

Chill Out Fund 2014-2015

Reference #:

COF046

Meeting date:

February

Name of Organisation

Chipping Norton Theatre

Project Name

Stand-by

Amount asked for:

£782

Timescale

Feb-15 to Dec 15

Hub Area: Witney

Project description?

Stand-by is a scheme want to relaunch it is for young people 14-25 offering opportunities to an age group underrepresented in our audience, subscribers are entitled to one £2 ticket for themselves as well as a plus one ticket at £2 for a friend. Currently offer a complement of 25 tickets for sale on a pre-agreed shortlist of 7 shows per year, selected by Stand-by ambassadors, a group of young people drawn from the list of subscribers. This role covers helping to promote Stand-by in schools and through other groups/projects that the young people attend and encouraging friends and peers to attend

Please tell us the **total** project cost, including:

A - Breakdown of items you are seeking funding for

B - How much match funding you have and from where?

A: Breakdown of items you need (cont on separate page if necessary)	Cost of project £
Mail chimp subscription for mailing scheme members	40
Promotion materials (posters and fliers)	35
Loss of income from full price ticket sales (25 tickets x 7 shows, average price ticket price £9)	1225
Admin time 2 hours per month x 12 months	264
TOTAL COST OF PROJECT (A) =	£1564
B: Matched funding in place and secured (please list where the funding has come from)	
The Friends of Chipping Norton Theatre	£782
Total of matched funding (B) =	£782
A - B = Total grant requested (no more than £5000)	£782

young people benefiting

50-100

Age range:

14-25

Have they applied before, if so, when and amount awarded? No

A good means of young people becoming involved in theatre. We can not support the admin time, so suggest funding towards the other aspects.

Completed by: Ruth Ashwell

Suggested amount
to award
£518

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Name of Organisation	Chipping Norton Theatre
Project Name	Stand-by
How much are you requesting? (no more than £5k)	£ 782

Has your organisation applied for this funding before (please tick)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
How many times have you applied for the funding?	We have received _____ times before.
	Total received before is £ _____

Are you a registered charity (please tick)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Charity number	268154

Age range of children & young people that will be using the project	Scheme is open to 14-25 years, in practice users range from 14-18
Number of children & young people who will benefit from this project	Between 50 and 100+

What do you want to do? (please describe the project you want funding for)

The Theatre is a mixed arts venue contributing significantly to the cultural landscape of Oxfordshire and adjoining counties, hosting, producing and supporting some of the most exciting, accessible and entertaining culture in the region.

The Theatre has, for a number of years, run a ticket standby scheme for young people aged 14-25, offering significant cultural opportunities to an age-group generally under-represented in our audience. Subscribers are entitled to one £2 ticket for themselves as well as a 'plus one' ticket at £2 for a friend

We currently offer a complement of 25 tickets for sale on a pre-agreed shortlist of seven shows per season, selected by Stand-by ambassadors - a group of young people drawn from the list of subscribers. The role of ambassador also covers helping to promote Stand-by in schools and through other groups/projects that the young people attend and encouraging friends and peers to attend.

The shortlisted shows represent a cross section of our programme including live performance and film but by economic necessity these are not events which are likely to sell out to our general audience.

The scheme has been extremely popular, with over 40 regular subscribers attending a variety of events from film to live drama; however, with this original group of young people largely moving on/ moving away for study etc. numbers are dwindling;

We are seeking to re-launch the scheme in the Spring of 2015, with a broader range of shows to attract a greater diversity of young people.

Describe how children & young people have been involved in this application (please attach any supporting documentation to demonstrate their involvement)

Our Take Part officer, responsible for the Stand-by scheme invited interested younger Youth Theatre members to a meeting to explore ways in which they could be involved in developing and re-vitalising the scheme.

Ideas on types of event to offer, and means of publicity were shared at the meeting and 8 young people, aged 13 to 16 enthusiastically agreed to join our group of ambassadors for the scheme (application forms attached as evidence of involvement). Our ambassador panel now has the 8 young teens mentioned above plus four older (17-18 years) members.

Why is your project important? (and why do you want to do it?)

The Theatre takes it's charitable objects very seriously:

"To promote, maintain, improve and advance education, particularly by the promotion and production of educational plays and concerts and the encouragement of the arts, including the arts of drama, mime, dance, singing and music and for the improvement of the taste and appreciation of said arts of the public particularly the inhabitants of the village of Chipping Norton, Oxford and surrounding areas and for the advancement of knowledge of the said arts by children within the said arts by children within the said areas."

We therefore work hard to encourage young people to attend performances/events as well engage in practical drama/music related activities via our Take Part programme of workshops, for which we are able to offer bursaries to less well-off students . The Stand-by scheme is a significant and vital part of this strand of our work.

Although perceived by many to be a wealthy area, Chipping Norton does have pockets of deprivation and we are pleased to see a number of young people from disadvantaged households attending Stand-by events.

How will your project help or benefit children and young people in the community?

Young people in and around the rural town of Chipping Norton will benefit greatly from the opportunity to attend high quality cultural leisure activities. The Stand-by scheme will encourage and allow them to experience entertaining and culturally enriching performing arts on their doorstep.

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Please tell us the total project cost, including:

A - Breakdown of items

B - How much match funding (50% of total project) you have and from where?

A: Breakdown of items: (cont on separate page if necessary)	Cost of project £
Mail-chimp subscription for mailing scheme members	40
Promotion materials (posters and fliers)	35
Loss of income from full price ticket sales (25 tickets x 7 shows, average Ticket price £9.00)	1225
Admin time 2 hours per month x 12 months	264
TOTAL COST OF PROJECT (A) =	1,564
B: Matched funding in place and secured (please list where the funding has come from)	
The Friends of Chipping Norton Theatre	782
Total of matched funding (B) =	782
A - B = Total grant requested (no more than £5000)	782

What is the timescale for this project (completion must be within 12 months of application)

Start date: 16/02/2015

Finish date: 30/12/2015

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Reference #:

COF047

Meeting date:

February

Name of Organisation

Cotteslowe Comm Assoc

Project Name

Cotteslowe Playscheme

Amount asked for:

£2500

Timescale

Hub Area: East Oxford

Project description?

3 a week play-schemes for a total 50 children aged 5-11 years on Cotteslowe. This application is in respect of approx. 25 children aged 8-11 who will attending the scheme. Supports children from disadvantaged families by providing daily constructive play activities for children at an affordable cost. As with previous year almost all participants will be referred by Cotteslowe primary school and social services to ensure that children who are regarding to be at most need are included.

Please tell us the total project cost, including: A - Breakdown of items you are seeking funding for B - How much match funding you have and from where?	
A: Breakdown of items you need (cont on separate page if necessary)	Cost of project £
Staff salaries inc on-costs	10025.55
Materials and equipment	600.00
Paediatric First aid courses	220.00
Disability equality training	220.00
DBS applications	150.00
OPA Playboxes	100.00
White Horse Kite Flyers kite kits	60.00
Refreshments	100.00
4 trips entrance fees etc	850.00
Advert, recruitment	100.00
Transport, 6 trips	1800.00
Swimming	480.00
Inclusion Support fees for parasol workers	800.00
Hire of accommodation	2025.00
Planning and recruitment meetings	318.75
TOTAL COST OF PROJECT (A) =	£17799.30
B: Matched funding in place and secured (please list where the funding has come from)	
Income from fees	2000.00
Inclusion support funding	800.00
Tolkein	1500.00
Total of matched funding (B) =	£4300
A – B = Total grant requested (no more than £5000)	£2500

young people benefiting

55 in total 22
aged 8-22

Age range:

5-11

Have they applied before, if so, when and amount awarded? **Yes 2 x = £5000**

Comments:

Provision of constructive plan for this age group providing the transition between primary and secondary school is very important. Several of the items in the breakdown are outside remit of Chill Out, I suggest a contribution of £1845 towards the equipment and programme elements of the playscheme.

Completed by: Ruth Ashwell

Suggested amount
to award
£1845

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Name of Organisation	Cutteslowe and District Community Association
Project Name	Cutteslowe Summer Playscheme
How much are you requesting? (no more than £5k)	£2,500

Has your organisation applied for this funding before (please tick)	Yes
How many times have you applied for the funding?	We have received <u> 2 </u> times before.
	Total received before is £5,000

Are you a registered charity (please tick)	Yes
Charity number	1154860

Age range of children & young people that will be using the project	5-11
Number of children & young people who will benefit from this project	55 in total 22 aged 8-11 years

What do you want to do? (please describe the project you want funding for)

Cutteslowe Community Association (CCA) has a successful track record in running a summer playscheme for over ten years. The scheme described below has been continuously improved year by year so that we can be confident with the current format, see Annex 3, Final Report for 2014 Play Scheme, and Annex 4, 2014 Programme attached.

The grant will be used to run a three week Playscheme for a total of 50 children aged 5-11 years on the Cutteslowe Estate. This application is in respect of approx 25 children aged 8-11 who will be attending the scheme in 2015. The Playscheme will support children from disadvantaged families (around 80% of whom are on benefits) by providing daily constructive play activities for children at an affordable cost. As with previous years almost all participants will be referred by Cutteslowe Primary School and Social Services to ensure that children who are regarded to be at most need are included. The scheme will support disadvantaged families, which have overstretched resources, to survive the long summer holidays. See comments below from school and family workers endorsing Cutteslowe Playscheme:

"The summer playscheme run by Cutteslowe Community centre is an invaluable resource; it offers vulnerable children the opportunity to participate in organised, fun activities that broaden their knowledge. It is so important that for some children they have the opportunity to fill the long summer holidays with constructive activities like swimming, den building, team games, craft etc. It is also vital that they receive positive and appropriate responses from the adults in charge and I know that this happens at the playscheme!

School is not open during the summer holidays and for the 30-40 vulnerable families that receive regular support this is a problem and a worry for myself and other professionals. The playscheme is a real safety net; we know that any major safeguarding issues will be noticed and picked up, we know that the children will be in a safe and nurturing environment and we know that the careful planning and preparation means that the children will have fun and that parents are on board.

Because the cost for parents is minimal it is easy for school and social services to promote it to families on a low income and subsidise further where necessary. So THANKYOU! for organising and delivering such a successful scheme." Sara Sacranie, Home School Link, Cutteslowe School, Wren Road, Oxford, OX2 7SX

"I am writing to thank you for the fantastic play scheme that Cutteslowe Community Centre ran over the summer holidays. Feedback from families I am working with whose children attended the scheme is very positive, and all the children thoroughly enjoyed the time spent with you.

In particular, through careful management of risk and boundaries you have been able to offer a range of

activities which has maintained the interest of several children that other agencies have struggled to engage. This has proved crucial in managing the difficult period over the summer when vulnerable families lose the support they normally receive from schools and education based services.” Paul Robbie, Specialist Family Support Worker, Oxfordshire County Council

The grant will pay for two play leaders, who will lead a team of six play assistants, additional volunteer assistants and suitably qualified and experienced workers from the Parasol Project who will support five children with disabilities on a one to one basis. In addition to relevant qualifications and experience, play workers are required to have completed Disability Inclusion Training and Oxfordshire Introductory Safeguarding Training. We aim to provide a relatively high staff to children ratio in order to provide excellent positive attention to the children, particularly those who display behaviour and/or emotional difficulties. The Play Leader, supported by the Deputy will report to the Community Centre Manager. Trustees have overall responsibility for Safeguarding, Health and Safety and HR.

The scheme will provide a wide range of activities both in the centre and further afield, and will provide opportunities which deprived and vulnerable children would otherwise not have access to. There will be an emphasis on play, creativity, art, drama, dance, healthy living, exercise, educational experiences and building positive relationships.

The playscheme will operate between 10.00 and 3.00, Monday to Friday for a total of 14 days, with one extra day for staff training and planning. See programme for 2014 (at Annex 4) which will be reviewed, in response to evaluation from last year. The Playscheme provides an important stage within a range of other activities for families and children locally. These activities include:

1. Adult Literacy and Numeracy classes, with free crèche, run as a partnership between the Community Association, Ruskin College, North Oxford Children's Centre and Cutteslowe Primary School.
2. Family Afterschool Club, with homework support and family games, funded by St Andrew's Church and Oxford City Council (OCC) Small Grants.
3. Family Afterschool Art Club, financed through Community Centre fundraising.
4. Afterschool Dance Club, financed through Community Centre fundraising.
5. Monday Boys Youth Group run and funded by St Andrew's Church.
6. Wednesday 'Girls RUs' Youth Group, (school years 4-6) run by St Andrew's Church, currently funded through OCC Council 2013/2014 Small Grants Programme.
7. Wednesday Youth Club, 11- 19 years run by Wolvercote Young People's Club (WYPC) (core funded through various private sources where WYPC are the lead applicant and CCA is the main partner – local authority funding has been granted for specific trips and items of equipment).
8. Friday Youth Club, 14–19 years run by WYPC, with a focus on employability (core funded through various private sources where WYPC are the lead applicant and CCA is the main partner. Local authority funding has been granted for specific trips and items of equipment).
9. Youth Ambition sports sessions running currently, run by OCC.

Anti social behaviour amongst young people, often associated with drugs and alcohol, is unfortunately a regular feature of life around the Cutteslowe and the Community Centre. ASB incidents are reported to the police on average several times per month. OCC Positive Futures, and Oxon County Council Early Intervention teams have been supporting our Youth Partnership, and we have discussed conducting outreach to individuals in the area. Our Youth Clubs also employ Restorative Justice methods in working with troubled young people. We are working regularly with the Neighbourhood Action Group and PCSOs.

Our range of activities means that we are getting to know vulnerable families and their children at every stage. The Playscheme is a particularly important building brick in making relationships. By the time that the children join the Youth Clubs we have got to know them, and they feel that the Community Centre is another home, albeit with boundaries, where they are valued and cared for as an individual. It was notable that a group of children who attended last year's Playscheme and who attend various CCA clubs asked if they could come to our Annual Open Evening where we showcased all our activities. These children were happy to talk about the groups including the Playscheme. Establishing relationship helps greatly as they reach their teens and experience even bigger challenges in their lives.

Annexes to the application:

Annex 1, Endorsement of the Playscheme from Cutteslowe Primary School

Annex 2, Endorsement of the Playscheme from Family Worker

Annex 3, Cutteslowe Playscheme 2014 Final Report

Annex 4, Cutteslowe Playscheme 2014 Programme

Annex 5, 2015 Budget sheet

Annex 6, 2015 Delivery Plan

Annex 7, Signed Conditions of Grant Form

Annex 8, Risk Assessment Travel 2014

Annex 9, General Risk Assessment, Playscheme 2014

Annex 10, Children and Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Policy

Describe how children & young people have been involved in this application (please attach any supporting documentation to demonstrate their involvement)

Children are asked for formative and summative feedback during and at the end of every Playscheme, as to what they have enjoyed most and what activities they would like to have next year. Ideas for improvements from participants have been incorporated in the Programme.

The Playscheme has become a popular feature each summer on the estate and children ask community workers throughout the year when it is going start again. Many children attend for 6 or 7 years running from the age of 5 to 11 years.

As the children only gather annually for this event it has not been possible to collect data from them at this moment in time.

A group of children who attended last year's Playscheme (and who attend various CCA clubs) asked if they could come to our Annual Open evening where we showcased all our activities. These children were happy to talk about the Playscheme to our visitors and enjoyed seeing the photos of their summer activities.

Why is your project important? (and why do you want to do it?)

Currently, 38% of households in Cutteslowe claim some form of council benefit and the 2011 Cutteslowe census shows, in the three areas that comprise Cutteslowe, 17%-23% of children living below the poverty line. [<http://www.oxford.gov.uk/Library/Documents/Statistics/ChildPoverty2011.pdf>]

Cutteslowe has been described as the 'forgotten estate' in Oxford and much of the published statistics fail to reveal the very real deprivation in Cutteslowe. This because Cutteslowe straddles two City Wards that also contain some of the most affluent areas in Oxford. This pocket of deprivation is shown clearly when the area is broken down in more detail as in the Safer Communities most recent 'Indices of Deprivation 2010' which shows 31-41% of 0-15 year-olds in Cutteslowe are living in income-deprived households. [<http://www.oxford.gov.uk/Direct/ID2010OxfordSummary.pdf>]

This application is in respect of approx 25 children aged 8-11 who will be attending the scheme in 2015. A high proportion will be from families receiving benefits and children with special behavioural or other needs will, as always, be welcomed and their individual needs met. The Playscheme will support disadvantaged families (around 80% of whom are on benefits) by providing daily constructive play activities for children at an affordable cost. As with previous years almost all participants will be referred by Cutteslowe Primary School and Social Services to ensure that children who are regarded to be at most need are included. The scheme will support disadvantaged families, which have overstretched resources, to survive the long summer holidays.

The scheme has run for 10 consecutive years and it aims to be as inclusive as possible, regardless of disabilities or behavioural issues. In 2014 more than half of the children needed specialist support. Background information provided by Cutteslowe Primary School indicated that more than half of these children had unsettled home lives, and/or suffered from various forms of disadvantage, with a further 25% experiencing some form of vulnerability.

The majority of the children who will be attending and who have disabilities and/or emotional or behavioural issues are known to adult play workers who have worked alongside them over time in the community or in school and/or have cared for them in the scheme in previous years.

In 2014 four children, who might otherwise have been excluded, were supported by three workers from Oxford City's Parasol Project. A review of all of the children attending shows that 12 of the over 8-year-olds needed special, inclusive support due to disabilities and behavioural issues. Some of the children who attended were 'Statemented', some were in various forms of care and some were known to be on the 'At Risk' register.

The low cost of the Playscheme (£45 per week per child for local families; £18 for families on benefits) makes it uniquely accessible to children from families on low incomes. In 2014, 20 children were part-funded by social services.

The scheme will provide a wide range of activities both in the centre and further afield, and will provide opportunities which deprived and vulnerable children would otherwise not have access. There will be an emphasis on play, creativity, art, drama, dance, healthy living, exercise, educational experiences and building positive relationships.

The CCA's Summer Playscheme provides children from local families with affordable constructive play; this has long-term benefits to the community, strengthening community cohesion and encouraging a positive attitude in the children, who are consequently more likely to join youth activities as they grow older, and making them less likely to engage in later anti-social behaviour.

The Playscheme has become a popular feature each summer on the Estate and many children ask community workers throughout the year when it is going to start. Many children attend for 6 or 7 years running, from the age of 5 to 11 years. Most of the children attending are identified by the school as being in particular need.

How will your project help or benefit children and young people in the community?

The expected benefits of the scheme are enhanced social, physical, intellectual, creative, emotional and spiritual development through play, for 50-55, 5-11 year olds from the Cutteslowe area. The participants are expected to grow more confident and independent and improve their relationships with adults and other participants. Children will benefit from adventurous play in popular Oxfordshire amenities, which they would otherwise not have been able to visit. We aim to again achieve high parent/carer satisfaction, providing a high quality scheme and giving parents/carers from a disadvantaged community a break over the long summer holiday.

Attendance at the Summer Playscheme, year on year, has long-term benefits for the children and also to the community, strengthening community cohesion and encouraging a positive attitude in the children, who are consequently more likely to join youth activities as they grow older and making them less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour later on.

Anti-social behaviour is expected to be reduced on the estate through purposeful activity and team games and a visit from the Police Community Support Officer will help to build trust in the Police from a young age. The first day will be a training day to build the staff team, and address health and safety and child protection issues.

The Playscheme also enables Community Workers to build ongoing relationships with children on the estate from a young age, encouraging their engagement and reducing the risks of them developing offending behaviour. It also means that children are more likely to access other regular after-school clubs and youth work provision run by the Wolvercote Young people's Club and St Andrew's Youth Workers at the Community Centre.

Cutteslowe Estate and Community Centre have historically suffered from ongoing antisocial behaviour and vandalism. Activities provided at the Community Centre means that we are getting to know vulnerable families and their children at every stage. The Playscheme is an important building brick in making relationships.

Please tell us the **total** project cost, including:

A - Breakdown of items

B - How much match funding (50% of total project) you have and from where?

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OPA Playboxes	£ 100.00
White Horse Kite Flyers Kite kits	£ 60.00
Refreshments	£ 100.00
4 trips, entry fees etc (2 Free)	£ 850.00
Advert Recruitment Daily Info	£ 100.00
Transport, 6 trips	£ 1,800.00
Swimming	£ 480.00
Inclusion Support fees for Parasol workers	£ 800.00
Hire of Accommodation, 15 days x 9.30 – 3.30 (6hrs pd) = 90 hrs @ £22.50 p hr	£ 2,025.00
15 x 2.5 hr planning and recruitment meetings, hire of room @ £8.50 p hr	£ 318.75
TOTAL COST OF PROJECT (A) =	£ 17,799.30
B: Matched funding in place and secured (please list where the funding has come from)	
Income from Fees	£2,000.00
Inclusion Support Funding	£ 800.00
Tolkien	£1,500.00
Total of matched funding (B) =	
A – B = Total grant requested (no more than £5000)	£2,500

What is the timescale for this project (completion must be within 12 months of application)

Start date:

Monday 3 August 2015 INSET

Tuesday 4 August start of Playscheme

Finish date:

Friday 21 August