

CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH & THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR - 16 JULY 2014

IMPROVING AND EXTENDING PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OXFORDSHIRE CHILL OUT BIDS FOR 2014/2015

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.

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5. Applications will be considered on a monthly basis.

Bids for July 2014

6 applications have been received

Applicant organisation	Amount Requested	Amount recommended
Faringdon Youth Twinning Association	536	536
Word Fountain Christian Ministries	5000	3000
Leys CDi	3730	3000
Thame Skatepark Project	3000	3000
Oxford Domestic Abuse Service	475	475
Chipping Norton Skater Hockey Club	5000	2912
TOTAL	£17741	£12923

Awarded to date

£29289.00

Amount left:

£70711.00

Applications to July meeting

£17741

Amount recommended for July

£12923

6. Previous Applications

Applicant organisation	Amount awarded	District Council
Wantage Junior Showstoppers	£250	Vale of White Horse
Leys CDI	£2000	Oxford City
Liven up the Leys	£5000	West Oxfordshire
APRIL TOTAL	£7250.00	
Wheatley Scout & Explorer Group	£2000	South Oxfordshire
Hanborough Parish Council	£1000	West Oxfordshire
Cuttleslowe & District Comm Assoc.	£1500	Oxford City
54th Oxford Ansar Scout Group	£1000	Oxford City
Innovista	£1500	Oxford City

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Spit N Sawdust Boxing Club	£2000	Cherwell
Film Oxford	£2500	Oxford City
MAY TOTAL	£11500.00	
28 TH Oxford Scout Group	£1000	Oxford City
Adventure Plus	£500	West Oxfordshire
South & Vale Carers Centre	£4963	South Oxfordshire
1 ST Wallingford Boys Brigade & Girls Association	£445	South Oxfordshire
Freeland Football Club	£500	West Oxfordshire
Angelmead Explorer Scouts	£1000	Oxford City
The Nature Effect	£1131	Oxford City
Madley Park Residents Association	£1000	West Oxfordshire
JUNE TOTAL	£10539.00	

RECOMMENDATION

7. **The Cabinet Member for Public Health & the Voluntary Sector is RECOMMENDED to consider the applications (listed in paragraph 5 of this report) for grant support in the light of the officer recommendation as set out in the application annexed to this report.**

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Background Papers: Applications

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