council has in the past two years consulted over children's play in the village by a leaflet to each home, targeted meetings with young people and workshops and public meetings on the Playbuidler project and the BMX track.	
		Score	15
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	The idea came from a group of BMX riders who approached the Parish Council in 2009. It was followed in 2010 with a well attended public meeting to discuss a location when Forest Side was agreed.	

		Score	10
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	The young people in the village from about 8 to 15 years old.	
		Score	10
Finance score Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		Score	15
Scoring Points System: 115 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 125 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 150 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority		TOTAL	120
<u>Comments Section</u>			
Grants Officer:			
<p>This is an application for third party funding towards a BMX cycle track at Forest Side recreation field in Kennington. The Parish Council currently lease the land from St Johns College. The lease is for 25 years and was signed in 1993. There is a clause in the lease that the land must be returned to its original state following the end of the term of the lease.</p> <p>The parish council has provided two valid quotes for the work. This is a good project and it is likely it will secure funding from WREN, this council's support as third party funder will support the project more.</p>			
<u>Has this organisation previously received funding?</u>			
Funding received in previous years for parish cleansing and a grant in 2004/5 for amenity area of Forrest side site			
Conditions:			
Should any additional conditions be applied to a grant award?			
Subject to confirmation of WREN funding.			