

Appendix A

(i) Applicant: Wantage Counselling Service

Years in existence: 22 Years

Type of organisation: Registered Charity

Project, service or event details: Wantage Counselling Service is seeking a grant towards running costs of providing counselling for clients living within the Vale. The service provides all the necessary support – administration, office, counselling rooms, professional management, clinical supervision, etc, and out of pocket expenses for a team of some 20 fully trained volunteer counsellors. The main style of counselling offered – psychodynamic counselling – deals with deep-seated problems which generally require some months of regular, weekly, one-hour sessions to be resolved. Local GP's and the Oxfordshire PCT value the Wantage Counselling Service as an additional service for patients in need of longer-term counselling than is currently available through the NHS.

Over the past ten years over a thousand individuals and couples (about 600 from the Vale) have been seen. No person needing counselling is turned away for financial reasons. Due to the correlation with poor achievement in employment, a disproportionate number of clients pay less than the full fee. This application is for half of the resulting deficit attributable to low-income clients residing in the Vale. The remaining half will be found from trusts, fund-raising and individual gifts. Funding is sought annually from West Berkshire on a similar basis, namely according to the number of their residents using the service.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Health & Wellbeing

Area of the Vale covered: Clients living within about 20 miles of Wantage predominantly from the Vale (2/3) and West Berkshire (1/4). Of those clients from the Vale the majority live in the Wantage/Grove area.

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 53

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: Clients with below average resources are allowed to pay less than the £30 cost per one-hour session on an agreed sliding scale based on net household income.

Total estimated project cost: £63,000 excl VAT; £63,500 incl VAT (VAT can not be reclaimed)

Balances: £25,082 at 31/08/07 (WCS is building up its reserves to a level equivalent to 50% of its running costs as required by the Charity Commission)

Running costs: £68,377 at 31/08/07

Own Contribution: Fundraising events and appeals raised £2,044 in 2007

Grant Sought: £2,500

Previous Awards (Vale): 1999 - £200, 2000 - £500, 2001 - £250, 2002 - £2,000, 2003 - £3,000, 2004 - £2,500, 2005 – £1,500, 2006 - £1,000

Parish Council Support: Receive a regular grant from Wantage Town Council (£570 in 2007)

Parish Precept: £118,000 (Band 'D' £30.43)

Other Support: Applying to West Berkshire for £1,000. They have also appealed to and received donations from a number of local charities, churches etc (£2,044 in 2007)

Officer recommendation (Toby Warren, Head of Community Strategy):

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| Recommend support | Yes |
| Amount recommended | £2,000 |
| Reasons: | |
| Meets CG Scheme criteria | Yes |
| Supports Council priority(ies) | Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment |
| Supports prospectus strand(s) | Health & Wellbeing |
| Remaining budget | £8,635.88 |
| Remaining Committee meetings | 0 |
| Total amount recommended for other applications being considered | £6,500 |
| Recommended conditions to grant award | |
| Other comments | Although this project will benefit Vale residents the amount of the remaining budget does not enable officers to recommend that the grant sought is awarded in full. |

(ii) **Applicant: Charney Hall & Field Trust (CHAFT), Charney Bassett**

Years in existence: 51 years

Type of organisation: Registered Charity

Project, service or event details: Charney Hall and Field Trust is undertaking a project to redevelop the village hall as a central facility which meets the different demands of the varied user groups across all ages and needs. The Executive awarded CHAFT £5,000 third party funding in October 2007 to secure a TOE (Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment) grant of £50,000 towards this project. The funding came from the Lottery and Other Grants Support Fund.

CHAFT is seeking a grant of £10,000 from the South East Area Committee to close the anticipated funding gap for Phase One of the project.

The project plans include extending the main hall, adding an external terrace and replacing the kitchen to comply with Health and Safety regulations. This will improve the community activities space. By installing appropriate toilet, flooring, acoustic and sight facilities together with a baby changing unit the trustees will meet accessibility needs. They would like to deliver more attractive and eco-friendly premises by removing unsightly outbuildings and annexes, installing environmentally-efficient systems and improving storage for key community resources.

A past referendum in the village identified the villagers' preference for the existing premises as the village hall. CHAFT needs to address disability and health and safety requirements in order to meet its constitutional responsibility. Consultation with and feedback from regular user groups, statistics on patterns of demand and discussions with the wider community on redevelopment proposals have all provided evidence that the hall is used widely by the local community.

Currently the hall hosts a toddler group, a youth group, local area Village College adult education classes, various recreation, sport and exercise classes, a coffee group (serving mainly the over-60s), the Vale Islanders Dance Group (drawing members from across the Vale), as well as public and parish meetings.

Charney Bassett Parish Council owns the premises and will commission the work on behalf of CHAFT; the project will be managed by CHAFT. In-kind support is being donated to the project from within the community and includes project and financial management time and advice, administrative support, equipment and supplies, provision of alternative space for project fundraising activities, and for temporary accommodation of some of the regular user groups during the building work, onsite volunteer help for cleaning, basic decoration and landscaping.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Access to Services, Recreation, Culture and Leisure, Safe and Supportive Communities,

Town and Village Vitality, Environment, Education and Lifelong Learning, Health and Wellbeing.

Area of the Vale covered: The facilities serve primarily the residents of Charney Bassett and Lyford villages and Cherbury and Gainfield Benefice but they may be hired by groups and individuals based elsewhere in the Vale.

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 279

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: Currently £3.50 per hour for residents, £10.00 for others but aim to increase this once the project is completed.

Total estimated project cost: £139,950 excl VAT, £164,441 incl VAT (VAT may be reclaimed for work commissioned through Parish Council and possibly for disability-related build costs). Cost of Phase One: approx £90,000, cost of Phase Two: approx £50,000.

Balances: £11,902.94 (at 31/03/07)

Own Contribution: £5,000 from reserves.

Grant Sought: £10,000

Previous Awards (Vale): 1998/1999 £5,000 towards the structural assessment costs and essential wall and roof repairs to the original Victorian Chapel element of the hall.

Parish Council Support: £500 awarded (represents 20% of 06/07 precept)

Parish Precept: £2,700 (Band D: £18.96)

Other Support:

£7,500 Oxfordshire County Council awarded

£50,000 TOE awarded

£500 Doris Field Trust awarded

Big Lottery Community Fund – application commended but unsuccessful.

Applications pending for Awards for All and other local and national bodies.

Village fundraising events and donations to project fund (April 2006-December 2007 have raised approx £12,500 representing an average of £100+ per household in Charney Bassett to date. Fundraising continuing.

£10,000 interest-free loan agreed

Officer recommendation (Toby Warren, Head of Community Strategy):

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| Recommend support | Yes |
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| Amount recommended | £5,000 |
| Reasons: | |
| Meets CG Scheme criteria | Yes |
| Supports Council priority(ies) | Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment |
| Supports prospectus strand(s) | Access to Services, Recreation, Culture and Leisure, Safe and Supportive Communities, Town and Village Vitality, Environment, Education and Lifelong Learning, Health and Wellbeing. |
| Remaining budget | £8,635.88 |
| Remaining Committee meetings | 0 |
| Total amount recommended for other applications being considered | £3,500 |
| Recommended conditions to grant award | |
| Other comments | Although this project will benefit Vale residents the amount of the remaining budget does not enable officers to recommend that the grant sought is awarded in full. |

(iii) Applicant: Grove Church of England Primary School

Years in existence: 3

Type of organisation: Partnership foundation unit, consisting of pre-school and foundation class. Pre-school is a registered charity.

Project, service or event details: The partnership foundation unit is seeking a grant towards the cost of creating a sensory garden with an all-weather carpet providing access from the school buildings throughout the year.

As well as the school children, teachers and parents the broader community will be able to access and enjoy the sensory garden in the follow ways:

- Funarumi breakfast (7.30 – 9am £3.00) and after school club (3 – 6.30pm £8.00) is open to any child in the area aged 4-11years; children from Fitzwaryn School also attend. The children already use the outdoor area and would greatly benefit from the improved facilities. The sensory garden would provide an area for the children to relax in, play in and also encourage them to get involved in gardening. Part of the area will provide a planter for children to grow their own produce.
- The school regularly holds a community open day where businesses, local people and those from the emergency services can see the school and enjoy the facilities.

- The garden will be regularly used by children from the North Drive pre-school and it will provide a better location for their summer fairs and fundraising activities. The Pre-school are planning to provide day-care and have been through the necessary OFSTED processes, it will be the only location in Grove which provides day-care, enabling parents to go out to work.
- Pupils from Fitzwaryn School will be invited to use the sensory garden.
- The school plans to hold an Eco-school open day to invite everyone to see the school's progress in becoming more Eco friendly, this will include demonstrations in the garden as to how the children recycle and compost their waste. They will also explain how they are enhancing the local area's biodiversity by planting particular species of plants. The garden will showcase some of the older children's science projects on sustainable energy sources and the effects of carbon footprints on the environment.
- They will be holding regular volunteer action days were the community can come along and help with potting, planting and maintenance of the garden.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Education & Lifelong Learning, Health & Wellbeing

Area of the Vale covered: Grove

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit:
Minimum of 48

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: None

Total estimated project cost: £24,975 excl VAT; £29,345.62 incl VAT
of which £6,875 excl VAT (£8,078.12 incl VAT) is for the sensory garden

Balances: £7,000 (account set up for this project)

Own Contribution: £7,000

Grant Sought: £3,000

Previous Awards (Vale): None

Parish Council Support: Has applied to Grove Parish Council (outcome awaited but unlikely to exceed £50)

Parish Precept: £177,592 (Band D: £61.49)

Other Support:

Action Earth – awaiting new grants to be released
Awards for All – awaiting feedback
Didcot Power Station – awaiting feedback.
Doris Field Charitable Trust – awaiting feedback
Eco Schools – grants have been awarded already.
Ernest Cook Trust – requested funding.
Esmee Fairbairn Foundation
Gardens for Schools – no grants available.
Mary Jane Fund – awaiting feedback
Millets Farm Centre – awaiting feedback
Oxford, Swindon and Gloucester Co-op
Persimmon Homes – unlikely to get a grant, getting passed around a lot
The Sensory Trust – provided information, no grants available
UK AEA – applied, no specific grants available
Williams FI – approached and requested funding
Woodward Charitable Trust – do not meet their criteria

Officer recommendation (Toby Warren, Head of Community Strategy):

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| Recommend support | Yes |
| Amount recommended | £1,000 |
| Reasons: | |
| Meets CG Scheme criteria | Yes |
| Supports Council priority(ies) | Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment |
| Supports prospectus strand(s) | Education & Lifelong Learning, Health & Wellbeing |
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| Remaining Committee meetings | 0 |
| Total amount recommended for other applications being considered | £7,500 |
| Recommended conditions to grant award | |
| Other comments | Although this project will benefit Vale residents the amount of the remaining budget does not enable officers to recommend that the grant sought is awarded in full. |