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Annex 1 Bids that meet the assessment criteria

Abingdon Locality:

Dean Court Community Centre

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Dean Court Community Centre
Project Aims: To adapt the community centre (to be rebuilt following a fire) for new, extended use by young children and families.
Amount: £15,600 (total cost of whole centre rebuild £275,000)
Project Location and Locality: Cumnor, Abingdon
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Janet Godden

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment*

Qualitative assessment

<p>Community Benefits (meets identified need)</p> <p>The project is to enable outreach facilities for young parents and babies to be provided in this community by the Elms Road Children Centre, by providing a safe stand-alone space adapted to the needs of young children and other vulnerable groups. Socio-economic data shows that the area is one of relative deprivation.</p> <p>The project also plans to help create access to jobs and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, with Thames Valley Police keen to use a room as a local base for the Police and Community Support Officers.</p>
<p>Innovation and Creativity</p> <p>Following a fire, the community centre is set to be rebuilt like for like. This project is to adapt part of the centre to allow for more flexible use meeting the community's changing needs and also incorporates the existing playground .</p> <p>The range of outreach services will directly target the people in highest need and create new opportunities for greater intergenerational understanding and cohesion.</p>
<p>Sustainable Business Case</p> <p>Changes from the previous layout of the centre are not covered by the insurance claim. It is more cost effective to make these changes now as part of a tender for the rebuild. Grants totalling over £30k have already been secured. On-going income is mainly from proposed booking fees with some additional fundraising.</p>
<p>Community Involvement</p> <p>139 signatories on the website supporting the project and community fundraising efforts have taken place.</p>

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

This bid potentially represents excellent value for money ensuring the rebuild of the community centre makes provision for pre-school children linked to the children's centre in Botley. Dean Court is an area of significantly higher need than the surrounding area and although small, is an area of concern.

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

This project has the strong support of the local councillors. Members noted that the Pinnocks Way estate at Dean Court area is comparatively isolated in terms of facilities (including activities for young people) and one which has received little investment in recent times. They highlighted that the project genuinely locally led and has strong backing from the local community. The amount of money needed is not large, but would make a large difference.

* Taken from 'Eligibility Checklist' document included as part of the 'Guidance Notes for the Application' page on the website.

Kidlington Locality:

Kidlington Youth Club

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Kidlington Youth Club – Resubmission from Wave 2
Project Aims: Evening activities for young people in Kidlington based at 'Forum'
Amount: £10,295 of £10,295 total cost
Project Location and Locality: Kidlington
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Maurice Billington

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

<p>Community Benefits (meets identified need)</p> <p>The project will run weekly youth club sessions at the Forum Centre for two age groups (years 7-9 and years 10-13). These replace sessions no longer run by the council after establishment of the early intervention service.</p> <p>The bid clarifies that while the centre is a satellite linked to the Bicester Hub they have no plans to run similar sessions; the project will provide complementary activities not available elsewhere in the area.</p>
<p>Innovation and Creativity</p> <p>The proposal is to buy equipment to allow youth provision on Friday evenings. Whilst this is not entirely new service it responds to an identified need, replacing sessions previously run by the county council, increasing capacity and allowing activities to be targeted more effectively.</p>
<p>Sustainable Business Case</p> <p>The bid is mainly for one-off equipment which is currently lacking and will also be available for the satellite sessions at the centre. The bid includes some on-going costs and promotional material not within the Fund's remit. The building is being available to the group for free by the parish council who own it and also lease it to the county council for satellite provision. All staffing is to be undertaken by volunteers.</p> <p>A small user fee and tuck shop income are proposed to cover on-going costs, with additional fundraising planned if required.</p>
<p>Community Involvement</p> <p>The previous assessment noted local support from the parish council, school and residents. The group have now also liaised with the Bicester Early Intervention Hub running the satellite centre.</p>

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

<p>The Forum Centre, Kidlington operates as a satellite centre to the Bicester Early Intervention Hub. Lifehouse YC have been in contact with the Bicester Hub and have opened discussion about the provision of a Friday night session. There has been need established in Kidlington for this provision and as a satellite the Forum Centre is not funded by OCC to operate every</p>

evening.

The bid is largely for equipment for the session – I think there is need for specific discussion with the hub manager regarding the amount of equipment needed especially where this is to be a permanent fixture at the centre, the licences required as these would only be needed once not by every provider using the centre and facility/space for dedicated storage space.

This bid represents excellent complementary provision for young people in the area but the detail would need discussion before any agreement could be finalised.

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

Members offered their support of the proposal. It was felt that the service would complement rather than duplicate existing services and targets a recognised community need.

Oxford Locality:

New Horizons (Littlemore)

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: New Horizons
Project Aims: Engage children aged 9-12 years in a structured programme of creative activities in Littlemore
Amount: £11,000 (total £12,500)
Project Location and Locality: Oxford
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr John Sanders, Cllr Sarah Hutchinson

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

<p>Community Benefits (meets identified need) Littlemore has high levels of child poverty and low educational attainment. The project responds to demand from parents and younger children, following the start of the popular Littlemore Youth Club for young people aged 13– 19 years that received funding in Wave 1. This project aims to enable more inclusive provision, reaching children in new housing developments in the area.</p>
<p>Innovation and Creativity Proposing to build on the experience of the 13-19 year olds youth club, while introducing innovative elements such teenagers from the youth club assisting as 'young leaders'. Also provides the opportunity for mentored placements for unemployed volunteers.</p>
<p>Sustainable Business Case Cost estimates to start up the service appear robust, though include staffing and other recurring costs. Ambitious fundraising targets for future years. The group acknowledge they will have to access significant funds (e.g. from the Lottery) to sustain the project, in addition to local subscriptions and fundraising. A sub-group from the Littlemore Children and Young People Partnership has recently been set up to develop a strategic approach to fundraising and service delivery.</p>
<p>Community Involvement Community management group including residents, elected members, church leaders running the existing 13-19 Youth Club. The Children and Young People Partnership supporting the project consists of local people, working with statutory and voluntary agencies including schools and the Police.</p>

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

<p>This bid appears to provide complementary provision for a young age range to the successful bid from Littlemore in the first wave of applications. Assuming there is a collective infrastructure and collaborative working the new horizons provision would provide an excellent opportunity for supporting children during the transition from primary to secondary schools. It is really important that effective links are made to the Early intervention hub in Littlemore ensuring the holistic support for these children.</p>

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

Councillors were supportive of the bid, noting the committee's and the applicant charity's strong record of fundraising and noting that the grant would be used to pump-priming the new club for younger children. The ambition was to draw on the community and young people themselves to make the project sustainable in the longer term, with the steering group taking a strategic approach to meeting local needs and attracting other funds.

Members thought staffing costs reflected more intensive support required when working with younger children and would contribute to the success of the project and its ability to fundraise and attract volunteers.

Thame – Wheatley – Watlington - Chalgrove Locality:

Connecting the B480 Parishes

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Go Ride CIC – Connecting the B480 Parishes
Project Aims: Increase access between Watlington, Cuxham, Chalgrove, Garsington, Stadhampton and Oxford, linking to existing public transport services
Amount: £12,065 (total £23,425)
Project Location and Locality: Thame/Chinnor/Wheatley/Chalgrove, small part of Benson/Berinsfield/Wallingford
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr David Turner, Cllr Roger Belson

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

<p>Community Benefits (meets identified need) Aims to supplement existing provision between the parishes and into Oxford on evenings and weekends, improving the rural economy and reducing carbon emissions. Benefitting residents in a range of villages, including young people, enabling public transport access into Oxford for work and leisure at those times. Consultations with proposed beneficiaries and market testing have confirmed demand.</p>
<p>Innovation and Creativity This will be the first example of a community transport operator providing evening and weekend services across a number of rural villages, complementing commercial and subsidised public transport services. Learning from the project could feed into the overall review of community transport provision in the county. GO RIDE will also be providing a low cost real time information service for users by producing a smartphone application.</p>
<p>Sustainable Business Case The service will be provided by hiring an existing community transport provider. Funding is for getting the service established in the first year. Future operational costs are to be met by fares and sustainability will depend on accuracy of predicted usage. The service has been market tested recently.</p>
<p>Community Involvement There has been wide-spread local consultation and engagement, through parish meetings, an online survey and work with the Youth Parliament. Enhanced community and public transport is a stated aim of the Chalgrove Parish Plan identifying local priorities. A local petition in support of the scheme was signed by 2330 people.</p>

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

<p>This is a worthy project which would build on our commitment to Community Transport and would assist a Community Transport organisation which is already making excellent contacts and partnerships with local Parish Councils.</p>
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Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

Councillors considered this to be a very good proposal, following a loss in service provision after the review of subsidised bus services in June 2011. Local communities, parish councils and the community transport operator have successfully market tested the proposed service in December, with support from the council's Area Stewardship Fund.

The service would give access to leisure and health facilities as well as employment across a catchment area of 10,000 people. The funding sought is for getting the project off the ground in the first year, becoming sustainable as use gets established in future years. An innovative element is using telephone calls to access the service, saving time and operating costs.

Annex 2 Bids that presently do not fully meet the assessment criteria, but may with further development

Henley - Goring Locality:

New beginning for young people in Henley

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: A new beginning for young people in Henley (Henley Youth Centre)
Project Aims: To re-convene a youth club in Henley since OCC provision ended.
Amount bid for: £19,600 (total cost £21,240)
Project Location and Locality: Henley
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr. David Nimmo-Smith

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

<p>Community Benefits (meets identified need) The group wish to start an additional session as part of the youth club to replace one previously provided by Oxfordshire County Council. The project aims to provide for vulnerable young people no longer catered for in the area. No details are given of estimated numbers of beneficiaries.</p>
<p>Innovation and Creativity This project is to replace previous county council provision. The organisation aims to extend the service to a wider range of young people.</p>
<p>Sustainable Business Case The session will be staffed by a part-time worker and volunteers. Funding sought includes ongoing costs and estimated costs for one additional session, for one year, seem high compared to other bids in this and previous rounds. The group has successfully raised funds previously but costings overall lack sufficient detail. No clear income has been identified for years two and three and fundraising estimates for year two seem high.</p>
<p>Community Involvement Young people, former volunteers, local charities and the town council have helped develop the bid. Volunteers are keen to work with the Thamesfield Youth Association.</p>

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

<p>We have a long history of working with Thamesfield Youth Association at the Henley Youth Centre and the organisation has a solid track record in terms of delivery. Use of the youth centre for work with more vulnerable young people sounds an excellent initiative and would need to link closely with the Early Intervention Hub in Didcot to ensure sharing of expertise, complementary working and avoidance of duplication.</p>

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

All members for the Henley and Goring locality are unanimous in their support for this bid.

South Stoke Community Shop

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: South Stoke community Shop
Project Aims: To start a community owned village shop
Amount: £37,721 (total cost £63,721)
Project Location and Locality: South Stoke, Henley-Goring
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Dave Sexon

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

<p>Community Benefits (meets identified need) In the Village Plan 88% of the community identified a village shop as their top priority. Currently the village has no shop and minimal public transport provision. The shop aims to provide a community hub and help to reduce loneliness and isolation. Expected customers include elderly residents, children and visitors to the area.</p>
<p>Innovation and Creativity The community shop is an entirely new project and will aim to support local businesses by supplying local products. There will also be a volunteer courier service two afternoons a week to deliver to housebound residents.</p>
<p>Sustainable Business Case £26,000 has been raised towards the one-off start-up capital required, including £11,000 from residents and the parish council. The majority of costs are for fixed capital including portacabins and retail equipment. The business plan has an exit strategy if the project were to fail, reinvesting funds into the community.</p> <p>As a community enterprise, sustainability depends on the accuracy of projected turnover and operating costs. There are concerns that projections for average spend may be optimistic and whether equipment specified is appropriate. It is proposed that further work is undertaken to address these concerns and that a revised bid is submitted.</p>
<p>Community Involvement The shop will be staffed by a part time manager and offers volunteering opportunities for residents; 56 have already pledged their time.</p>

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

<p>There is a clear need and widespread community support for this project. Access to services is a real issue in rural areas including South Stoke. Those benefiting will include vulnerable and more isolated members of the village, supporting county council aims for people to help themselves and build thriving communities.</p> <p>The community have liaised with the county council throughout the development of the village plan which identified this as a priority project. They are being advised by organisations with relevant expertise and have a realistic</p>

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business plan. Funding is sought for start-up costs and specialist advice has been sought, including on financial forecasting. It is an innovative project for the village; other community shops exist in the county and further afield.

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

Members were unanimous in their support for this bid and thought the project a community based activity which would unite the village. The idea developed from a village plan in which the shop was a top priority. The isolated location of the village is noted and the issue of sustainability is being addressed by the Parish Council.

Annex 3 Bids that do not meet the criteria

Abingdon Locality:

Cumnor Parish MUGA (multi-use games area) Project

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Cumnor Parish MUGA (multi-use games area) Project
Project Aims: To build an all-weather sports facility.
Amount: £10,000 (Total project cost £120,909)
Project Location and Locality: Cumnor Parochial Church, Abingdon
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Janet Godden

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

<p>Community Benefits (meets identified need) The project is to build a fenced and floodlit area for football, hockey and basketball for young people, including the youth club and sports groups.</p>
<p>Innovation and Creativity The project is to build sports facilities specifically for teenagers; the nearest existing facilities are one mile away. In previous rounds, such facilities have not been funded in their own right.</p>
<p>Sustainable Business Case Other sources of funding have been identified, including £50,000 from 'Community Spaces', totalling £115,000 if successful against a projected cost of £120,909. Hire charges are proposed to meet on-going upkeep and electricity (floodlights) cost. It is not clear how this will be justified when the facility is meant to be open to the public, so sustainability is unclear.</p>
<p>Community Involvement A local consultation process has taken place, involving a number of community groups including scouts, football clubs, Police and Community Support Officers and local residents. The MUGA is proposed to be run with the help of the local parish youth worker and volunteers overseeing hiring out the facility.</p>

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

<p>The bid provides a compelling rationale for provision of additional sports related space for children and young people. The allocation from the Big Society Fund is small in comparison with the overall project - I would want to see confirmation that the other funding pots have been agreed. This equipment would add to the local community, and this part of Cumnor parish is the most needy.</p> <p>However I am slightly concerned that the business plan suggesting charging a hire rate for groups using the MUGA is unrealistic as the whole concept of a MUGA is that these are open for individuals and groups to use as and when. I can also not see how this would be supervised.</p>
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Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

This project has the strong support of the local councillors who noted the equally strong support from the local community. They believe that the area deserves better activities for young people who are not always able to get into Oxford or Abingdon.

Banbury Locality:**Bloxham Senior Citizens Day Out**Section 1 – Project Overview*From the Website submission*

Project Name: Bloxham Senior Citizens Day Out
Project Aims: Provide an opportunity for group members to have a day out.
Amount: £600 (total cost £800)
Project Location and Locality: Bloxham, Banbury
Sponsoring Councillor: Councillor not contacted

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment*Qualitative assessment*

<p>Community Benefits (meets identified need) The proposed outing will benefit the 50 members of the Senior Citizens Group. In previous years this has been funded by grants from the District Council, which have now ceased.</p>
<p>Innovation and Creativity The proposed day out is not a new activity. The group aim to provide one trip to its members each year.</p>
<p>Sustainable Business Case Full funding is sought for one-off coach hire and lunch. The project is not sustainable in the long term as funding for future trips is required. The group also organise joint meals 3-4 times a year funded by small contributions from members.</p>
<p>Community Involvement Oxfordshire Age UK supports the bid.</p>

Section 3 – Service Officer View*Where applicable*

Small amount is requested for 50 older people. We would support this, though it would be good to ask how they intend to sustain this activity in the future years.
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Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

Members did have no comments on this bid.

St Francis Community Hall

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: St Francis Community Hall (re-submitted from wave 2)
Project Aims: The aim is to extend the existing church and community hall premises to facilitate increased use.
Amount: £10,000 of £145,000
Project Location and Locality: Banbury
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Nicolas Turner

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

<p>Community Benefits (meets identified need) The current facility is oversubscribed and the church may have to consider restricting community use. The bid was referred back in wave 1 as it was not clear which new groups would benefit from extended premises or which new programmes would be run. The bid now lists user groups but indicates that the main need is to stabilise existing provision and for current groups requiring extra slots. No details of estimated numbers of beneficiaries are provided.</p>
<p>Innovation and Creativity The previous assessment was that innovation and creativity are limited. It is not clear how this has been addressed in the revised application. Facilities in their own right have not been supported through the Fund.</p>
<p>Sustainable Business Case The group were asked to provide evidence of being able to raise £23,000; since then they have secured an additional £3,000 while costs quoted for the works have increased from £130,000 to £145,000. About of third of the total required for the project is still outstanding though the group state that a successful bid would allow for completion within the proposed timescales.</p>
<p>Community Involvement Community questionnaire conducted and groups have indicated they would utilise the space if it were available. £15,000 raised through fundraising efforts in the community. Support from district and town councils.</p>

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

<p>Some of the impact and benefit statements are vague. However, services for people from Polish communities are really welcome. Their costs are not adding up. They appear to have £97K and £10K from Big Society Fund would make it £107K. Total cost of the project is £145K. We would wish to support this bid as there is gap in terms of provision for the Polish communities. This support is predicated on the fact that the organisation is able to secure all the funding for the project.</p>
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Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

<p>Members confirmed that they support the bid as meeting a recognised community need, but asked Cabinet that the funding should be held in reserve until St Francis has secured the full amount necessary to deliver the project.</p>
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Bicester Locality:

St Edburg's Church

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: St Edburg's Church, Bicester
Project Aims: To install toilets and refreshment facilities at the church, which provides a venue for a variety of town based activities.
Amount: £95,000 (total costs £112,500)
Project Location and Locality: Church Street, Bicester
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Lawrie Stratford

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

<p>Community Benefits (meets identified need) The church is used by 23,500 people for a variety of activities. The bid states that others are deterred by a lack of toilet and refreshment facilities. The group are working on a report on local need, but no details are given about types / numbers of new beneficiaries.</p>
<p>Innovation and Creativity Innovation and creativity is limited. There is lack of detail about which new activities will be enabled by the proposed improvements.</p>
<p>Sustainable Business Case The bid is for a large sum for capital work to improve facilities, including professional fees not covered by the Fund. To date, £15,000 has been raised including £5,000 through local efforts.</p> <p>The church is self-financing and plans to cover management and maintenance of over £100,000 p.a. by donations and letting fees.</p>
<p>Community Involvement The church facilities are already used by a wide range of people. The group have consulted a cross-section of residents and local voluntary groups to help develop their strategy.</p>

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

<p>Whilst we acknowledge the need for required refurbishment and provision of a contemporary community meeting place, a request of 85% of the total project cost from the limited Big Society funds is difficult to support. There isn't the clarity about how older people of Bicester will benefit. We are unable to support this bid.</p>
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Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

<p>The project is welcomed by members for this locality, although the high costs are recognised. The refurbishing work is part of a larger project within which toilets and a kitchen facility are essential basic amenities. The growth of Bicester is considered an important factor in ensuring that community facilities</p>
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are maintained.

One member did question whether a church could have a truly all-inclusive policy but others recognised that the Church is used for more than religious occasions and the addition of toilets and kitchen would attract more interest in the community.

Chipping Norton – Charlbury – Woodstock Locality

Crawley Build Out and Kerbing Project

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Crawley Build Out and Kerbing Project
Project Aims: Build safety barriers in a road to reduce speed of drivers.
Amount: £17,567.30 (total project cost)
Project Location and Locality: Crawley, Chipping-Norton
Sponsoring Councillor: Rodney Rose

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

<p>Community Benefits (meets identified need) This bid responds to community need by controlling flow and reducing speed in the village. The project involves building a physical barrier, kerbing and signage. It aims to increase safety for visitors and residents in the village and surrounding area.</p>
<p>Innovation and Creativity This bid is for enabling road safety works and fits better into the Area Stewardship Fund criteria. However, the funding requested is significantly more than available through the Fund.</p>
<p>Sustainable Business Case Funding is sought for the total cost of the project, including consultation and legal work which is outside the scope of the Fund. Kerbing is expected to reduce future highways maintenance costs by improving drainage. Ongoing costs are expected to be minimal and likely to be met by the Parish Council.</p>
<p>Community Involvement This is a community led project to improve the village's roads. There have been council meetings, a public forum and meetings with Highway Area Stewards and councillors.</p>

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

<p>The project is not innovative, as set out in the criteria, but is a scheme to reduce the impact of traffic on a village community. The highways budget in the past has carried out this type of work but is not currently able to do so due to the reduced levels of funding available. The only source of budget within highways for this would be the Area Stewardship Fund which is prioritised by local members.</p>

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

<p>The group recognised the importance of this bid to the local community, but felt there should be some funding from the Parish Council to show true commitment from the village to the scheme. Councillors felt the Area Stewardship Grant would be a more appropriate source of funding for the scheme.</p>
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Didcot Locality:

Harwell Playground Restoration

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Harwell Village Playground Restoration
Project Aims: Refurbish the village playground to make it safer and more attractive to local children, particularly young people with disabilities.
Amount: £10,000 of total £74,500
Project Location and Locality: Harwell, Didcot
Sponsoring Councillor: Councillor Stewart Lilly

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

<p>Community Benefits (meets identified need) Existing playground equipment is 25 years old and in bad condition. The project was initiated by local young people and the intention is to include facilities for handicapped young adults. However specific information on the predicted number of users is lacking.</p>
<p>Innovation and Creativity The idea for a play space is not innovative though the plans include new equipment tailored to disabled young people. The Big Society Fund is not intended to fund facilities in their own right and similar projects have not been funded in previous rounds.</p>
<p>Sustainable Business Case Total costs seem high compared to other bids and the equipment to be bought is yet to be specified. Funding already in place includes Chill Out funding from the county council and £50,000 from Waste Recycling Environment (WREN). Ongoing maintenance costs will be met by the parish council; it is unclear how broken and or worn equipment will be replaced.</p>
<p>Community Involvement The project is supported by the local youth club and parish council. The community has been involved in fundraising and developing the bid and the management committee is made up of local volunteers.</p>

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

There is no doubt that effective outdoor 'play' provision is essential for children's development. Provision of a 'play' space that meets the needs of young children through to teenagers is problematic for all sorts of physiological reasons as well as emotional developments. I am not sure I can see in the bid sufficient insight into these difficulties and how to resolve them. Ongoing maintenance will be considerable. Harwell is not an area of high need.

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

All three councillors are supportive of the bid. They highlight that the village is approaching a population of 2,500 and that facilities for children fall short of many neighbouring smaller villages.

Grove – Wantage Locality

Refurbishment of October Club kitchen and toilets

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Refurbishment of October Club kitchen and toilets.
Project Aims: To refurbish the kitchen and toilets in the existing facility.
Amount: £7,000 of £7,000
Project Location and Locality: Wantage
Sponsoring Councillor(s): Cllr Jenny Hannaby, Cllr Zoe Patrick

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

<p>Community Benefits (meets identified need) The October Club is a day centre for sufferers of dementia or Alzheimer's. The proposals are to provide toilets adapted to elderly use and improved cooking facilities, benefitting current users and potentially allowing hiring out of the premises to others.</p>
<p>Innovation and Creativity Innovation and creativity is limited. There is lack of detail about which new activities will be enabled by the proposed improvements.</p>
<p>Sustainable Business Case Costs are an estimate and no fundraising or other funding is identified. No details are given about likely demand for the facility or potential income from hiring it out. The Club has previously fundraised for renovations but is as yet unable to provide a breakdown of income and club expenditure.</p>
<p>Community Involvement Involvement is confined primarily to existing club members and staff. It is recognised that the applicant has not yet appealed to the wider community for funding.</p>

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

<p>This is a thriving centre for people with Dementia and receives revenue funds from Social and Community Services. It is disappointing that they do not have accurate costing for the work they require. We wish to support their bid but not the full amount. We would suggest that they have plans in place to fundraise and provide accurate costing.</p>
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Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

<p>Members believe it is necessary for the Club to provide good kitchen and toilet facilities for their clients. The October Club serves a need for the wider community within this area, and the new facilities will be an excellent asset for a valued community resource. Members fully support the bid.</p>

Oxford Locality:

Helping People in a crisis – community emergency foodbank

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Helping People in a Crisis
Project Main Aims: Providing food for those in immediate, temporary need.
Amount bid for: £7,500 of £7,500
Project Location and Locality (<i>could be countywide</i>): Oxford
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Roy Darke

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

<p>Community Benefits (meets identified need) The project aims to distribute food to low-income families in immediate need, in parcels sufficient for three days as emergency provision. Need may be overestimated, as actual figures quoted for children living in poverty are much too high.</p> <p>No specific target numbers of additional beneficiaries provided; the group note an increasing need due to higher rates of job losses and population growth. There is duplication of existing provision in the City.</p>
<p>Innovation and Creativity This is an existing project seeking funds for an existing activity.</p>
<p>Sustainable Business Case Full funding sought the first year and it is unclear how this project will be sustained in future years. Only £1,000 of £7,525 is identified in year two. There is no funding from alternative sources or evidence of other fundraising.</p>
<p>Community Involvement Local churches and shops will provide support by donating food. Police, doctors and other professionals refer potential beneficiaries to the organisation.</p>

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

<p>There is a clear need and the proposals suggest an important and worthwhile service. There are some concerns over duplication with existing provision in the City. There are questions over sustainability as costs for year 2 are not identified. Presumably, this is accessible to all given the proposed system of referrals. £7,500 doesn't seem like much as a total for the year.</p>
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Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

<p>Members supported the provision of emergency food in principle. There were some concerns about the particulars of this bid, such as numbers of people in need and the figures quoted for buying in essentials. They also commented that another foodbank is operating in the City.</p>

Thrive Community Mentoring Programme

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Thrive Community Mentoring Programme (re-submitted from wave 2)
Project Aims: Provision of community mentoring targeted at 'at risk' young people in Barton
Amount: £2,340 of £20,340
Project Location and Locality: Barton, Oxford
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Liz Brighthouse

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

<p>Community Benefits (meets identified need) This is a returning bid. Barton is an area of need and there are issues of social exclusion, anti-social behaviour and family breakdown. The bid states that provision is complementary to the council's Early Intervention Hub by making available community houses as 24 hour refuges for mentees, if required.</p>
<p>Innovation and Creativity This is an extension of existing provision rather than a new project.</p>
<p>Sustainable Business Case Majority of funding sought is for ongoing costs including staffing. Concerns remain about fundraising targets for future years that may not be achievable. Plans for targeting new potential donors are at an early stage and the organisation made a loss of £29,000 for 2010-2011.</p>
<p>Community Involvement Applicants are part of Barton Youth Partnership. Thrive has consulted local groups and residents, with volunteers recruited from the area.</p>

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

<p>This bid would provide additional services in the Barton area from an organisation with past experience in this work. Whilst this is a good project and there has been some joint work in the past I am concerned that the bid does not provide a complementary service but duplication to some extent of the work already in place through the County Council Early Intervention Hub in East Oxford.</p>
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Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

<p>Members were supportive of the organisation's work. Some were concerned which new services this funding would provide and whether need had been proven.</p>
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Thame – Wheatley – Watlington - Chalgrove Locality:

Chinnor Youth Club – Extension to Premises

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: Chinnor Youth Club
Project Aims: To extend the club's existing facilities to accommodate for wider use.
Amount: £50,000 (this is the total cost of project)
Project Location and Locality: Chinnor, Thame / Chalgrove / Watlington
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr David Wilmshurst

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

<p>Community Benefits (meets identified need) The White Field building hosts indoor sports facilities currently used by the local youth and football club. The bid proposes extending this facility to enable wider use in the winter and a number of concurrent activities for young people. No estimates of numbers of new beneficiaries given.</p>
<p>Innovation and Creativity This is an extension of existing facilities rather than a new project. In previous rounds, extensions of existing facilities have not been funded.</p>
<p>Sustainable Business Case This is a capital bid for the full amount estimated. Given the large costs involved, detail as to how money will be spent is lacking. Future maintenance to be covered by the Parish Council. There are plans to raise some funds by hiring out the building but no indication of potential interest.</p>
<p>Community Involvement Bid is targeting provision at young people in particular who have been consulted through street surveys. Only two organisations are using the building.</p>

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

<p>This is a capital bid with no income being derived from the bidder. The site on White's Field in Chinnor is in need of refurbishment/development if the group are to further develop work with children, young people and the local community. Although Chinnor is not an area of high social need it is an area of relative rural isolation.</p>
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Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

<p>The local member is supportive of the bid, as county council provision for youth work in the area has reduced.</p>

St Mary's Church Family & Children's Project

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: St. Mary's Church Family & Children's Project
Project Description: Activities for young families and children
Amount: £27,900 of £35,650 for year 1 (£260,300 over 6 years)
Project Location and Locality: Thame
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Nick Carter

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

<p>Community Benefits (meets identified need) This is a continuation of an existing service for young families and their children, offering a range of services including life skills courses. Weekly meetings attract 30 children and a monthly one 55 people.</p>
<p>Innovation and Creativity The project is not new and plans are for extending or securing existing rather than developing new services.</p>
<p>Sustainable Business Case The bid doesn't relate to start-up but ongoing costs including staffing and funding for Years 1 -2 already in place. The project is reliant on 'pledges' of £33,000 each year and predicting a funding shortfall of £75,000 for years 3 to 6, then relying on regular church income.</p>
<p>Community Involvement The church congregation raised £100,000 in 2010 to run the project for the first three years. The project has ten regular volunteers.</p>

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

<p>This bid looks clear with a good needs base. The business model is sound and this would provide a good source of support in Thame. I do think this needs properly linking with the work of the Early Intervention Hub covering this patch.</p>

Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

<p>The local members are supportive of the bid.</p>

Witney – Eynsham Locality:

South Leigh Village Hall

Section 1 – Project Overview

From the Website submission

Project Name: South Leigh Village Hall
Project Aims: Refurbishing Village Hall
Amount: £50,000 of £300,000
Project Location and Locality: South Leigh, Witney
Sponsoring Councillor: Cllr Charles Mathew

Section 2 – BID Criteria Assessment

Qualitative assessment

<p>Community Benefits (meets identified need) The bid is to refurbish the village hall to encourage greater use. The 11 young children and 52 pensioners are mentioned as specific intended beneficiaries. Three local groups wish to use the space if refurbished and a community plan is proposed to identify other uses.</p>
<p>Innovation and Creativity The project is not innovative but for the refurbishment existing facilities that had fallen into disrepair. The Big Society Fund is not intended to fund facilities in their own right. The bid may be more appropriate for a Village Halls Grant.</p>
<p>Sustainable Business Case Funding is for contractors; no accurate breakdown of costs is provided in the bid. The bid relies on other significant sources of grant funding some of which are yet to be approved. Ongoing costs require fundraising of £3,000 per annum in addition to income from hire charges, which is probably sustainable.</p>
<p>Community Involvement Village survey and meetings indicate that refurbishment would encourage more community groups to use the space. The village hall committee is a sub-committee of the parish council.</p>

Section 3 – Service Officer View

Where applicable

<p>Clear demonstration of community development and really refreshing to note that the whole village has come together. There is a clear vision of the support that will be available. We are fully supportive of the proposed model. However there is potential risk as the total required funding for the project is not in place. We would support the bid if they considered fund raising, other funding applications materialising.</p>
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Section 4 – Locality Review Group Assessment

<p>Members support the South Leigh Village Hall project, noting that it has been developed through consultation with the community and that extensive fundraising demonstrates strong community commitment. Given that the success of the project is dependent on a number of funding streams, it was suggested that BSF funding could be held until it was clear that other sources of funding had been successful.</p>
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