

(i) Applicant: Ryder-Cheshire Volunteers (RCV), based in Kenilworth, Warwickshire

Years in existence: RCV as an organisation – 22 years. RCV in the Vale of White Horse – 18 years

Type of organisation: Registered charity. Company limited by guarantee.

Project, service or event details: A grant is requested towards the 2008/09 costs of RCV's service which provides opportunities for disabled Vale residents to take up leisure and learning interests of their own choice and which they would otherwise be unable to pursue. The aims are to improve quality of life, to reduce social isolation and to encourage integration into mainstream society. Local volunteers are recruited to help users on a one to one basis either at home or by taking them out. A number of users are helped to independently access existing facilities/clubs should they not wish for volunteer help.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands:

Access to Services; Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Education & Lifelong Learning; Health & Wellbeing

Area of the Vale covered: Vale-wide

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 58

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: Users are not charged for RCV's service but pay for the costs/fee of their individual activity.

Total estimated project cost: £ 21,963

Registered for VAT?: No

Balances: £ 20, 633 (31.03.07)

Own Contribution: RCV will stage local fundraising initiatives with the aim of raising funds totalling £500 approx.

Grant Sought: £2,000

Previous Awards (Vale): None

Parish Council Support: Appeals have been sent to the all Parish Councils in the Vale. Applications will be submitted to Abingdon, Faringdon & Wantage Town Councils.

Other Support: Although it is not a statutory requirement, Oxfordshire Social Services make an annual contribution to RCV's work in the county via a service contract. The proportion for the Vale will be £8,395 in 2008/09.

£ 1,000 The Hon. Kathleen Laurence Charitable Trust
£ 500 The Alchemy Foundation

A funding request has been made to Zurich Cares in Swindon and the outcome is awaited. Zurich awarded a grant of £2,500 in 2006.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports Vale Community Strategy strand(s)	Access to Services; Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Education & Lifelong Learning; Health & Wellbeing
Remaining budget	£21,714
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	

(ii) Applicant: Oxfordshire Visual Arts Festival Ltd (“Artweeks”)**Years in existence:** 16 years**Type of organisation:** Community arts organisation; company limited by guarantee**Project, service or event details:** Oxfordshire Visual Arts Festival is seeking a grant towards the cost of printing and distributing the Artweeks brochure which informs a large number of people about the exhibits and allows them to participate by visiting the sites.

Oxfordshire Artweeks is a festival of “open studios” for artists and crafts people throughout the county. The aim is to establish a forum whereby the public could be invited to enjoy visual art away from the formality of a gallery setting, in a relaxed environment and with direct access to the artists.

This formula has proved to be so successful that it has been replicated throughout the UK. In Oxfordshire there are now about 400 sites each year as well as special exhibitions and events, tours, talks, workshops and demonstrations to appeal to all ages. Artweeks is the largest visual arts festival in the county. Everyone is welcome to join in; entry for participants is non-selective and entry for visitors is free.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Access to Services; Town & Village Vitality; Education & Lifelong Learning; Health & Wellbeing**Area of the Vale covered:** Vale-wide**Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit:** On average over 73 local artists and groups participate/exhibit; 12,000 visitors are estimated.**Charge to public for using the project/service/event?:** None. Fees for artists exhibiting range from £25 (artist with non-selling work) to £300 (business/gallery)

Total estimated project cost: £81,500 (VAT not applicable)

Balances: £8,696 at 31/07/07

Running costs: £77,893 year ending 31/07/07

Own Contribution: Members subscriptions £50,000

Grant Sought: £1,000

Previous Awards (Vale): £2,500 in 2004/05; £1,000 in 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08

Parish Council Support: With over 200 parish councils in the county the organisation feels it would be too onerous to administer in the context of their work, however, they do have a funding strategy to assist with funding from alternative sources.

Other Support: The four other district councils and Oxfordshire County Council: £1,000 each; business sponsorship £6,000; Advertising £17,500.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports Vale Community Strategy strand(s)	Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Access to Services; Town & Village Vitality; Education & Lifelong Learning; Health & Wellbeing
Remaining budget	£21,714
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	

(iii) Applicant: Oxfordshire Children's Information Service (OCIS), based in Witney

Years in existence: 2001

Type of organisation: Registered charity.

Project, service or event details: Oxfordshire Children's Information Service is an independent charity providing free advice and information services to parents and practitioners working with families on finding, using and paying for childcare. It also offers

information about activities and a whole range of family support and health services available to children, young people and families.

This grant application is for funding to support the work of Oxfordshire Children's Information Service whilst allowing for more targeted work in the Vale.

It will offer this service through:

Enquiries to the helpline	Target 2,000
Dissemination of printed materials	Target 1,500
Outreach services with parents in the district	Target 15 events
OCIS website & the Oxfordshire Services Directory.	Target 200 OSD records

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands:

Access to Services; Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Safe & Supportive Communities; Education & Lifelong Learning; Health & Wellbeing

Area of the Vale covered: Vale-wide

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 2,000

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

Total estimated project cost: approximately £478,000 to provide the service for the whole of Oxfordshire; £4,758 towards core costs and to support targeted work in the Vale (VAT not applicable)

Registered for VAT?: No

Balances: £118,402 at 31/03/07

Running costs: £478,317 year ending 31/03/07

Own Contribution: OCIS core work is funded through Oxfordshire County Council, contract with Oxfordshire NHS Trusts and grants/Service Level Agreements with other district councils.

Grant Sought: £4,758

Previous Awards (Vale): £1,000 in 2007/08, £1,000 in 2006/07

Parish Council Support: OCIS has been advised to apply to all parish councils in the Vale

Other Support:

Oxfordshire County Council	£302,703 (31.03.07)
Oxfordshire NHS Trusts	£83,604 (31.03.07)
Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust	£ 5,807 (31.03.07)
Oxford City Council, West & South Oxon District Councils, Cherwell District Council	£12,250 in total (31.03.07)

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	

Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports Vale Community Strategy strand(s)	Access to Services; Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Safe & Supportive Communities; Education & Lifelong Learning; Health & Wellbeing
Remaining budget	£21,714
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	

(iv) Applicant: Age Concern Oxfordshire, based in Abingdon

Years in existence: Over 20 years

Type of organisation: Registered charity and company limited by guarantee

Project, service or event details: *ActiveAge Singing* is a pilot scheme for older people, intended to encourage the positive aspects of singing as part of a group, and to be a stepping-stone to new opportunities for community based social interaction. This project incorporates a series of taster sessions and 2 ongoing weekly classes.

- 10 taster sessions Vale-wide using a community development approach to reach older people isolated either socially or rurally.
- These will identify key locations where we will establish the ongoing sessions.

The format will combine elements of vocal exercise and reminiscence, using music spanning the years and genres in a fun, safe environment.

The act of participatory singing has been shown to provide benefits including physical, emotional, social and cultural enhancement. A demand for singing opportunities less formal than established clubs and societies has been identified in the consultation carried out by Age Concern in the Vale.

The pilot project and taster programme will feed into self-sustaining static groups which will be firmly embedded within their community, encouraging volunteering, participation and ownership at a local level.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands:

Access to Services; Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Health & Wellbeing; Town & Village Vitality

Area of the Vale covered: Vale-wide

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 210

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: There will be no charge for the taster sessions to encourage participation and uptake. There will be a small charge of

£2.50 per session for the 10 week course to make it accessible and inclusive to older people on all levels of income.

Total estimated project cost: £4,684 (VAT not applicable)

Balances: £661,498 at 31/03/07 (for the whole of Age Concern Oxfordshire, City & County)

Running costs: £1,741,820 year ending 31/03/07 (for the whole of Age Concern Oxfordshire, City & County)

Own Contribution: Age Concern Oxfordshire will contribute £2,354 which is approximately 50% of the project cost.

Grant Sought: £2,330

Previous Awards (Vale): £5,000 in 2004/05; £4,500 in 2005/06; £2,000 in 2006/07 all towards the Sole Mates footcare project. No application made in 2007/08.

Parish Council Support: Age Concern anticipates that funding from the District Council for this pilot project will enable them to draw in money from other sources to roll out the programme to greater numbers of older people across the Vale.

Other Support: When the Vale-wide pilot sessions have been run and locations for ongoing sessions confirmed Age Concern will apply to relevant town or parish councils and other appropriate funding sources. They intend to best serve the older people of the Vale by using this pilot to ascertain the most beneficial locations.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports Vale Community Strategy strand(s)	Access to Services; Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Health & Wellbeing; Town & Village Vitality
Remaining budget	£21,714
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	

(v) Applicant: Oxfordshire Chinese Community & Advice Centre (OCCAC), based in Princes Street, Oxford

Years in existence: 17 years

Type of organisation: Registered charity; the bilingual advice service carries the “Quality Mark” awarded by the Legal Services Commission and holds a certificate from the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner to assist clients with immigration advice.

Project, service or event details: OCCAC has a Service Level Agreement grant of £4,675 towards running costs which runs from 2007-2010.

This will provide stability of funding, which will in turn assist OCCAC to explore new funding opportunities and attract grants for additional services of benefit to residents throughout the Vale.

This application is for an additional grant towards:

(a) running the Chinese New Year celebration in 2008/09 (£2,000)

The annual celebration is the most important celebration in the Chinese calendar and is attended by over 1,100 people. It promotes a multicultural flavour and cross cultural harmony. It is important that the celebration caters for the whole community and remains affordable for all, especially families from low income or vulnerable backgrounds. At the Chinese New Year celebration in 2007/08 over 100 volunteers assisted on the day and 70 Chinese restaurants and takeaways sponsored the event.

The total subsidy required for the event is £5,500.

(b) the running costs of the advice centre (£2,000)

13% of OCCAC’s clients are from the Vale district; with running costs of £128,000, 13% = £16,640. The current SLA grant of £4,675 represents 3.7% of running costs.

Support for OCCAC’s bilingual advice service will benefit non-English speaking Chinese residents Vale-wide, helping them to gain equal access to services. As added value, Chinese residents in the Vale will also benefit from other services provided by OCCAC, such as adult computing and English language training; vocational training (basic hygiene, first aid, health & safety etc); weekly day care and luncheon services for elderly Chinese; as well as cultural and community activities (e.g. Chinese New Year celebration). These too support various strands of the Vale Community Strategy.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands:

Access to Services; Health & Wellbeing; Recreation, Culture & Leisure;
Education & Lifelong Learning

Area of the Vale covered: Vale-wide

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 950

The Office for National Statistics estimated the Chinese resident population in mid-2005 as follows:

Oxfordshire: 6,600: Cherwell: 600, Oxford: 4,200, South Oxfordshire: 600, **Vale of White Horse: 900**, West Oxfordshire: 300

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: The bilingual advice service is provided free of charge to clients. A small charge is applied in our luncheon scheme (range from £2 - £3.50 for elderly) and community activities, such as the Chinese New Year festival celebration (£6 adults; £3 children and elderly). However, charges are kept at a minimum, and concessions apply, in order to promote affordable community activities, and to encourage participation from low-income families.

Total estimated project cost: £128,000 (VAT not applicable)

Balances: £19,071.63 at 31/03/07 unrestricted funds

Running costs: £101,810.35 unrestricted funds year ending 31/03/07 plus
£153,201.14 restricted funds

Own Contribution: With the increase in premises and related expenses, OCCAC has committed itself to raising £28,000 a year from the community. This is the absolute limit of their fundraising capability; without additional financial support from local authorities, increased overhead costs will have to be met from efficiency savings in staffing costs and community services, which will lead to service reduction.

Grant Sought: £4,000

Previous Awards (Vale):

£4,675 in 2007/08 (SLA) plus £1,000 one-off
£4,675 in 2006/07 (SLA) plus £1,000 one-off
£5,500 in 2005/06 (SLA) plus £1,500 one-off
£5,500 in 2004/05 (SLA) plus £4,500 one-off
£5,500 in 2003/04

Parish Council Support: OCCAC applied to all town or parish councils in the Vale district for support in 2007-8 and did not receive any positive responses so they have not pursued this avenue for 08/09.

Other Support: Oxford City Council may provide a grant of just over £44,500 p.a. for a 3-year partnership agreement (2008-2011). Oxfordshire County Council has agreed a grant of £23,952 for advice work services throughout the county.

OCCAC has applied to various district councils, charitable trusts and commercial organisations each year, and experienced great difficulties in obtaining support as an ethnic minority group.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports Vale Community Strategy strand(s)	Access to Services; Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Education & Lifelong Learning Health & Wellbeing
Remaining budget	£21,714
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	

(vi) Applicant: Oxfordshire Association for the Blind (OAB)

Years in existence: Since 1877

Type of organisation: Registered charity. OAB is an entirely independent local (county) organisation – not affiliated to a larger organisation such as RNIB.

Project, service or event details: OAB wishes to expand its service to blind and partially sighted residents (including information, advice, and equipment to enable residents to retain their independence and reduce isolation) with the introduction of a mobile resource centre and training courses. OAB will continue to work with the statutory agencies to provide:

- A welfare officer and volunteers supporting 3 self-help groups.
- A resource centre providing telephone advice, information leaflets, an award winning quarterly newsletter, specialist equipment, often including free loan of expensive items, and counselling.
- An advice service based at the John Radcliffe Hospital to support patients immediately following a consultation.
- A supply of free radio/cassette/CD's.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands:

Access to Services; Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Health & Wellbeing

Area of the Vale covered: Vale-wide

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 990

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: All OAB services are free, with the exception of items of specialist equipment which are for sale. When a person is in financial hardship, OAB can often make an item available on loan.

Total estimated project cost: £ 21,333

Registered for VAT?: No

Balances: Information not available

Own Contribution: OAB are able to contribute £3,299 from its fundraising activities.

Grant Sought: £5,000

Previous Awards (Vale): £2,957 in 2007/08, £2,000 in 2006/07

Parish Council Support: OAB applied to all of the parish councils in the Vale area and to date have received £1,190.

Other Support: OAB has applied to the following Trusts for its work in the whole of Oxfordshire in 2008-09, with the following outcomes:

Lennox Whyfold (pending), British Wireless for the Blind Fund (£3,300), Royal National Institute for the Blind (£30,000), Ulverscroft (unsuccessful), Marshall Grant (£2,000), St. Michael's Charities (£2,800), Kathleen Hannay Trust (unsuccessful), CHK Trust (£5,000),

BT Connections (unsuccessful), National Lottery (Reaching Communities) (pending). This totals £42,300.

The proportion of OAB service users in the Vale area is 28% (994 people in the Vale, out of 3,470 in Oxfordshire). Therefore, approximately £11,800 of this amount is allocated to work in the Vale area.

OAB has received £4,999 for 2008-09 from South Oxfordshire District Council, and £5,510 from Oxford City Council; it has applied to Cherwell District Council and is awaiting the outcome.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports Vale Community Strategy strand(s)	Access to Services; Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Health & Wellbeing
Remaining budget	£21,714
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	

(vii) Applicant: My Life My Choice, based in Oxford

Years in existence: 11 years

Type of organisation: Registered charity

Project, service or event details: My Life My Choice will run local self-advocacy groups in Abingdon and Wantage, as well as the Women's Group and Men's Group that are also based in Abingdon. These groups help support the social inclusion of people with learning difficulties into the community, and to be involved in how decisions are made. The groups are fully accessible and people gain in confidence and self-esteem.

The groups discuss the rights of individuals, including access to services, health, housing, leisure, transport, learning and social care. The groups also give individuals the means to support each other in making decisions, and empowers individuals to make their decisions.

This year My Life My Choice will be working with Oxfordshire PCT to take their Active Lifestyles project into the local groups. This has resulted from their successful work with the Health Roadshows in 2007/08.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands:

Access to Services; Town & Village Vitality (including fostering a spirit of community); Health & Wellbeing

Area of the Vale covered: The groups are based in Abingdon and Wantage but My Life My Choice provides the cost of transport to help everyone in the Vale to access meetings and events.

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 65

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

Total estimated project cost: £ 53,727.32 to run the 4 groups in the Vale

Registered for VAT?: No

Balances: £ 51,829 (31.03.07)

Own Contribution: My Life My Choice will raise funds to cover the remaining balance of £ 8,828.14

Grant Sought: £ 1,343.18 (this represents 2.5% of the total)

Previous Awards (Vale):	2007/08	£ 1,000
	2006/07	£ 1,000
	2005/06	£ 1,000

Parish Council Support: Has applied to both Wantage and Abingdon Town Councils for £300 each.

Other Support: My Life My Choice works in all Oxfordshire local authority districts. My Life My Choice receives funding from Oxfordshire County Council, Oxfordshire PCT, charitable funds, and the Learning Disabilities Development Fund. My Life My Choice also has in kind support for meetings from the Said Business School.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports Vale Community Strategy strand(s)	Access to Services; Health & Wellbeing; Town & Village Vitality
Remaining budget	£21,714
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	

(viii) Applicant: Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action (OCVA)/Volunteer Centre Oxfordshire, based in Floyds Row, Oxford

Years in existence: 75 years

Type of organisation: Registered charity. Company limited by guarantee.

Project, service or event details: Volunteer Centre Oxfordshire, a service of OCVA, is seeking a grant towards the continuation of its volunteer brokerage service to organisations in the Vale. At present the Centre displays 86 volunteering opportunities for the Vale on the Do-it website, which need to be updated regularly. The Centre will continue to support and develop the work that it does with groups, which includes outreach appointments.

The Centre will continue to support and increase the number of individuals enquiring about volunteering in the Vale. It will also do more in depth work with agencies that refer vulnerable individuals to educate them on supporting people into volunteering.

The Centre is part of a Local Consortium led by Oxfordshire Children's and Voluntary Youth Service (OCVYS) to develop youth volunteering. It is proposing to employ one person to develop local volunteering opportunities for young people, using funding from the V national charity.

OCVA is expecting participation in volunteering to be one of the chosen indicators in the Oxfordshire Local Area Agreement for 2008-2011. Oxfordshire County Council has advised that 3-year funding will be made available to support the volunteer centre, assuming that some match funding is provided by the district councils and the PCT.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Town & Village Vitality

Area of the Vale covered: Vale-wide

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: In the Vale in 2007/8 the Centre had contact with 68 individuals enquiring about volunteering positions and it is now advertising 86 volunteering opportunities on the Do-it website. In the coming year, the Centre expects to advertise 10 additional opportunities making a total of 96, and to have contact with an additional 50 potential volunteers, making a total of 118.

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: Volunteer-involving organisations wishing to advertise opportunities will be expected to be members of OCVA. This currently costs £25 a year but is free for groups with an annual income of less than £5,000. The membership fee entitles them to the full range of OCVA services so is not included in the specific budget for this project. OCVA does not charge the volunteers themselves, in the interests of equal opportunities and social inclusion.

Total estimated project cost: £ 58,639 for the countywide service

Registered for VAT?: No

Balances: £ 381,238 (OCVA 31.03.07)

Own Contribution: Share of general OCVA funding

Grant Sought: £ 5,000

Previous Awards (Vale):	2007/08	£ 2,500
	2006/07	£ 2,500
	2005/06	£ 2,500

Parish Council Support: The Centre has been recommended to apply to all parish councils in the Vale

Other Support: OCVA operates county-wide. It receives funding from Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council, Oxfordshire PCT and South Oxfordshire District Council. Additionally, it has obtained a grant from the 'Wantage Fund' administered through The Oxfordshire Community Foundation to support our Information Points Project.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports Vale Community Strategy strand(s)	Town & Village Vitality
Remaining budget	£21,714
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	

(ix) Applicant: Root & Branch, based in Watchfield

Years in existence: 5 years

Type of organisation: Registered charity .

Project, service or event details: Root and Branch is seeking a grant towards the cost of buying a kitchen range with six hobs.

Every day clients have the opportunity to cook and share a healthy lunch. This is a popular activity as many clients participate in cooking and everyone shares the communal lunch. It is a hugely beneficial activity as it encourages people to eat a healthy lunch and helps clients to develop cookery skills; clients are also able to benefit from the sociable aspect of a communal lunch which is very important as many clients live at home by themselves and regularly eat by themselves.

Root & Branch was recently awarded a three year National Lottery grant to employ a part-time Healthy Eating Co-ordinator to teach clients how to cook nutritional meals. This post is due to start in Spring 2008. However, the kitchen is very dilapidated and the donated domestic cooker is not really up to the job of cooking for between 15 and 20 people per

day. This means that they have had to limit the range of cooking they can do and regularly have to repair the shelves and cupboard doors.

Root & Branch is in the process of applying to a number of trusts for funding to buy wood so that they can build the kitchen in their woodworking workshop.

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

Area of the Vale covered: Vale-wide

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 50

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

Total estimated project cost: £5,750 (£1,500 for the cooker) VAT not applicable

Balances: £22,834 of which £7,107 was unrestricted, at 30/09/07

Running costs: £83,634 of which £74,468 was unrestricted, year ending 30/09/07

Own Contribution: Volunteers and staff will teach clients how to make and fit the kitchen units. These will be made in the new woodworking workshops, using tools recently purchased from funding raised from numerous charitable trusts.

Grant Sought: £1,000

Previous Awards (Vale): 2007/08 – £400 (lathe), 2005/06 – £350 (forge), 2004/05 – £500 (garden)

Parish Council Support: Has applied to each parish council for a donation towards the cooker. No responses received to date.

Other Support: Has recently applied to Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust for funding for wood to make the kitchen units, plumbing (sinks, taps etc.), a fridge and a freezer. No response received to date. Will also apply to Oxfordshire Community Foundation.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports Vale Community Strategy strand(s)	Education & Lifelong Learning (including promoting the benefits of learning) Health & Wellbeing (including health awareness education)
Remaining budget	£21,714

Remaining Committee meetings	1
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	

(x) Applicant: Oxford Film and Video Makers (OFVM), based in Catherine Street, Oxford

Years in existence:

Type of organisation: A company limited by guarantee & not having a share capital; a registered charity

Project, service or event details: OFVM is seeking a grant towards Summerscreen 2008, a film and digital media festival which will be held between 26th July – 3rd August 2008 in venues across the district. The festival comprises workshops and open-air film screenings.

Following on from the last few years' successes, the programme for the Vale will be as follows;

- Mini Movies - 3 days at Wantage Vale and Downland Museum (8 young people. 14 – 17 year old). Cost £1,500
- Mini Movies - 3 days at Sutton Courtenay youth club. (8 young people 14 – 17 year old). Cost £1,500
- Memorial Park, Wantage, open air screening – Film Under the Stars (Sat Aug 2nd 2008). Cost £650
- Festival news - 5 days of news gathering workshops for students at Abingdon and Witney College. (£2,500 to be secured through other funding)

The BBC will provide support and guidance of professional film makers for the Mini (minute) Movie workshops to help 8 young people to develop and produce films of one minute in length. All films produced will be placed on the BBC website and screened at the 'Best of the Fest' screening at the Phoenix Cinema on 3rd August. The organisers will work with the Vale's Arts Development Manager to identify and recruit young people who do not normally have these sorts of opportunities. There is no charge for participation in the workshop.

Over the last two years the Minute Movies workshops have been funded by the Community Foundation but their policy prevents them from providing support for a fourth year. The workshops have always been oversubscribed.

The Summerscreen 2008 festival also includes a free film screening in Memorial Park, Wantage. This event proved very popular last year with 600 people turning up to view the film.

Oxford Film and Video Makers (OFVM) acts as an information centre for film, video and digital media in Oxfordshire as well as the key centre for independent film makers to train, gain access to production support, gain screening opportunities and meet up with others with similar interests.

There is strategic importance in funding this organisation and this particular specialism in working with young people and fitting into a larger county wide picture.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Recreation, Leisure & Culture; Town & Village Vitality; Education & Lifelong Learning

Area of the Vale covered: Vale wide

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 400

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

Total estimated project cost: £12,950 (no VAT applicable) for Summerscreen 2008 in the Vale, West Oxfordshire and Cherwell Districts; the costs in the Vale are £3,650.

Balances: £59,199 at 31/03/07 of which £3,000 is restricted

Running costs: £145,990 at 31/03/07

Own Contribution: £1,000 (venue and staff costs)

Grant Sought: £3,650

Previous Awards (Vale): £500 in 2006/07; £1,500 in 2007/08

Parish Council Support: None sought

Other Support: Youth Media Fund £1,45; Media box £2,500

Applying to other district councils for activities in their area (£2,150 each from West and Cherwell); City Council Core funds organisation

In kind support: £1,500 (BBC – running workshops free of charge);
(venue hosting the workshops provided free of charge)

£1,000

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer and healthier community and environment
Supports Vale Community Strategy strand(s)	Recreation Leisure & Culture; Town & Village Vitality; Education & Lifelong Learning
Remaining budget	£21,714
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	

(xi) Applicant: Oxfordshire Rural Education Initiative (OREI), Millets Farm, Garford

Years in existence: 8 years

Type of organisation: Association, funds currently held by Northmoor Trust.

Project, service or event details: Grant funding is being sought for the ongoing work of the OREI which employs an education link officer to assist in delivering a wide range of educational needs for school children covering such issues as food production, countryside management and the environment, together with other skills set out in the national curriculum.

The project is managed by a voluntary steering group and it aims to ensure at least 2000 children have the opportunity to visit farms in the county during 2008.

Funds received will be used towards the cost of employment of the education link officer and the provision of support material.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Education & Lifelong Learning; Environment; Town & Village Vitality

Area of the Vale covered: Vale-wide

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 500

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: For the first time this year OREI are charging £2.75 per child for a half day visit to defray some of its overhead costs.

Total estimated project cost: £ 9,500 per annum

Registered for VAT?: No

Balances: Information not available

Own Contribution: Fees and charges £ 3,000

Grant Sought: £ 2,000

Previous Awards (Vale):

2006/07	£1,000
2004/05	£2,000

Parish Council Support: OREI has been advised to apply to all parish councils in the Vale

Other Support: OREI successfully applied last year to Central Region Farmers Trust and OAST.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes

Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports Vale Community Strategy strand(s)	Education & Lifelong Learning; Environment; Town & Village Vitality
Remaining budget	£21,714
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	

(xii) Applicant: Vitalise, registered office in Kendal, Cumbria

Years in existence: 45 years

Type of organisation: Registered charity and company limited by guarantee

Project, service or event details: Vitalise is seeking a grant towards the cost of subsidising care breaks for disabled residents from the Vale and the weeks given by volunteers. The breaks are subsidised to ensure that they are accessible to those who really need them.

Vitalise provides high quality breaks for disabled people in five fully accessible centres throughout the country supported by fully-trained nursing and core staff. The breaks are based on individual need and ensure that carers have a rest from their vital care role. Disabled people benefit from the stimulation of increased access to the arts, sport and outdoor activities and social interaction. In addition, Vitalise recruits volunteers to help guests and make their holiday experience more enjoyable. At the same time, this experience gives volunteers the opportunity to enhance their future employment prospects by developing new skills or exploring career options.

The work of Vitalise is widely recognised by health professionals and local authorities as being vital to the success of care in the community, yet they receive no funding from central government.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Health & Wellbeing; Recreation, Culture & Leisure

Area of the Vale covered: Vale-wide

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 16 (last year 5 disabled people enjoyed 9 weeks of planned breaks and 13 other residents provided 17 weeks of volunteering)

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: Each guest pays a fee but Vitalise subsidises this with an average of £368 per guest per week; volunteers expenses cost £215 per week)

Total estimated project cost: £6,967 (based on demand last year)

Balances: £9,956,000 at 31/01/07 (unrestricted funds)

Running costs: £9,174,000 year ending 31/01/07

Own Contribution: Balance of the subsidy to cover any fundraising shortfall

Grant Sought: £1,741.75 (25% of the cost of the subsidies)

Previous Awards (Vale): £400 in 2006/07; £460 in 2005/06

Parish Council Support: None – see below.

Other Support: Vitalise operates an ongoing fundraising programme approaching individual trusts, local authorities, companies and individuals; they also operate a local and national events programme; occasionally they benefit from legacies.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports Vale Community Strategy strand(s)	Health & Wellbeing; Recreation, Culture & Leisure
Remaining budget	£21,714
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	