

**CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH & THE VOLUNTARY
SECTOR February 2014**

**IMPROVING AND EXTENDING PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE IN OXFORDSHIRE
CHILL OUT BIDS FOR 2013/2014**

Report by the Director for Children's Services

Introduction

1. Oxfordshire County Council believes that YOUTH MATTERS and has set up a fund of £100,000 to support work with children and young people across the county. The fund supports the aspirations of those working with children and young people in Oxfordshire to ensure all children and young people can access positive activities in their leisure-time by 2020.
2. We know that how children and young people spend their leisure-time has an important influence and impact on their resilience and their quality of life. Engaging in constructive activities can increase children and young people's positive attitudes, improve motivation, increase aspirations, develop social and life skills, enhance interpersonal skills and help build social capital. All of which is vital for children and young people to help them avoid taking risks such as experimenting with drugs/alcohol or being involved in anti-social behaviour and crime. Participation in positive activities can also help increase the resilience of vulnerable children and young people who are trying to rebuild their lives. For children and young people with physical or learning disabilities it can be a lifeline and reduce social isolation. For groups such as young carers, positive activities provide respite and can improve their outlook and quality of life.
3. Projects must meet the broad aspirations above and be targeted at children and young people 8 – 19 years (extended to 24 years for young people with learning disabilities).
4. The Chill Out Fund will consider a wide range of bids supporting children and young people's access to positive activity. Applications for funding are invited that comply with the following criteria:
 - Aimed at children and young people 8 – 19 (up to 24 for those with learning disabilities).
 - Show evidence of the involvement of young people in the application.
 - Demonstrate increased access to positive leisure-time activity.
 - Show matched funding from a source external to the county council.
 - Demonstrate the ability to account for funding.
5. Applications will be considered on a monthly basis.

6. Due to the limited amount of budget available the recommendations of the officer have been made following very preliminary discussions with the Cabinet Member. The final decision will be taken by the Cabinet Member at the meeting itself.

Bids for February 2014

18 applications have been received

Applicant organisation	Amount Requested	Amount recommended
NCS	5000	2000
Barton Community Association	2000	1500
Oxfordshire Play Association	5000	2000
Oxfordshire Playbus	3000	2000 (combined)
Oxfordshire Playbus	3705	
St Jericho Community Association	583.71	583.71
Body Politic	3530	2000
The lets Play Project	5000	2000
Littlemore Village Hall	1200	500
Thame Children Choir	224	224
The Hill Youth & Community Centre	1475	800
Didcot Devils Basketball Club	750	750
The Musical Youth Company	1505	1000
BYHP	3345	1000
Pegasus Theatre	5000	250
Didcot Train	1035	1035
Eynsham Youth Club	2002	1500
Witney Town Council	5000	2000

TOTAL	49354.71	21142.71
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Amount requested from applications for February meeting
£49354.71

Amount recommended for February
£21,142.71

Awarded to date
£79172.00

Amount left for February Bids:
£21, 768

Applications to date (from June 2013)

Applicant organisation	Amount AWARDED	District
Bodicote and Banbury Judo Club	£1250	Cherwell
Croxford Gardens Residential Ass	£1100	Cherwell
Oxfordshire Play Association	£4828	County wide
South and Vale Carers Centre	£5000	South and Vale of White Horse
1 st Goring Heath Scout & Guide Group	£2500	South Oxfordshire
Faringdon Twinning Association	£500	Vale of White Horse
June - TOTAL	£15178	
Donnington Doorstep	£2,000.00	Oxford City
Oxfordshire Music Education Partnership	£2,500.00	Cherwell
Yarnton Parish Council	£1,300.00	Cherwell
BHYP	£1,000.00	Cherwell
Hanborough Parish Council	£2,700.00	West Oxfordshire
Innovista	£0.00	Oxford City
Leys Cdi	£2,500.00	Oxford City
St Lukes Church	£1,500.00	Oxford City
July TOTAL	£13500.00	
Cottsway Youth Forum	£500	West Oxfordshire
Witney Town Council	£0	West Oxfordshire
BLAP (Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground)	£1500	Oxford City
Asylum Welcome	£1300	Oxford City
Didcot TRAIN	£1250	South Oxfordshire
Innovista	£1865	Oxford City
Woodstock Youth Centre	£2500	Cherwell
SEPTEMBER TOTAL	8915.00	
The Pump House	£2500	Vale of White Horse
Cherwell Theatre Company	£1000	Cherwell
Witney Town Council	£0.00	West Oxfordshire
BCYS	£3012	Oxford City
Revive Youth Group	£2542	Oxford City
Oxford Hub	£4000	Oxford City
OCTOBER TOTAL	£13054.00	
Wood Farm Youth Centre	£900.00	Oxford City
Ascott-under-Wychwood Parish Council	£5,000.00	West Oxfordshire
DAMASCUS	£2,500.00	Vale of White Horse
Thomley Activity Project	£1,500.00	
Witney Town Council	£5,000.00	West Oxfordshire
OYAP Trust	£4,000.00	Cherwell
BLAP	£1,000.00	Oxford City
NOVEMBER TOTAL	£19900.00	

Judie Waldman	withdrew	
Larkmead School	£3000	Vale of White Horse
OP & MCS Musical Company	£1300	Oxford City
Oxford Junior Ice Hockey Club	£3825	Oxford City
St Matthews Church	£500	Oxford City
St Jericho Community Association	£0	
January total	£8625.00	

RECOMMENDATION

- 7. The Cabinet Member for Children & the Voluntary Sector is RECOMMENDED to consider the applications (listed in paragraph 6 of this report) for grant support in the light of the officer recommendation as set out in the applications annexed to this report.**

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Background Papers: Applications

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