

Guide to Funding in Oxfordshire

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Introduction

This Guide gives an overview of funding opportunities across Oxfordshire. Local Authority grants are divided into the County and Districts followed by sections on grant making trusts and other sources of funding.

The information is abbreviated, to provide a manageable guide for local people and communities. The aim of the document is to translate the complexities of grant schemes and awards into a meaningful reference guide, on who to contact, for what type of funding, with some general tips on completing the application forms.

Please note that due to the rapid change of entrants to the funding scene the listings will never be 100% accurate, but will hopefully provide a good start to unravelling the myriad of grants available in your locality.

The Guide is only available in an electronic format and can be accessed through all the local authority websites as well as at all local libraries across Oxfordshire where internet access is free.

The Guide has been co-produced in liaison with colleagues from voluntary agencies, the District, City and County Councils and a host of key local and regional partners.

Oxfordshire County Council

More information can be found on the County Council Website:
www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

Oxfordshire County Council funds a wide range of voluntary and community groups through one-off grants and contracts. Most of the County Council's funding is committed via contracts, which are usually for three years. The County Council places information about existing contracts and forthcoming tender opportunities on the South East Business Portal (SECE) - www.businessportal.southeastiep.gov.uk. The following information relates to one-off grants for projects. Each grant has its own administrator so please contact the following people for more information:

Bus Shelter Grants

The County Council currently offers a grant to Town and Parish Councils of 50%, up to a maximum of £2,500, towards the cost of building bus shelters. This is subject to funding being available so please check when seeking details of the scheme. Application forms and information from:

Contact: Matt Bromley

☎ 01865 815531

E-mail: matthew.bromley@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Highway Schemes

Professional help and advice is available from our highway staff for local Council funded traffic calming, planting, Britain in Bloom schemes, street furniture, etc.

Contact: Ralph Grant

☎ 0845 310 1111 (Cherwell District Council, West Oxfordshire District Council and Oxford City Areas)

E-mail: northernarea@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Contact: Brian Short

☎ 0845 310 1111 (Vale of White Horse District Council and South Oxfordshire District Council areas)

E-mail: southernarea@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Road Safety Campaigns

The County Council does not provide grants/funding, but does offer support through its Road Safety Team who work directly with local Councils and other community groups to promote road safety. The Team provides free material by way of pamphlets and posters.

Contact: Road Safety ETP Team

☎ 01865 815689

E-mail: geoff.barrell@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Social and Community Services – Community Support Fund

The Community Support Fund is administered by the Community Development Team. The annual budget is £25,000. The purpose of the

grants is to increase the capacity of small voluntary groups to help the communities they serve. Groups applying need to demonstrate that their proposed activity is in line with Social & Community Services objectives:

- ***To provide effective and efficient support to the most vulnerable***
- ***Support and promote strong communities so that people can live their lives as successfully and independently as possible.***

The application process begins from January onwards and allocations are made from May onwards on a quarterly basis until the funding runs out. Applications are accepted for amounts up to £800. Organisations already funded by any other department of the County Council would not normally be eligible.

For further information, please contact:
The Community Development Administrator
☎01865 323091
E-mail : communitydevelopment@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Village Hall Grants

Oxfordshire County Council has a small grants scheme to fund improvements to village halls and community centres in market towns, including Oxford. All enquiries about this fund should be made to the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) which administers the scheme on the County's behalf. The ORCC grants officer can advise you on eligibility for an award, grants criteria, and type of projects that are usually successful. The focus is on Health and Safety and improvements to provide access to meet the Disability and Discrimination Act requirements.

Grants are allocated once a year and application forms need to be in by the end of March each year. Further information and application forms can be obtained only from the ORCC.

Contact: Lynne Newin (ORCC)
☎ 01865 883488
E-mail: lynne.newin@oxonrcc.org.uk

Community Transport Grants

The County Council is keen to encourage community transport schemes, and supports Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) to employ staff whose role is to provide direct sources of advice and assistance to volunteer groups and parishes.

Many Community Transport (CT) schemes are self-financing, but increasing insurance and other costs are areas of concern. Some CT schemes may require direct financial support to help meet running costs. Funding for this is available directly from the County Council. If finance is available, the County Council will fund community transport services where they meet an unmet need and represent value for money, using equivalent criteria to those used to assess subsidy funding for local bus services.

A 'starter fund' of up to £1,000 is available, enabling access at short notice to funds to get new schemes started. Such support is reviewed, generally after the first year of operation.

Larger grants may be paid (and agreements entered into for longer periods) either to existing or to new community transport schemes, upon application to the County Council's Assistant Public Transport Officer. For these grants a formal case for funding will have to be put together and a report compiled for the decision of the County Council's Cabinet Member for Transport. CT groups should allow a minimum of 6 months for this process.

In certain cases capital grant funding, or the long-term loan of a vehicle at a peppercorn lease charge, may be available from the County Council. Grant applications would be competitive and successful ones will have to demonstrate that they represent Best Value use of limited funding in terms of helping to meet the Council's Local Transport Plan objectives. Decisions on capital grant funding are made on an annual basis, through the County Council's Local Transport Plan process. Again a formal case for funding will need to be produced (in time for December) to allow a decision to be made for the following April's budget-setting. The availability of vehicles is variable, and very limited, but the County Council does have a small fleet of 8 and 12 seat small minibuses potentially available for loan to CT groups.

People wanting to enquire about the potential for Oxfordshire County Council grant funding for community transport schemes should contact:

Contact: Neil Timberlake

☎ 01865-815585

E-mail: neil.timberlake@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Travel Plans

The Travel Plans Team helps schools and employers to develop travel plans which aim to reduce the number of journeys made by car. Completion of an approved travel plan allows schools to be considered for Oxfordshire County Council's "Better Ways to School" programme, which funds infrastructure and other measures to support targeted increases in walking, cycling and bus use. We can provide cycle and scooter parking, zebra crossings, new or repaired footways and an extensive range of other measures to support walking and cycling. New arrangements to assist with bus transport for pupils who are currently driven will be piloted in 2009-10.

Free advice is offered to all schools to help develop travel plans which reduce car use. We support walking buses and cycle trains by providing free high visibility vests, stickers and insurance. The team can also supply schools with free resources for Walk to School weeks and other school travel events.

Contact: James Drew

☎ 01865 815955

E-mail: james.drew@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Woodland Project/Tree Planting

Although not providing specific grants in this area, the Countryside Services office at Woodstock does a considerable amount of work putting people in touch with grant providers and helping them to secure grants.

Contact: Eric Dougliss

☎ 01993 814141

E-mail: forestry@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Woodland Project Contact : David Rees

☎01993 814140.

E-mail: owp@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Youth Opportunities Fund, Youth Capital Fund and Chill Out Fund,

The overall aim of the funds is to improve the provision of 'positive activities for young people by:

- increasing things to do and places to go in Oxfordshire;
- improving the quality and diversity of activities available and the health and wellbeing of young people;
- increasing young people's engagement in the planning, development and delivery of activities/projects;
- providing opportunities for young people to develop their confidence, knowledge, skills and abilities and
- meeting one or more of the Every Child Matters five outcomes - *being healthy, staying safe, enjoying and achieving, making a positive contribution and achieving economic wellbeing*

In addition the Youth Opportunities and Youth Capital Funds give young people the power to decide how the funds should be spent. Teams of young people in grant giving panels will make the decisions on bids made by their peers.

The Youth Opportunities Fund provides funding for revenue projects (approx £300,000 per year). Applicants must be young people themselves supported by an adult sponsor. Bids can be up to a maximum of £7,500 and young people bidding will be expected to attend a decision making panel to present their bid and be 'interviewed'. Decisions will be made on a monthly basis.

The Youth Capital Fund provides funding for capital projects (approx £300,000 per year). Applicants must be young people themselves, again supported by an adult sponsor. Bids can be for capital projects of between £2,500 and £50,000. All applicants will be expected to attend a decision making panel to present their bid. Decisions are made twice a year in May and September. The closing dates for bids are May 8 and September 8.

Both the Youth Opportunities and the Youth Capital Funds are focussed on young people aged 13 – 19, but there is flexibility at either end of the age range.

The Chill Out Fund provides funding of approximately £200,000 per year for both revenue and capital bids. Applicants can be young people or adults from

a broad range of organisations and agencies working with children and young people across Oxfordshire. The Chill Out Fund will provide matched funding of up to £5,000 to successful applicants (Match funding needs to be in place before an application can be made). Decisions are made monthly (except in June 09) through the Oxfordshire County Council Members delegated decision process so applications are heard at a public meeting.

Further information about these funds, including guidance notes and application forms are on www.spired.com. Further details can also be obtained:

Contact: Ruth Kempson

☎ 01865 815166

E-mail: ruth.kempson@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Community Chest Project

Every year £55,000 of grants are made to children and young people aged 5-13. The grant is to fund the cost of an activity or transport to the activity or for equipment or kit to do an activity. The Community Chest Project aims to support children and young people to join in, learn new skills, make friends, feel good about themselves and have fun!

Funding is available for activities such as:

play schemes; dance; karate; football; scouts; swimming; skating; music classes; money for family days out.

There is also **Community Chest Friends** which provides money for groups of children who want to set up a new activity.

More information about how to apply and what can and can't be funded can be found on the County Council website

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/communitychest>,

or, if you prefer, by contacting:

Sally Barker - Participation and Play Team

☎ 01865 256648

E-mail: sally.barker@oxfordshire.gov.uk

E-mail: communitychest@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Play Pot Scheme

Voluntary and community organisations can apply for up to £2,000 each year to run innovative play activities for children and young people, primarily aged 5-13. Funding decisions are made by a panel of trained and supported children and young people. Applications are assessed three times a year. The Play Pot will initially run to March 2011 and has £25,000 to allocate each year.

Contact: Alison Partridge

☎ 01865 256647

E-mail: alison.partridge@oxfordshire.gov.uk

District and City Council Funds

In addition to the specific District and City Council funding opportunities listed in this section, Parish and Town Council Clerks are also an excellent source of information on grants and funding that may be available in your area.

To find out how to contact your Parish or Town Council go to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk, click on the **About Your Council** section, then **Local Government in Oxfordshire** and finally **Parish and Town Councils**.

Cherwell District Council

More information can be found on the Cherwell District Council Website:
<http://www.cherwell-dc.gov.uk/>

Voluntary Young People's Grants

Grants to support youth groups and organisations to kick start new initiatives and provide new opportunities for young people age 9 years and over in the Cherwell District.

Contact: Jon Wild
☎ 01295 221716
E-mail: jon.wild@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Play Grants

Grants to support voluntary play organisations and groups to enhance play provision in the Cherwell District.

Contact: Jon Wild
☎ 01295 221716
E-mail: jon.wild@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Arts Awards

Awards to support local groups and organisations to develop arts opportunities in the Cherwell District.

Contact: Arts Officer
☎ 01295 221729
E-mail: arts.visitorservices@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Grants for Arts

Grants to support professional organisations delivering a programme of work in the Cherwell District.

Contact: Arts Development Officer
☎ 01295 221701
E-mail: arts.visitorservices@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Recreation and Sports Development Grants

Grants are awarded to clubs/groups striving to increase the level of participation in sport and physical activity in Cherwell District. The grant can also be used to assist coaches/instructors to gain or further their qualifications to be in a position to offer more opportunities to Cherwell participants.

Contact: Tom Gubbins

☎ 01295 221720

E-mail: tom.gubbins@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Community Hall Grants

Grants to support the provision and improvement of community halls and sports pavilions.

Contact: Philip Rolls

☎ 01295 221697

E-mail: philip.rolls@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Recreation and Sports Facilities Grants

Grants to support projects that involve the establishment of new, and the enhancement of existing, recreation areas and sports pitches.

Contact: Philip Rolls

☎ 01295 221697

E-mail: philip.rolls@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Play and Youth Activity Areas Grants

Grants to support projects that involve the establishment of new, and the enhancement of existing, public play areas and youth activity areas.

Contact: Philip Rolls

☎ 01295 221697

E-mail: philip.rolls@cherwell-dc.gov.uk:

Community Association Grants

Grants to support the establishment of new, and the development of existing, community associations.

Contact: Pauline McCreadie

☎ 01295 221645

E-mail: pauline.McCreadie@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Seniors Grants

Grants to support the establishment of new, and the development of existing, seniors' organisations.

Contact: David Symcox

☎ 01295 227907

E-mail: david.symcox@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Voluntary Organisation Grants

Grants to support voluntary organisations to deliver key services within the Cherwell District.

Contact: Pauline McCreadie

☎ 01295 221645

E-mail: pauline.mccreadie@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Countryside Access

Grants available to set up recreational routes along public rights of way and produce accompanying interpretative material that can be used to promote understanding of the countryside, tourism, and healthy lifestyles.

Nature Reserves – grants available for projects that involve the establishment of new, and the enhancement of existing, nature reserves that have some public benefit either in the form of community involvement, access, or educational value. Eligible sites include nature reserves owned by formally constituted non-profit making organisations. These include community woodlands, wetlands, quarries and meadows.

Countryside Access Projects

Contact: Kevin Larnar

☎ 01295 221706

E-mail: kevin.larnar@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Nature Reserve Projects

Contact: Susan Marchand

☎ 01295 221707

E-mail: susan.marchand@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Discretionary rate relief

Assistance towards the cost of business rates for voluntary organisations.

Contact: Ray Cox

☎ 01295 227042

E-mail: ray.cox@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Housing – Improvements and Alterations

Grants for improvements or alterations to provide access for disabled people are available for registered disabled owner-occupiers or landlords.

Contact: Mark Taylor

☎ 01295 221658

E-Mail: mark.taylor@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Housing – Start-Up

Voluntary housing organisations can apply for help for running and start up costs for projects to assist those with no secure accommodation.

Contact: Helen Town

☎ 01295 227991

E-Mail: helen.town@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Transport

Proposals for specific projects for improved community transport, particularly for people with mobility problems, are considered upon receipt.

Contact: Grahame Helm

☎ 01295 221615

E-Mail: grahame.helm@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

Oxford City Council

More information can be found on the City Council Website:
www.oxford.gov.uk

Arts Development Fund

The Arts Development Fund provides small scale project grants for the arts, mainly to provide match funding for applications to other funding bodies, such as Awards for All. Grants from this fund are awarded on condition that the project successfully secures funding from other sources.

To be eligible, the project must:

- relate to Oxford people
- be a 'not-for-profit' activity
- seek no more than 50% of the total project cost (typically no more than 20%)
- not be seeking funding retrospectively

The application will be assessed against the following criteria:

- benefit to an Oxford community or communities
- development of new audiences and/or participants
- is of an innovative or developmental nature
- increases opportunities for Oxford based artists or performers

Organisations/groups can apply for a grant if:

- they are 'not-for-profit'
- they have a bank or building society account with at least two signatories required for each transaction
- they have not already received support from the fund in the current financial year

Organisations already in receipt of other Oxford City Council funding may be considered if the project is a significant development or innovation of their existing work. Details of Council funding received should be included with the application.

Individual artists wishing to run projects of benefit to a specific community are eligible to apply if:

- a separate bank account is set up for the project
- evidence of support from the intended beneficiaries is provided

Closing dates are available from the Arts Development Officer. We aim to make decisions within four weeks of the closing date. The grant must be spent within a year of being awarded.

All applicants are recommended to meet with the Arts Development Officer before completing the application.

Contact: Laura Worsfold, Arts Officer (Strategic Development)

☎ 01865 242618

E-mail: lworsfold@oxford.gov.uk

Bus Passes for Senior Citizens

Over 60's and disabled people are entitled to free off-peak travel on all local buses anywhere in England.

To apply for a pass please come in person with supporting evidence to St Aldate's Chambers, St Aldate's, Oxford between the following times:

9am - 5pm Monday, Tuesday

10am - 5pm Wednesday, Thursday

9am - 4.30pm Friday

To qualify you will need to provide the following supporting documentary evidence:

1. Proof of where you permanently live. Examples include utility bills, driving licence, Council Tax bill, tenancy agreement, benefits agency letter, medical card.
2. Proof of your age. Examples include birth certificate, current passport, documentation from the Department of Work and Pensions.
3. Supporting evidence showing that you fall into one or more of eight disability categories is required if you are applying on grounds of disability.

Contact: Customer Services

☎ 01865 252849

E-mail: customerservices@oxford.gov.uk

Business-Rates Discounts and Exemptions

Discounts and exemptions are available for Business Rates.

Contact: The Business Rates office

☎ 01865 252854

E-mail: brates@oxford.gov.uk

Capital Grants

Capital grants are available for projects that are based in Oxford or predominantly benefit Oxford. These cannot be used for revenue costs, e.g. salaries, maintenance, repairs and other running costs. Grants can be for up to 75% of the capital costs.

Contact: Julia Tomkins, Grants Officer

☎ 01865 252685

E-mail: grants@oxford.gov.uk

Community Centre Grants

Grants are available towards purchases of small equipment and training, normally under £500. Constituted Community Associations based in Oxford City can apply.

Contact: Ian Preedy

☎ 01865 252663

E-mail: ipreedy@oxford.gov.uk

Energy Advice

For energy saving advice, please contact the Energy Saving Advice Centre:

☎ 0800 512 012

E-mail: usea@usea.org.uk

Oxford City Council Environmental Development

The Oxford Home Improvement Agency provides the following services:-

Disabled Facilities Grants –

For essential adaptations to give you freedom of movement into and around your home and to provide essential facilities.

A Mandatory Means Tested Grant open to owner-occupiers, Housing Association, Council and private tenants.

To apply applicants must be assessed by an Occupational Therapist.

Essential Repairs Grants-

For basic repairs to your home.

A Mandatory Means Tested Grant open to owner-occupiers aged 18 or over who have been in residence for three years or more.

Flexible Home Improvement Loans

For improvements to make homes safer, warmer, healthier and more comfortable.

To apply applicants must be owner occupiers and aged over 60 years.

Home from Hospital

To ensure hospital patients can return to their homes safely and securely.

Works typically include fitting key safes, handrails, grab rails and moving furniture.

Small Repairs Service

To provide minor adaptations in order that people aged over 60 can live independently, safely & securely.

Works typically include basic plumbing, electrical and household repairs. A small labour fee plus cost of materials is charged for the service.

Contact:

☎ 01865 252887

www.oxford.gov.uk/environment

Grants to Community and Voluntary Groups in Oxford

For up to date information on support available to community and voluntary groups please contact the Grants Officer.

In the past grants have been available to organisations that satisfy basic eligibility such as, the organisation exists not for profit, can provide a constitution, accounts and equal opportunities statement. Past grants have been targeted at groups whose work supports the Councils Core Priorities. Future support is likely to be outcomes based.

Application packs are normally available in late September with the closing date for applications normally November/December.

Contact: Julia Tomkins, Grants Officer

☎01865 252685

E-mail: grants@oxford.gov.uk

Historic Buildings Grants

Small grants are available towards the cost of works to restore historic buildings and structures.

Contact: Sarah Billam

☎01865 252640

E-mail: sbillam@oxford.gov.uk

Small Grants Scheme

A number of small grants are available during the financial year. For more information contact the Grants Officer

Contact: Julia Tomkins, Grants Officer

☎01865 252597

E-mail: grants@oxford.gov.uk

Keeping Warm

There are various grants and loans available to help you insulate your home, improve your heating or help you manage your fuel bills. For more information contact Oxford City Council's Sustainable Energy Team

Contact: Energy Team

☎01865 252197

E-mail: home_energy@oxford.gov.uk

Tenants and Residents Association Grants

This funding is available to help support the running costs of local tenant and

resident group activities, including Oxford City Council housing. The amount of funding received by a group will depend on the number of Council properties within the area covered by the group. The applicant group will need a constitution and should be run by a committee. The Tenant Participation Team can help groups put together a simple constitution and offer advice on running meetings, etc.

Help with printing and photocopying costs and information and advice may also be available for your group through facilities at the Oxford Tenants' Resource Centre, which is located at the Oxford City Council Depot on Horspath Road. Please ring the Tenant Participation Team for more information using the details below.

Contact: Tenant Participation Team

☎01865 335424, extension: 705

E-mail: TPTeam@oxford.gov.uk

South Oxfordshire District Council

More information can be found on the South Oxfordshire District Council Website: www.southoxon.gov.uk

The Council has several different grant aid streams for projects and activities that benefit the local community and improve the quality of life for residents within South Oxfordshire. The Council's grants scheme is only open to not-for-profit organisations.

Revenue grants

There are two types of revenue award applications available:

- Ongoing revenue grants towards ongoing activity costs, i.e. that run throughout the year. The deadline for applications is in September every year. **However this budget is fully utilised and awards are not open to new applications for the foreseeable future.**
- One-off revenue grants for short-term activities/projects which do not run throughout the year. These are available for application throughout the year with decisions made within eight weeks.

Applications must link to one or more of the following issues:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protecting our environment• Helping people to find homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transforming Didcot• Helping people feel safe and secure
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supporting economic growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improving opportunities, activities and support for young people
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthening local communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managing our own business effectively

Contact: Edward Nieburg

☎ 01491 823614

E-mail: ed.nieburg@southoxon.gov.uk

Capital Grants

Our Community Investment Fund provides capital grants for community initiatives. The grants are for capital expenditure, e.g. buildings and equipment, such as village halls and sports pavilions.

The closing dates are:

- Grants for awards under £25,000 – **31 March / 31 July / 30 November**
- Grants for awards of £25,000 or over – **31 March**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting our environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transforming Didcot
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping people to find homes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping people feel safe and secure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting economic growth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving opportunities, activities and support for young people
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening local communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing our own business effectively

Like all grant schemes we have a limited budget and cannot fund all of the activities we would like to. We have therefore made sure the grant application criteria link to our strategic objectives. This will ensure the grants support our priorities for improving the local quality of life. If you are thinking of applying for a grant you must make sure your project clearly supports one or more of the objectives set out above.

Contact: Edward Nieburg

☎ 01491 823614

E-mail: ed.nieburg@southoxon.gov.uk

**Young Achievers AWARD Scheme:
Arts and Sport Awards – Individual Applications**

To assist towards expenses and to offer encouragement to young people to develop their proven talent in the arts and sport, the Council makes awards of up to £250. Applicants must be aged between 11 and 19, live in South Oxfordshire and be able to demonstrate an exceptional talent in their chosen field.

Contact: Edward Nieburg

☎ 01491 823614

E-mail: ed.nieburg@southoxon.gov.uk

Citizenship Award - Nomination

Residents of South Oxfordshire can be nominated for a citizenship award for outstanding community acts and voluntary service.

Nominees must be aged between 11 and 19 years old, live in the area of South Oxfordshire and have undertaken an outstanding voluntary act / service within the last twelve months.

Contact: Edward Nieburg

☎ 01491 823614

E-mail: ed.nieburg@southoxon.gov.uk

Disabled Facilities and Home Repair Assistance

Disabled Facilities Grants may be available, subject to a test of the financial resources of the applicant, to meet certain needs of disabled home occupiers. Home Repair Assistance may be available to carry out urgent repairs to the home or to improve home security. For more information please contact the District Council.

Contact: Elicia Bolam
☎ 01491 823238
E-mail: elicia.bolam@southoxon.gov.uk

Contact: Howard Jacobs
☎ 01491 823332
E-mail: howard.jacobs@southoxon.gov.uk

Anchor Staying Put

Anchor Staying Put is part of Anchor Trust and provides a service to older, disabled and vulnerable homeowners, helping them to maintain independence in their own homes. Staying Put offers confidential advice, support and assistance including benefit advice and information on grants available, including Disabled Facilities Grants, Essential Repair Grants and Charitable Trusts. Staying Put also offers assistance with small repairs.

Contact: Jay Whistler
☎ 01491 823892
E-mail: jay.whistler@anchor.org.uk

National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) Discretionary Relief

Assistance towards NNDR rate relief for voluntary organisations and businesses.

Contact: Paul Howden
☎ 01491 823830
E-mail: paul.howden@southoxon.gov.uk

Contact: Vicky Johnson
☎ 01235 540318
E-mail: vicky.johnson@southoxon.gov.uk

Free Bus Travel and Concessions

Concessionary Fares

Free national bus passes for the over 60's, or disabled persons and their necessary travel companions, or for those aged 70 or over. £20 worth of National Transport Tokens as an alternative to a bus pass is available. Additional travel tokens are available for disabled persons.

Contact: Jayne Bolton
☎ 01491 823136
E-mail: jayne.bolton@southoxon.gov.uk

Energy Efficiency

United Sustainable Energy Agency (USEA) is a not for profit company working in partnership with South Oxfordshire District Council. It operates the region's Energy Saving Trust advice centre which offers free, impartial and expert advice on saving energy, generating your own energy and traveling with lower carbon emissions.

Contact: Energy Saving Trust advice centre

☎ 0800 512 012

Web: www.est.org.uk

United Sustainable Energy Agency (USEA) also manages Cocoon, a comparison service which helps homeowners find the best deals on home insulation. Cocoon provides at least two estimates from reputable installers including any grants for which you may be eligible.

Contact: Cocoon

☎ 0800 80 48 777

Web: www.cocoonyourhome.co.uk

Rural Development Funding Initiative Southern Oxfordshire LEADER

The Southern Oxfordshire Local Action Group has successfully secured £1.89 million to help support rural communities in southern Oxfordshire. This funding, as part of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, will help to revitalise and support rural businesses and communities in Southern Oxfordshire between now and 2013.

The Southern Oxfordshire Local Action Group is a multi-sector partnership, led by local business and community representatives, and local farmers, with support from South Oxfordshire District Council and the Vale of the White Horse District Council.

To apply for funding from Southern Oxfordshire LEADER your business or organisation needs to be situated within the boundaries of the designated Southern Oxfordshire area, please see the map on the project's website www.southernoxfordshireleader.org.uk

The Southern Oxfordshire LEADER project aims to deliver the following five themes:

- **Encouraging enterprise and business innovation**
- **Improving tourism in rural locations and enhancing heritage and landscape**
- **Addressing social exclusion**
- **Skills development for rural areas**
- **Addressing climate change is a cross cutting theme which has also been adopted**

Any project supported will need to fit within one or more of these themes.

Likely projects to be developed include:

- Rural community projects
- Support for rural micro-businesses
- Projects that add-value to local food and produce
- Woodland projects
- Farm diversification projects
- Renewable energy initiatives

Grants are available for up to £50,000, but typically they will be for £20,000 - £30,000 and they can only be used for between 30% and 50% of the cost of a project.

If you are interested in applying for a grant or would like some further information contact Kate Forrest

☎ 01491 823176

E-mail: info@southernoxfordshireleader.org.uk.

For more information visit www.southernoxfordshireleader.org.uk

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Vale of White Horse District Council

More information can be found on the Vale of White Horse District Council website: <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk>

Community Grants

The Council has a modest budget for discretionary grants to help parish councils, voluntary or community organisations (including clubs and societies), wholly or partly based in the Vale of White Horse District.

Grants can be awarded to applicants who are able to demonstrate that their project, service or event supports the Vale Community Strategy 2008-16 by working to 'improve the quality of life in the Vale'. Applications are considered for grants towards revenue costs as well as capital projects.

Evidence of working in partnership with other community-based organisations will assist an application.

Applicants must show evidence of their own fundraising efforts, have sought financial support from their Town or Parish Council(s) and have tried other possible sources of funding.

Applications are considered by four Area Committees, according to the location of the project, service or event; projects, services or events which are Vale-wide are considered by the Executive. Area Committees normally meet three times during the year and grants are submitted to the Executive twice each year, usually in April and October. For dates of the Committee meetings and deadlines for submitting applications please visit the Vale's web-site.

Contact: Administrative Assistant, Community Grants

☎ 01235 520202 Ext 721

E-mail: Community Strategy Officer: lorna.edwards@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

or visit the Council's web-site:

http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/community_support_and_advice/Community_grants/default.asp

Other sources of funding

A community funding advice service for local community groups and charities is provided by Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action (OCVA) on behalf of the Council. Enquiries can be made by telephone, e-mail or post.

Contact: OCVA

☎ 01865 251946

E-mail: funding@ocva.org.uk

Joint Environmental Trusts (JETs)

There are four JETs in the Vale; in Abingdon, Wantage, Faringdon and Grove. They award grants to individuals or voluntary organisations for projects which help to preserve the best of the physical appearance of the four towns and to help improve the environment. Grants may be awarded towards the cost of restoring historic buildings, re-introducing or improving traditional shop fronts

(in Abingdon, Wantage and Faringdon) or carrying out environmental improvements such as landscaping public open spaces. Each Trust meets four times a year.

Contact: Environmental Planning and Conservation Team

☎ 01235 520202 Ext 511

E-mail: melanie.potter@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Housing

A range of discretionary grants are available mainly to elderly home-owners and are subject to budget availability. In addition an equity release programme is available for older people. People who are registered disabled (includes all tenures) may be eligible for a mandatory disabled facilities grant to access basic facilities and access to their home. This grant is subject to both financial and medical assessment. In the first instance enquiries should be made to the occupational therapist.

Contact: Nigel Johnson

☎ 01235 540409

E-mail: nigel.johnson@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Transport

Grants for improvements in local transport facilities are available through our membership of the Oxfordshire Community Transport and Accessibility Partnership. Further information is available from: Philip Newbould at Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC).

Contact: Philip Newbould

☎ 01865 883488.

E-mail: philip.newbould@oxonrcc.org.uk

Energy

All grants are available subject to budget conditions.

Free Insulation

Free loft and cavity wall insulation is available to home owners and tenants who rent their home from a private landlord who are in receipt of benefits or aged over 70. The cost of the work is met through a grant paid by an energy utility company. Many insulation companies can offer this service to customers; however, the Council can recommend two insulation discount schemes.

Contact: either Cocoon or the HEAT Project for more information and for a free no-obligation survey.

Cocoon

☎ 0800 80 48 777

Web: www.cocoonyourhome.co.uk

Or

The HEAT Project

☎ 0800 093 40 50

Web: www.heatproject.co.uk

Energy Incentive Insulation Grant

The cost of loft and cavity wall insulation is subsidised by the energy utility companies. In addition to this the Council offers a grant of up to £100 to further reduce the cost of insulating your home.

The £100 Energy Incentive Grant is available to home owners and private renting tenants who are not in receipt of a benefit and are aged under 70. Tenants must seek the permission of their landlord. The grant must be claimed in conjunction with one of the two insulation subsidy schemes supported by the Council, Cocoon or the HEAT Project.

The maximum amount that can be claimed is £100 (£50 if loft insulation is installed and only £50 if cavity wall insulation is installed). Applications for the grant must be made before the insulation work is started.

For more information and to apply contact either Cocoon or the HEAT Project.

Cocoon

☎ 0800 80 48 777

Web: www.cocoonyourhome.co.uk

Or

The HEAT Project

☎ 0800 093 40 50

Web: www.heatproject.co.uk

Warm Front Top-Up Grant

The Warm Front Top-Up Grant is intended to cover the cost of work deemed necessary that exceeds the maximum value of the Warm Front grant of £3,500. The maximum grant that can be awarded is £1,000. See below for more information on the Warm Front Grant.

To apply contact the Vale of White Horse District Council Energy Team

☎ 01235 520 202

Web: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Warm Front Grant

The Warm Front grant is a government scheme which offers grants of up to £3,500 (or £6,000 where oil central heating is required) for heating and insulation improvements to homes. The grant is available to home owners and tenants who rent their home from a private landlord. (Tenants must seek the permission of their landlord).

The Warm Front grant is available to people aged over 60, or with children, or disabled people who are in receipt of certain benefits. The Warm Front grant provides a package of energy efficiency improvements including central heating (where the existing heating system is defective), loft insulation, cavity wall insulation and draught proofing.

For more information and to apply contact Warm Front.

☎ 0800 316 2814

Web: www.warmfront.co.uk

£300 Heating Rebate

This £300 rebate is available to all householders aged 60 or over who own their home or rent it from a private landlord, who either have no central heating system or one which is inoperable. (Tenants must seek the permission of their landlord). The £300 can be put towards the cost of repairs.

For more information and to apply contact Warm Front.

www.warmfront.co.uk

☎ 0800 316 6012

For advice on how to save energy please contact the Energy Saving Trust on 0800 512 012 or visit the website at www.energysavingtrust.org.uk.

Rural Communities

Southern Oxfordshire LEADER

The Southern Oxfordshire Local Action Group has successfully secured £1.89 million to help support rural communities in southern Oxfordshire. This funding, as part of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, will help to revitalise and support rural businesses and communities in southern Oxfordshire between now and 2013.

The Southern Oxfordshire Local Action Group is a multi-sector partnership, led by local business and community representatives, and local farmers, with support from the Vale of the White Horse District Council and South Oxfordshire District Council.

To apply for funding from Southern Oxfordshire LEADER your business or organisation needs to be situated within the boundaries of the designated Southern Oxfordshire area, please see the map on the project's website www.southernoxfordshireleader.org.uk

The Southern Oxfordshire LEADER project aims to deliver the following five themes;

- **Encouraging enterprise and business innovation.**
- **Improving tourism in rural locations and enhancing heritage and landscape.**
- **Addressing social exclusion.**
- **Skills development for rural areas.**
- **Addressing climate change is a cross cutting theme which has also been adopted.**

Any project supported will need to fit within one or more of these themes.

Likely projects to be developed include;

- Rural community projects
- Support for rural micro-businesses
- Projects that add-value to local food and produce
- Woodland projects

- Farm diversification projects
- Renewable energy initiatives

Grants are available for up to £50,000, but typically they will be for £20,000 - £30,000 and they can only be used for between 30% and 50% of the cost of a project.

If you are interested in applying for a grant or would like some further information

Contact: Kate Forrest

☎ 01491 823176

E-mail: info@southernoxfordshireleader.org.uk.

For more information visit www.southernoxfordshireleader.org.uk

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West Oxfordshire District Council

More information can be found on the West Oxfordshire District Council Website: <http://www.westoxon.gov.uk>

Arts Achievement Award

Provides financial support and public recognition for individuals, aged 14 years and above, who are participating in the arts in West Oxfordshire and showing great promise.

Contact: Heather McCulloch / Hannah Cervenka

☎ 01993 861080

E-mail: leisureandtourism@westoxon.gov.uk

Arts Higher Achievers Award

Supports individuals in West Oxfordshire who are achieving excellence in the arts.

Contact: Heather McCulloch / Hannah Cervenka

☎ 01993 861080

E-mail: leisureandtourism@westoxon.gov.uk

Business Rate Relief

Available to support local businesses and voluntary organisations across West Oxfordshire.

Contact: Isabel Collins

☎ 01993 861070

E-mail: local.taxation@westoxon.gov.uk

Community Safety (Crime and Disorder Reduction/Drugs)

Supports the aims and objectives of the West Oxfordshire Community Safety Strategy. Organisations involved in crime and disorder reduction may apply.

Contact: Monica Downton

☎ 01993 861634

E-mail: community.services@westoxon.gov.uk

Concessionary Travel

A concessionary travel scheme is available to permanent residents in West Oxfordshire who are eligible to apply under the following scheme conditions:

- People aged 60 and over
- People with disabilities, and their carers

Concessionary Travel Scheme application forms are available from:

Customer Adviser

☎ 01993 861090

E-mail: enquiries@westoxon.gov.uk

Bus Operators claim for re-imburement:-

Contact: Chris Burch
☎ 01993 861177
E-mail: chris.burch@westoxon.gov.uk

Disabled Facilities Grants

Assistance with adaptations to homes to meet the needs of a disabled occupant.

Contact: Diana Ray
☎ 01993 861060
E-mail: diana.ray@westoxon.gov.uk

Heritage Grant

Supports local history groups and museums to develop heritage opportunities in West Oxfordshire.

Contact: Diane Blackwell
☎ 01993 861080
E-mail: leisureandtourism@westoxon.gov.uk

Improved Rural Transport

Supports rural/community transport projects and/or development projects and is available to community transport groups and other partnership groups.

Contact: Philip Newbould - Oxfordshire Rural Community Council
☎ 01865 883488
E-mail: philip.newbould@oxonrcc.org.uk

Individual Development in Sport, Active Recreation and Play

Assists individuals who wish to achieve coaching, play, officiating or leadership qualifications and/or further develop their skills to help others in their chosen sport or activity.

Contact: Rachel Bloomfield
☎ 01993 861080
E-Mail: leisureandtourism@westoxon.gov.uk

West Oxfordshire & Cherwell Partnership

Facilitation and support for rural projects looking for funding either through the Rural Development Programme (managed in the South East by SEEDA) or alternative funding sources which are more applicable. This facility is available within rural West Oxfordshire and Cherwell Districts until February 2012.

Contact: Sara Anthony

☎ 01993-861484

E-mail: sara.anthony@westoxon.gov.uk

Lottery Support Grant

Assists clubs/groups and organisations who are seeking to gain Lottery or similar funding, through contributing to the partnership element of their application.

Contact: Stuart Wilson

☎ 01993 861552

Email: stuart.wilson@westoxon.gov.uk

Other Housing Assistance

Grants may be available for the over 60's to help bring their homes up to the Decent Homes Standard. For more information please contact the District Council.

Contact: Diana Ray

☎ 01993 861060

E-mail: diana.ray@westoxon.gov.uk

Cottsway Welcommunity Fund

Funding up to £1,000 for community groups or individuals with projects that benefit residents in the West Oxfordshire Area. Applications need to show the grant will be used for:

- Young people and children
- Helping address rural issues
- Preventing debt, providing financial advice and reducing poverty
- Reducing climate change and improving energy efficiency

If you can tick any of the above then Cottsway could fund the following:

- New groups and projects starting up
- Existing groups to start up projects and/or expand their services
- Groups and projects that encourage local people to get involved
- Groups and projects that are working with 'hard to reach' groups
- Items of equipment
- Local events and one-off projects
- Training to improve your group/project's effectiveness, e.g. management of your group/project, budgeting
- Printing and publicity
- Environmental projects and improvements.

For further information or an application form, please visit www.cottsway.co.uk or contact us:

Contact: Andy Cross

☎ 01993 890000

E-mail: andy.cross@cottsway.co.uk

Outdoor Recreation and Play Facilities Grant

Supports town/parish councils, playing field committees and play area management groups, who are formally constituted, with the provision of outdoor recreation and play facilities for their community.

Contact: Tara Nielsen

☎ 01993 861080

E-mail: leisureandtourism@westoxon.gov.uk

Sports Achievement Award

Provides financial support and public recognition for individuals in West Oxfordshire competing at a minimum of county standard or equivalent, aged 14 years and above.

Contact: Rachel Bloomfield

☎ 01993 861080

E-mail: leisureandtourism@westoxon.gov.uk

Sports Higher Achievers Award

Supports individuals in West Oxfordshire who are achieving excellence in sport.

Contact: Rachel Bloomfield

☎ 01993 861080

E-mail: leisureandtourism@westoxon.gov.uk

Sport and Active Recreation Grant

Assists formally constituted sports clubs, playing field management committees and similar voluntary organisations who wish to fund a capital project to improve or support the provision of sport and active recreation opportunities within West Oxfordshire.

Contact: Rachel Bloomfield

☎ 01993 861080

E-mail: leisureandtourism@westoxon.gov.uk

Support for the Arts

Supports groups in the development of arts opportunities in West Oxfordshire with an annual deadline of 15 February.

Contact: Heather McCulloch / Hannah Cervenka

☎ 01993 861080

E-mail: leisureandtourism@westoxon.gov.uk

Village and Community Halls Minor Grant

Assists village hall management committees and organisations managing community centres by contributing towards the costs associated with improvements to existing buildings. This grant is for refurbishment, enhancements, improvements or purchase of fixtures and fittings. Applications for this grant are accepted quarterly in May, August, November and February.

Contact: Lynne Newin (ORCC)
☎ 01865 883488
Email: lynne.newin@oxonrcc.org.uk

Village and Community Halls Major Grant

Assists village hall management committees and organisations managing community centres with applications to external funding bodies by making a contribution towards the project costs. This grant is for the purchase and construction or significant improvement/refurbishment of a property. Applications for this grant are accepted annually in November.

Contact: Lynne Newin (ORCC)
☎ 01865 883488
Email: lynne.newin@oxonrcc.org.uk

Grant making trusts

Grant-making trusts are a further source of funding for voluntary and community groups. These are charities set up for the purpose of giving money to other charities. They range in size from multi-million pound national organisations with paid staff and formal application processes to small funds worth a few hundred pounds, able to give money in just one parish, and administered by volunteer trustees working from home.

There are various ways of searching for trusts that may fund you. The national charity, Directory of Social Change (DSC), maintains a database which it publishes in three formats: books, CD-ROM and a website. The cost ranges from £35 for a book covering trusts in the South of England to well over £100 for a CD or web subscription. The DSC website lists around 70 trusts which have some sort of an interest in Oxfordshire.

Funderfinder, another national charity, sells software which allows a targeted search of around 4500 grant making trusts, as well as providing a variety of free resources to assist in grant applications. Website www.funderfinder.org.uk

You may find it more cost-effective to use these and other resources for voluntary and community groups in the resource centre at Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action (OCVA). These are free to members or available at a small charge to non-members. Alternatively you may be able to borrow a book or CD from a library or a colleague. The website for OCVA is www.ocva.org.uk or speak to one of the Development Team on ☎ 01865 251946.

When applying to a Grant making trust, it is recommended that you examine their funding criteria very carefully. Some can only give to registered charities, and some can only give small amounts of money. Many have specific areas of work that they want to fund such as those working with children, medical research, or the environment.

Trusts that give money to voluntary and community groups in Oxfordshire are as follows:

Oxfordshire Community Foundation

Oxfordshire Community Foundation has various funding sources, including a new funding stream from the Office of the Third Sector, known as “Grassroots”.

This funding is targeted at small community organisations, and can be used for capital purchases or operational costs. The maximum Grant is £5,000 and minimum £250.

Organisations will ideally have been active in their community for not less than 12 months, have a governing document and income of less than £30,000 per annum.

For more information visit the OCF website www.oxfordshire.org or speak to Wally Cox on ☎ 01865 798666 (Email: grants@oxfordshire.org).

Trust For Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE)

TOE provides funding for a wide range of projects through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF), a national scheme allowing waste operators to divert a percentage of their annual Landfill Tax bill into the communities and environments around landfill sites.

Environmental and community projects are invited to apply for funding towards improvements to community buildings and playgrounds, restoration of historic buildings, countryside access, and biodiversity projects targeted at threatened species and habitats

The "Places for People" scheme, run in partnership with Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), continues to provide funds for local communities to improve access to local green spaces. The funds are available for installing new gates, for improving path surfaces, for signage and even creating new routes. Parish Councils and local voluntary environmental and community groups are invited to apply for grants of up to £10,000, and OCC is very willing to provide advice.

TOE are running a £50,000 Youth Volunteering Challenge Fund in conjunction with the involved team. Grants of up to £5,000 are available for young people (16-25 year olds) carrying out practical projects at urban and rural sites in the County. This might involve improving recreation grounds or community buildings, improving green and urban spaces such as rights of way and community gardens or practical conservation work to improve wildlife biodiversity.

Contact details:

For more information on any of the above or to discuss whether your project is suitable for funding under the Landfill Communities Fund contact Fiona Danks on ☎01865 883488, Email: toe@ruralnet.org.uk, or have a look at their website www.trustforoxfordshire.org.uk.

Other trusts that can give in Oxfordshire:

These are listed below with contact details, funding areas, and application details.

Fuller details on these and other grant making trusts can be found in the DSC's "Guide to the Major Trusts" and the "Guide to local Trusts in the South of England". These publications along with information on other funding sources are available to use at the OCVA resource centre and information points throughout the County (contact details and opening times on the Oxnet website www.oxnet.org.uk).

OCVA also produce a monthly funding newsletter giving up to date news on funding sources. This is available in the Funding and Development section on their website.

Details of the Trusts can also be found on the Charity Commission website www.charity-commission.gov.uk, using the registration number shown.

Trust Name & Charity Registration number	Contact details	Funding areas	Applications
The Ammco Trust Reg 327962	Mrs E M R Lewis Trustee Glebe Farm Hinton Waldrist, Faringdon Oxfordshire SN7 8RX	Disability, welfare, medical, special needs education, sport	In writing to the correspondent. A sae is appreciated
The Ashdene Trust Reg 270749	Sir Simon Hornby The Ham Wantage, Oxfordshire OX12 9JA Tel: 01235 770222	General, social welfare, ex-offenders, drug prevention, horticulture	In writing to the correspondent
Hon M L Astor's Charitable Trust Reg 214238	Mr D W Astor Trustee Dixon Wilson Chartered Accountants PO Box 900, Rother Wick House 3 Thomas More St London E1W 1YX Tel: 020 76808100	General charitable purposes	In writing. Registered charities only
Barnsbury Charitable Trust Reg 241383	Mr H L J Brunner Trustee 26 Norham Rd, Oxford OX2 6SF	General	In writing
Bartlett Taylor Charitable Trust Reg 285249	Mr G T Alty Trustee 24 Church Green, Witney OX8 6AT Tel: 01993 703941	General	In writing. Trustees meet bi- monthly
Bayne Benefaction Reg 203262	The Secretary 86 North Hinksey Lane Oxford OX2 0LY	For individual clergy; upholding the teaching of RE in church schools; supporting RE	On application form from correspondent. Return by September. Please enclose a SAE. Meet annually

Trust Name & Charity Registration number	Contact details	Funding areas	Applications
Bergqvist Charitable Trust Reg: 1015707	Mrs P A Bergqvist, Trustee Moat Farm Water Lane Ford Aylesbury, Bucks HP17 8XD Tel: 01296 748560 paberg@quintadelarosa.com	Medical research, children and young people, the arts	In writing to the correspondent
The Cumber Family Charitable Trust Reg: 291009	Mrs M E Tearney Trustee Manor Farm Marcham, Abingdon OX13 6NZ Tel: 01865 391327	Health, homelessness, disability, welfare, rural development, housing, agricultural development, youth and children's welfare and education	In writing to the correspondent. The trustees usually meet twice a year
Richard Early's Charitable Settlement Reg: 234347	C A Early, Trustee Grays, Far End Sheepscombe Gloucestershire GL6 7RL Tel: 01452 812067 c.early@btopenworld.com	Witney and Oxfordshire, Suffolk and Stroud, Gloucestershire	In writing to the correspondent
Doris Field Charitable Trust Reg: 328687	Morgan Cole, Solicitors Buxton Court 3 West Way. Oxford OX2 0SZ Tel: 01865 262600	General	On application form from correspondent. Trustees meet 3 times a year
Gladiator Trust Reg: 236740	John Joyce Secretary 102 Cherwell Drive Old Marston Oxford OX3 0NA Tel: 01865 242329	Christian	In writing. Trustees meet 4 times a year

Trust Name & Charity Registration number	Contact details	Funding areas	Applications
Gannett Foundation	Newsquest, Oxfordshire Osney Mead, Oxford, Ox2 OEJ Tel 01865 425262	Education, community, environment, culture	In writing, or online. Grants made twice a year. www.gannettfoundation/applicationuk.htm
Tom Hall Charitable Trust Reg: 268392	The Trustees 25 Moorgate, London EC2R 6AY	Medical, health, welfare, young people, sports	In writing
Halne and Smith Charitable Trust Reg: 1051167	Mrs J Hartwell, Clerk to the Trustees 7-8 Salisbury Road Business Park, Salisbury Road Pewsey, Wiltshire SN9 5PZ Tel: 01672 513686 charitabletrust@haineandsmith.co.uk	Poverty, sickness, people with disabilities, older people, education	In writing to the correspondent
Towards Independence Reg: 1018856	Geoff Groom Tel: 01993 830256	Small grants to adults with learning disabilities. West Oxfordshire and Cherwell districts	Phone for an application form
The C L Loyd Charitable Trust Reg: 265076	C L Loyd Trustee Betterton House Lockinge, Wantage OX12 8QL Tel: 01235 833265	General	In writing to the correspondent. Grants made several times each month
A H Lynall Foundation Reg: 252331	Mrs S I Morgan Trustee The Vicarage Lower Brailes, Banbury OX15 5HT	Churches, education, medical	In writing. Trustees meet in January and July
Mill Meadow Charitable Trust Reg: 802303	Mr M R Deeley Trustee 4 The Spinney Launton, Bicester OX25 6EP	People in need or requiring medical help	In writing

Trust Name & Charity Registration number	Contact details	Funding areas	Applications
Rosanna Taylor's 1987 Charity Trust Reg: 297210	Nicola Dewson The Cowdray Trust Ltd Pollen House 10-12 Cork Street London W1S 3LW	General, including support for medical, cancer, child development and environmental charities	Registered charities only. In writing to the correspondent
Karen June Thornton Trust Reg: 326337	Mrs G K J Thornton Trustee Harlesford House Stoke Talmage Rd Tetsworth OX9 7BU	Health, welfare, education, Christian, older people	In writing
Tolkein Trust Reg: 273615	Mrs Cathleen Blackburn 9400 Garsington Rd Oxford Business Park Oxford OX14 2HN 01865 722106 cathleen.blackburn@manches.com	Christian, especially Catholic, welfare, general	In writing
Robert & Felicity Waley-Cohen Charitable Trust Reg: 272126	R Waley-Cohen Trustee 18 Gilston Rd London SW10 9SR 020 72446022 ccopeman@alliance.co.uk	Jewish, education, fine arts, health	In writing
Peter Ward Charitable Trust Reg: 258403	Mr M D Stanford-Tuck Trustee c/o A J Carter & Co 22b High Street Witney OX28 6RB	General	Unsolicited applications are not normally considered

TRUSTS FOR SPECIFIC LOCATIONS AND AREAS IN OXFORDSHIRE

Trust Name and Charity Registration number	Contact details	Funding areas	Applications
Robert & Margaret Moss Charitable Trust Reg: 290760	Mr John Cole Trustee, c/o Morgan Cole Buxton Court 3 West Way, Oxford OX2 0SZ Tel: 01865 262600	Medical research, education, welfare	In writing
Ormonde Foundation Reg: 259057	L A Ponsonby Trustee 12 Moorgate, London EC2R 6DA	General	In writing
Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Reg: 235644	M Y Thompson Hon Secretary The Corner House South Stoke, Reading RG8 0JS Tel: 01491 872248 mythompson@btinternet.com www.ohct.org.uk	Churches and chapels	On form available from correspondent. Trustees meet in January, May and Sept
P F Charitable Trust Reg: 220124	D H Pocknee Secretary Ely House, 37 Dover St London W1S 4NJ Tel: 0207 4095685	General, particularly arts/heritage, health, welfare, education	In writing. Trustees meet monthly. No grants to non-registered charities
Sandford Trust Reg: 1044615	C A Ponsonby Trustee Woodleys House Woodleys Woodstock OX20 1HJ	General	In writing. Registered charities only
Schuster Charitable Trust Reg: 234580	Mrs J V Clarke Trustee Nether Worton House Middle Barton Chipping Norton OX7 7AT	General	In writing. Trustees meet in June and December
Souldern Trust Reg: 1001488	Dr R Sanders Trustee Souldern Manor Souldern Bicester, OX27 7LF	Educational, Medical	In writing

Trust Name & Charity Registration number	Contact details	Funding areas	Applications
Appleton Trust Reg: 201552	appleton.trust@yahoo.co.uk 01865 863709	Welfare - beneficial areas Appleton & Eaton	
Country Buildings Protection Trust, The (Ardington & Lockinge) Reg: 283059	Mr Julian Sayers Company Secretary Lockinge Estate Office Ardington Wantage OX12 8PP	Conservation	In writing to the correspondent
The Bampton Welfare Trust Reg: 202735	Mr David Pullman Mill Green Cottage Bampton OX18 2HF	General – beneficial areas Bampton, Aston and Lew	In writing
The Banbury Charities Reg: 201418	Anthony Scott Andrews Clerk 36 West Bar Banbury OX16 9RU	General, education - Banbury	In writing
The Bletchington Charity Reg: 201584	J Smith Trustee Quarry Bank House Gibraltar Hill, Enslow OX5 3AZ	Educational, medical, general	In writing
The Blewbury United Charities Reg: 203538	Ms L Hall Secretary 1 Dibleys, Blewbury OX11 9PT Tel: 01235 850070 Lin.Hall@btopenworld.com	Welfare	In writing. Trustees meet in April and October
The Charlbury & District Motor Fire Brigade Trust Reg: 800801	Mrs T Wilkins Secretary Evencroft Spelsbury Rd Charlbury, Chipping Norton OX7 3LR	General	In writing

Trust Name & Charity Registration number	Contact details	Funding areas	Applications
Ducklington and Hardwick with Yelford Charity Reg: 237343	Ms Joyce Parry Clerk 16 Feilden Close Ducklington Witney OX29 7XB	General - beneficial areas as left	In writing
Faringdon United Charities Reg: 237040	The Clerk Bunting & Co 7 Market Place Faringdon SN7 7HL	Welfare	In writing
Elizabeth Jackson Charitable Trust (Great Rollright) Reg: 1083421	Mr Charles McKenzie Olympus House Olympus Avenue Tachbrook Park Warwick CV34 6RJ Tel: 01926 886688	General	In writing
The Henley Educational Charity Reg: 309237	Mrs P Lewis Clerk 9 Damer Gardens Henley-on-Thames RG9 1HX	Education, general	Apply in writing for an application form
Martha Louise Jackson Bequest (Headington, Oxford) Reg: 1017126	Mrs A E Tarassenko Trustee 68 Old Road, Oxford OX3 7LP	Relief in need	In writing
Bishopsdown Trust (Oxford City) Reg: 326725	Jeff Alderson 409 Meadow Lane Iffley, Oxford OX4 4ED	Music (Oxford), sport for people who are disabled (UK)	In writing
Cooper Charitable Trust, The (Oxford City) Reg: 249879	G R Cooper Trustee Shepherd's Close Hinksey Hill, Oxford OX1 5BQ Tel: 01865 249931	General	In writing
Charity of Thomas Dawson (Oxford City) Reg: 203258	Mrs K K Lacey Clerk 56 Poplar Close Garsington, Oxford OX44 9BP Tel: 01865 368259	Educational	In writing

Trust Name & Charity Registration number	Contact details	Funding areas	Applications
DLM Charitable Trust, The (Oxford City) Reg: 328520	J A Cloke Trustee Cloke & Co Warnford Court Throgmorton St London EC2N 2AT Tel: 020 7638 8992	General	In writing Meet February, July and November
Lord Mayor of Oxford Charity Trust Reg: 259588	Jude Skipp Members' Services Officer Oxford City Council Town Hall St Aldates, Oxford OX1 1BX Tel: 01865 252414	General charitable purposes	In writing
Magdalen College Trust, The (Oxford City) Reg: 212815	Miss Heather Carol Rossotti Magdalen College, High St, Oxford OX1 4AU	Social welfare	In writing
City of Oxford Charity Reg: 239151	David Wright Clerk 11 Davenant Rd, Oxford OX2 8BT 01865 553043 david@oxfordcitycharities.fsnet.co.uk www.oxfordcitycharities.fsnet.co.uk	Welfare, education, older people. Mostly individuals	On form from correspondent. Trustees meet in March, June, Sept and Dec.
Oxford Preservation Trust Reg: 203043	Mrs D Dance Director 10 Turn Again Lane St Ebbe's, Oxford OX1 1QL 01865 242918 info@oxfordpreservation.org.uk www.oxfordpreservation.org.uk	Preservation and conservation	In writing. Initial telephone calls are welcome. Meet quarterly

Trust Name & Charity Registration number	Contact details	Funding areas	Applications
St Michael's & All Saints' Charities (Oxford City) Reg: 202750	Robert J Spencer Hawes St Michael's Church Centre St Michael at the North Gate Cornmarket St, Oxford OX1 3EY Tel: 01865 240940	Health, welfare	In writing
Stanton Ballard Trust, The (Oxford City) Reg: 294688	The Secretary PO Box 81 Oxfordshire, OX4 4ZA Tel: 0870 7605032	Children, disabled or older people	On application form available on receipt of a sae. No grants towards buildings or salaries
Steventon Allotments & Relief in Need Charity Reg: 203331	Mrs Patrina Effer 19 Lime Grove Southmoor, Abingdon OX13 5DN sarinc@patrina.co.uk	General	In writing. Trustees meet monthly
Cecil Pilkington Charitable Trust, The (Sunningwell) Reg: 249997	Mr McFarlane The Administrator McFarlane & Co, Cunard Building, Water Street Liverpool L3 1DS Tel: 0151 236 61261	Conservation, medical research, general	The Trust does not respond to unsolicited appeals
Thame Welfare Trust Reg: 241914	J Gadd 2 Cromwell Avenue Thame OX9 3TD Tel: 01844 212564	General	In writing. Meet twice a year
Witney	See Richard Early's Charitable Settlement shown in main section.		

As well as trusts with a specific interest in Oxfordshire, there are numerous trusts which can give throughout the UK. These often have clear priorities for funding and produce detailed guidelines for applicants. Some of the most well-known are listed below with contact details and the areas they fund shown in brackets.

The Allen Lane Foundation

(Unpopular causes)

The Executive Secretary

Allen Lane Foundation

90 The Mount

York YO24 1AR

Tel 01904 613223

Fax: 01904 613133

E-Mail: info@allenlane.org.uk Website: www.allenlane.org.uk

The Alchemy Foundation

(Health and welfare support grants in the UK and overseas)

Trevereux Manor

Limpsfield Chart, Oxted

Surrey

RH8 OTL

Tel: 01833 730600

Baily Thomas Charitable Fund

(Financial aid for children with severe learning and autism difficulties)

Secretary to the Trustees

C/o TMF management UK Ltd

400 Capability Green

Luton LU1 3AE

Tel: 01582 439225

Email: info@bailythomas.org.uk

Website: www.bailythomas.org.uk

BBC Children in Need

(Disadvantaged children)

PO Box 1000

London, W12 7WJ

Tel: 020 8576 7788

E-Mail : pudsey@bbc.co.uk

Website: www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey

The Charles Hayward Foundation

(Heritage and conservation, criminal justice, hospices, older people, overseas)

David Brown,

The Correspondent

The Charles Hayward Foundation

Hayward House, 45 Harrington Gardens

London SW7 4JU

Tel: 020 7370 7063 / 7067

Website: www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk

Comic Relief

(UK wide grants programme)
UK Grants Team, Comic Relief
5th Floor
89 Albert Embankment
London SE1 7TP
Tel: 020 7820 5555
Fax: 020 7820 5500
Email: info@comicrelief.com
Website: www.comicrelief.com

CHK Charities Limited

(General)
The Secretary and Administrator
CHK Charities Ltd
30 Gresham Street
London EC2V 7PG
Tel: 020 32077338
Fax: 020 32077665
Website: www.chkcharities.co.uk

The Clore Duffield Foundation

(Arts/museums, Jewish charities, education, older people, disabled people, children, young people)
Studio 3, Chelsea Manor Studios
Flood Street
London
SW3 5SR
Tel: 020 7351 6061 Fax: 020 7351 5308
E-Mail: info@cloreduffield.org.uk
Website: www.cloreduffield.org.uk

David Laing Foundation

(Youth, disability, mental health and the arts)
Fermyn Woods Hall
Fermyn Woods, Brigstock
Kettering
North Hants
Tel: 01536 373886

The Dulverton Trust

(Youth and education, welfare, conservation, Africa, humanitarian)
5 St James Place
London
SW1A 1NP
Tel: 0207 629 9121
Fax: 0207 495 6201
Email: trust@dulverton.org
Website: www.dulverton.org

The Ernest Cook Trust

(Education and environment)

The Secretary,

Estate Office, Fairford Park,

Fairford, Gloucestershire

GL7 4JH

Tel: 01285 712492 Fax: 01285 713417

Email: grants@ernestcooktrust.org.uk

Website: www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

(Social welfare, education, environment, arts and heritage)

Kings Place, 90 York Way

London

N1 9AG

Tel: 020 7812 3700

E-Mail: info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk

Website: www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk

Garfield Weston Foundation

(General)

Weston Centre,

10 Grosvenor Street

London

W1K 4QY

Tel: 020 7399 6565

Website: www.garfieldweston.org

The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation

(Arts, education, social welfare)

UK Branch

98 Portland Place

London

W1B 1ET

Tel: 020 37183334

E-Mail: info@gulbenkian.org.uk

Website: www.gulbenkian.org.uk

The Henry Smith Charity

(Wide ranging)

6th Floor

65 Leadenhall Street

London

EC3A 2AD

Tel: 020 72644970

Website: www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk

The LankellyChase Foundation

(Arts, breaking cycles of abuse, custody alternatives, community support)

1 The Court,

High Street

Harwell, Didcot

Oxfordshire

OX11 0EY

Tel: 01235 820044

Website: www.lankellychase.org.uk

Paul Hamlyn Foundation

(Arts, education, social justice)

18 Queen Anne's Gate, London

SW1H 9AA

Tel: 020 7227 3500

E-Mail: information@phf.org.uk

Website: www.phf.org.uk

The Percy Bilton Charity

(Disadvantaged / under privileged young people, people with disabilities, older people)

Mrs Wendy Fuller

Administrator

Bilton House, 7 Culmington Road

Ealing

London W13 9NB

Tel: 020 8579 2829

Website: www.percybiltoncharity.org.uk

Lloyds TSB Foundation

(Small to medium size underfunded charities working with disadvantaged groups)

Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales

Pentagon House

52-54 Southwark Street

London SE1 1UN

Phone Grants Manager(South Central) 07872 031 793

E-Mail: southcentral&swlondon@lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk

Website: www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk

The Nationwide Foundation

(Financial and/or housing related support to older people and survivors of domestic abuse)

Nationwide House

Pipers Way

Swindon, SN38 2SN

Tel: 01793 655113

E-Mail: enquiries@nationwidefoundation.org.uk

Web site: www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk

The Nuffield Trust

(Research and policy studies in health)
59 New Cavendish Street
London
W1G 7LP Tel: 020 7631 8450
E-Mail: info@nuffieldtrust.org.uk
Website: www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk

The Rank Foundation

(Christian, communication, young people, education, leadership, older people, disabled)
Mrs Jan Carter
12 Warwick Square
London
SW1U 2AA
Tel: 020 78347731
Email: jan.carter@rankfoundation.co.uk
Website: www.rankfoundation.com

Sainsbury Family Trusts

(Wide range of causes)
Allington House 1st floor
150 Victoria Street
London
SW1E 5AE
Tel: 020 74100330
Website: www.sfct.org.uk

The Tudor Trust

(Social welfare, general)
7 Ladbrooke Grove
London
W11 3BD
Tel: 020 7727 8522
Website: www.tudortrust.org.uk

LEADER Funding

The LEADER Programme is a major new source of funding for farmers, foresters, rural businesses and community organisations. The funding is part of the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE)

Monies are to be allocated between 2008 and 2013.

There are 3 LEADER programmes allocating money in Oxfordshire. Please check the websites below to identify which areas of Oxfordshire they cover and their funding themes/priorities:

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse

Contact Kate Forrest, Project Manager, at SODC on 01491 823176.

www.southernoxfordshireleader.org.uk

The Chilterns Local Action Group

Contact Nick Phillips, Project Manager, at Engage on 01844 210430.

www.chilternsaonb.org/caring/leader

North Wessex Downs

Contact Hazel Newman on 01458 253614.

[www.northwessexdowns.org.uk/wba/nwd-aonb/NWDWebsiteV2.nsf/\\$LUcontent/9.4?OpenDocument](http://www.northwessexdowns.org.uk/wba/nwd-aonb/NWDWebsiteV2.nsf/$LUcontent/9.4?OpenDocument)

Oxfordshire Housing Associations

Cottsway Welcommunity Fund

See entry under West Oxfordshire District Council, page 29.

Charter Plus

Funds available for community groups in the Cherwell district or Witney.

Funding is available for projects which:

- instigate or add value to the community activity in the area
- increase the capacity of residents to participate actively in their community
- contribute to improving the economic activity of the area
- improve the health and well being amongst local people
- improve opportunities for training and educational attainment or reduce the amount of youth disorder and anti social behaviour.

Application forms available from Jaz Kundi on 0845 0092404. Applications considered every 4 weeks. Funds are also available from a Community Chest Fund for amounts of up to £1,000 for community projects.

Lottery Funded Programmes

Fund	Description
<p>Access to Nature</p> <p>Closes June 2010</p> <p>Min £50,000 Max £500,000</p>	<p>Funds a range of organisations from the voluntary sector and statutory bodies, including - schools, colleges, local authorities, town and parish councils, health organisations, which want to encourage people from all backgrounds to learn more about and enjoy the natural environment.</p> <p>Initial enquiries should be directed to the Changing Spaces Advice Line: 0845 3 671 671 or email acesstonature@naturalengland.org.uk.</p> <p>Applicants are also encouraged to speak with Heather Whetter (South East regional adviser) before completing their application: heather.whetter@naturalengland.org.uk or call her on 0118 939 2657 / 07786 277817 (Tu/W/Th).</p> <p>For more information and application materials visit www.naturalengland.org.uk/accesstonature</p>
<p>Arts Council</p> <p>Rolling programme</p> <p>Min £1,000 Max £100,000</p>	<p>Arts grants for individuals, arts organisations and other people who use the arts in their work. Grants are for activities carried out over a set period which engage people in England in arts activities and help artists and arts organisations in England carry out their work.</p> <p>www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding</p>
<p>Awards for All</p> <p>Min £300 Max £10,000</p>	<p>Projects must meet at least 1 of the 4 programme outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People having better chances in life with better access to training and development to improve their life skills 2. Stronger communities with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems 3. Improved rural and urban environments which communities are better able to access and enjoy 4. Healthier and more active people and communities <p>A broad range of projects can be funded including those that deliver via sport, art and heritage, provided that these are a means to an end of achieving at least one of the four outcomes. Projects that fall squarely within the new arts, heritage or sports small grants programmes will not be considered.</p> <p>www.awardsforall.org.uk</p>

Fund	Description
<p>Community Spaces</p> <p>Ends 2012</p> <p>Small grants Min £10,000 Max £25,000</p> <p>Medium grants Min £25,000 Max £49,999</p>	<p>Funds community groups who want to improve local green spaces such as play areas, community gardens, parks, wildlife areas and village greens.</p> <p>www.community-spaces.org.uk</p>
<p>Community Sustainable Energy programme</p> <p>Project Development £5000 or 75%cost</p> <p>Capital £5000 or 50% cost</p> <p>Deadline dates: 7 Aug 09 30 Oct 09 29 Jan 2010 7 May 2010 30 July 2010 29 Oct 2010</p>	<p>Funds community-based organisations to install renewable energy technologies (such as wind turbines and solar panels) and energy saving measures (such as roof and cavity wall insulation).</p> <p>www.communitysustainable.org.uk</p> <p>Grants are available for studies investigating the feasibility of installing any combination of the microgeneration technologies listed below.</p> <p>Grants are available for the purchase and installation of any combination of the following technologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar thermal hot water • Wind turbines • Heat pumps • Automated wood pellet stoves • Wood fuelled boiler systems • Micro-hydro turbines. • Solar photovoltaics <p>Funding will also be available for energy efficiency measures, such as cavity wall and loft insulation in combination with the microgeneration technology. Where these are not already in place, you will have to install them in order to qualify for a microgeneration capital grant.</p>
<p>Ecominds Max £250,000 No deadlines. but projects must be completed by 2012</p>	<p>Funding for a range of groups who want to encourage people with experience of mental distress to get involved in environmental projects, such as improving open spaces and wildlife habitats, designing public art and recycling. www.ecominds.org.uk</p>
<p>Heritage Grants Min £50,000 Your Heritage Min £3,000 Max £50,000</p>	<p>To receive a grant your project must help people learn about their own and other people's heritage and do one or both of the following:</p> <p>1. Conserve the UK's diverse heritage for present and future generations to experience and enjoy. 2. Help more, and a wider range of people, to take an active part in and make decisions about heritage. www.hlf.org.uk</p>

Fund	Description
<p>Landscape Partnerships</p> <p>Ends 30/11/09</p> <p>Min £250,000 Max £2million</p>	<p>Supports schemes led by partnerships of local, regional and national interests which aim to conserve areas of distinctive landscape character throughout the UK. Each scheme is based round a portfolio of smaller projects, which together provide a varied package of benefits to an area, its communities and visitors. Landscape Partnership schemes must deliver equally across all of the following programme outcomes: Conserving or restoring the built and natural features that create the historic landscape character; Increasing community participation in local heritage; Increasing access to and learning about the landscape area and its heritage; Increasing training opportunities in local heritage skills.</p> <p>www.hlf.org.uk</p>
<p>Local Food</p> <p>Small Grants Min £2,000 Max £10,000</p> <p>Main Grants Min £10,001 Max £300,000</p> <p>Beacon Grants Min 300,001 Max £500,000</p>	<p>Grants are available for not-for-profit groups and organisations in England delivering such projects as growing, processing, marketing and distributing local food; composting and raising awareness of the benefits of such activities.</p> <p>www.localfoodgrants.org</p> <p>Deadline for first stage applications is 21st August 2009.</p>
<p>Myplace</p> <p>Min £1million</p> <p>Max £5 million</p> <p>A further small funding round is planned late 2009</p>	<p>Myplace aims to deliver world class youth facilities driven by the active participation of young people and their view and needs.</p> <p>Click through from www.biglotteryfund.org.uk</p>
<p>NESTA – National Endowment for Science, Technology & the Arts</p>	<p>Currently focusing on four main areas of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative innovation: putting people and organisations together in unusual combinations to spark new ideas and new perspectives on old problems. • The creative economy: exploring new ways for creative organisations to develop their innovation capacity and drive growth. • The Lab - innovating public services: finding innovative ways, including new sources of risk capital for social ventures, to improve public services and tackle major social issues. • Young people and innovation: working with tomorrow's innovators to develop the skills and attitudes that underpin successful innovation. <p>www.nesta.org.uk</p>

Fund	Description
Parks for People Ends 31.8.09 Min £250,000 Max £5million	Parks for People offers grants for projects involving urban or rural green spaces designed for informal recreation and enjoyment. http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/Parks+for+People/
Places of Worship Grade 1 or Grade 2*A, B or C Ends 30.6.09 Grade 2 Ends 30.9.09 Min £10,000 Max £250,00	The main focus of the scheme is on urgent repairs required within two years, to high level elements of buildings such as roofs, spires, towers, associated masonry and rainwater disposal systems. Other urgent repairs to historic fabric at risk of loss can also be considered. www.english-heritage.org.uk
Reaching Communities Min £10,00 Max £500,00	Programme aims: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People having better chances in life, because they are able to get training and development to improve their skills. • Stronger communities, with people working together to tackle their problems. • Improved rural and urban environments, which more people are able to enjoy. • Healthier and more active people and communities. Click through from www.biglotteryfund.org.uk
Sport England	
Innovation Fund	The Innovation Fund will seek to harness new ideas and attract new partners to find breakthrough solutions for grassroots sport. More details will be made available on their website: http://funding.sportengland.org/funding_programmes/innovation_fund1.aspx
Rural Communities Themed Round Ends 30/6/09 Min £10,000	The overall aim of this investment programme is to develop projects that encourage people living in rural communities to participate and / or sustain their participation in sport, and help those with talent fulfil their potential. Looking to fund larger rather than smaller projects. http://funding.sportengland.org/funding_programmes/rural_communities1.aspx

Fund	Description
Small Grants Min £300 Max £10,000	Supports local community sport projects which seek to increase and/or sustain participation or develop opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport. http://funding.sportengland.org/funding_programmes/small_grants.aspx
Sportsmatch	The Sport England Sportsmatch programme increases investment in community sport by matching sponsorship money pound for pound. http://funding.sportengland.org/funding_programmes/sportsmatch.aspx
Sustainable Facilities Fund	To support projects that are capable of generating enough revenue to maintain high standards, a varied programme of sporting opportunities and outreach work. The fund will be designed to make a small number of large awards each year, focused on projects that will stimulate the market by demonstrating innovative approaches to facility provision that increase sports participation. http://funding.sportengland.org/funding_programmes/sustainable_facilities.aspx
Townscape Heritage Initiative Ends 30.11.09 Min £500,000 Max £2million	Funding to help communities regenerate conservation areas displaying particular social and economic need throughout the UK. It encourages partnerships to carry out repairs and other works to a number of historic properties within those areas and improve the quality of life for all those who live, work or visit there. www.hlf.org.uk
UK Film Council	Funds script development, film production, short films, film distribution and export, cinemas, film education, archives, festivals, audience support schemes, skills training and national and regional film agencies. www.ukfilmcouncil.org.uk
Young roots Rolling Programme Min £3,000 Max £25,000	For projects related to the varied heritage of the UK and providing new opportunities for a wider range of young people (13 to 25) to learn about their own and others' heritage; allowing them to lead and take part in creative and engaging activities; developing partnerships between youth organisations and heritage organisations; and creating opportunities to celebrate their achievements in the project and share their learning with the wider community. www.hlf.org.uk

Grant giving organisations and sources of support

This section is divided into topic areas to enable you to find the funding opportunities for your area of activity.

Arts

<p>Engage</p> <p>Rich Mix 35-47 Bethnall Green Road London E1 6LA Website: www.engage.org Email: info@engage.org</p>	<p>Arts Awards (Wellcome Trust)</p> <p>The Wellcome Trust Gibbs Building, 210 Euston Road, London NW1 2BE ☎ 020 7611 7222 E-Mail: arts@wellcome.ac.uk Website: www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/Arts-Awards</p>
<p>National Foundation for Youth Music</p> <p>One America Street London, SE1 ONE ☎ 020 79021060 Website: www.youthmusic.org.uk Email: info@youthmusic.org.uk</p>	<p>UK Film Council</p> <p>10 Little Portland Street London W1W 7JG Website: www.ukfilmcouncil.org.uk</p>
<p>Arts Council</p> <p>Arts Council South East Sovereign House Church Street, Brighton BN1 1RA Website: www.artscouncil.org.uk</p>	<p>Fidelio Charitable Trust</p> <p>2nd Floor 20-22 Stukley Street, London WC2B 5LR Email: fidelio@act.eu.com Website: www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk</p>

Sport

<p>Sport England</p> <p>Funding programmes: small grants, Sportsmatch, Innovation fund, rural communities, sustainable facilities</p> <p>More information in the Lottery section and on www.funding.sportengland.org Email: info@sportengland.org</p>	<p>The Football Foundation</p> <p>30 Gloucester Place London W1U 8FF ☎ 0845 345 4555 E-Mail: enquiries@footballfoundation.org.uk Website: www.footballfoundation.org.uk</p>
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Environment and Heritage

<p>Natural England Natural England conserves, enhances and manages the natural environment for the benefit of current and future generations. Website: www.naturalengland.org.uk</p> <p>Natural England (Oxfordshire) 11 Fenlock court, Blenheim Office park, Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire OX29 8LN ☎01993 886540 Email: enquiries.southeast@naturalengland.org.uk</p>	<p>English Heritage For general grants information: Website: www.english-heritage.org.uk</p> <p>English Heritage South East Eastgate Court 195-205 High Street Guildford GU1 3EH ☎ 01483 252000</p> <p>E mail: southeast@english-heritage.org.uk</p>
<p>The Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (Landfill communities fund) TOE Jericho Farm Worton, Witney OX29 4SZ ☎ 01865 883488 E-Mail: toe@ruralnet.org.uk Website: www.trustforoxfordshire.org.uk</p>	<p>WREN - Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (Landfill communities fund) WREN House Manor Farm, Bridgham Norfolk, NR16 2RX ☎ 01953 717165</p> <p>E-Mail: wren@wren.org.uk Website: www.wren.org.uk</p>
<p>Thames Valley Energy Promotes and facilitates sustainable energy solutions.</p> <p>☎01635 817420 Email: info@tvenergy.org Website: www.tvenergy.org</p>	<p>Energy saving trust Range of support and advice available on energy saving initiatives for individuals, businesses and community groups.</p> <p>☎0844 8480077 Email: cafe@est.org.uk Website: www.energysavingtrust.org.uk</p>
<p>Oxfordshire Historic Churches trust The Corner House South Stoke, Reading RG8 OJS ☎ 01491 872248 Email: mythompson@btinternet.com Website: www.ohct.org.uk</p>	<p>Listed places of worship grant scheme (VAT recovery) PO Box 609, Newport NP10 8QD ☎0845 6015945 Website: www.lpwscheme.org.uk</p>
<p>Church of England Churchcare Fundraising advice for church repair, maintenance and development Website: www.churchcare.co.uk</p>	<p>Mission projects and funding office Advice on funding sources for Methodist Churches embarking on building schemes and community projects Website: www.methodist.org.uk ☎0161 2365194 Email: mpfo@property.methodist.org.uk</p>

Learning

<p>European Social Fund (ESF) Community grants Now available for community organisations wanting to put on training courses for people who may not normally access learning. The maximum grant is £12,000 and eligible organisations are small/medium sized constituted groups (not necessarily with charitable status).</p> <p>More information from the OCVA development team on 01865 251946.</p>	<p>The Learning and Skills Council Funding available to support training projects that meet the needs of local communities, employers and individuals. Funding is subject to competitive tendering and contract. Current funding opportunities are published on their website. LSC Thames Valley Latimer House, Langford Business Park Kidlington, Oxford OX5 1GG ☎ 01865 291700 Website: www.lsc.gov.uk</p>
<p>NIACE(National Institute of Continuing Education) Aims to encourage adults into learning of all kinds. NIACE, Renaissance House 20 Princess Road West Leicester, LE1 6TP ☎0116 204 4200 E-Mail: enquiries@niace.org.uk Website: www.niace.org.uk</p>	<p>LearnDirect Enables adults, employers and organisations to access information and advice on education, training, qualifications, career development, local childcare facilities and financial assistance towards the cost of learning. Centres around the country in public libraries, for example. ☎ 0800 100 901 Website: www.learnirect.co.uk</p>

Older People

<p>Age Concern and Help the Aged The Grants Unit Age Concern England Astral House 1268 London Road London SW16 4ER ☎ 020 8765 7738 E-mail: grants.unit@ace.org.uk Website: www.ageconcern.org.uk</p>	<p>Concertina Funding for musical and related activities: 20 Kent House Aylesford Street London SW1V 3QB ☎020 7976 5785 Email: info@concertina.org.uk Website: www.concertinamusic.org.uk</p>
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Rural Development

<p>Community Needs Assessment Fund through Oxfordshire Rural Community Council ORCC administers a small grant fund to support the Parish Plan process (or other forms of rural community needs assessments). Support and grants of up to £500 are available to community organisations like Parish Councils, Village Hall committees, Church groups, clubs and societies etc. Contact: Anton Nath, Oxfordshire Rural Community Council Jericho Farm Worton, Witney, OX29 4SZ ☎ 01865 883488 E-mail: anton.nath@oxonrcc.org.uk</p>	<p>Oxfordshire Community Transport & Accessibility Partnership Help and advice is available for rural transport and accessibility project development and access to funding, including some small grants. In addition, the Rural Access to Services Programme (RASP) can provide grants. Contact: Philip Newbould Oxfordshire Rural Community Council Jericho Farm Worton Witney OX29 4SZ ☎ 01865 883488 E-Mail: philip.newbould@oxonrcc.org.uk</p>
<p>Action for Market Towns Unit 5 High Baxter Street Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1ES ☎ 0845 644 6202 E-mail: info@towns.org.uk Website: www.towns.org.uk</p>	<p>LEADER Funding See previous entry</p>

Company Giving

The relationship you have with a company giving you their support will be very different from the one you may have with grant making trusts or individual donors. Companies will generally be looking for some form of mutual benefit. Some of the reasons companies may look to get involved with the voluntary sector are as follows:

- To reach their target audience and/or appeal to shareholders.
- Individuals in the organisation who volunteer/have an interest in the community or a particular voluntary organisation.
- To promote or improve their image.
- To demonstrate good citizenship and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).
- To reduce barriers that exists between themselves and the voluntary sector.

Voluntary and Community groups can look locally or nationally for companies to support them. The following may be of use in identifying possible sources:

“The Guide to UK Company Giving 2009/10”. Published by the Directory of Social change. Website www.dsc.org.uk

The Institute of Fundraising website offers a range of resources including a useful briefing document “Charities working with Business”.

Website www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk

The Directory of Social Change (DSC) Company giving website. This lists over 500 companies giving over £290 million in cash donations and other forms of community support. Access requires payment of a subscription.

Website: www.companygiving.org.uk

Support may come in various forms as follows:

- Cash donations (likely to be one-off)
- In Kind Support (use of company equipment, office space, computers, etc)
- Payroll giving (through Give as you Earn and Employer match funding schemes)
- “Charity of the Year” initiatives where a company focuses on one charity each year for fundraising and volunteering.
- Commercially led sponsorship (a long term relationship with mutual benefit for both parties)
- Employee volunteering

In March 2009 OCVA launched the Responsible Oxfordshire Business Network (ROBIN) to provide a place where companies and voluntary groups can find out about each other and share skills and resources. It also provides a new way for companies to help meet their CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) objectives.

To find out more and view the current skills and resources on offer visit: www.oxnet.org.uk/csr

Volunteering opportunities:

The Volunteer Centre Oxfordshire (OCVA) can provide advice and support to companies who want to get involved in their local community by giving their employees time off to use their skills in the voluntary sector, e.g., trustees, IT training, reading to children, etc.

The Volunteer Centre can be contacted on (01865) 251946 or visit the website at www.oxnet.org.uk . You can also find useful factsheets on the corporate social responsibility section of the Oxnet website on volunteering issues from an employer and employee perspective.

“Ninety-two percent of employees say that they would prefer to work for a company with an employee volunteering project than one that doesn’t.”

Source: *CSV Make a Difference Day and Barclays, July 2006.*

Business in the Community contacts

- Charities Aid Foundation/ Corporate Community Involvement 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4TA
Tel: 0207 8323000 www.ccinet.org
- Business in the Community, 137 Shepherdess Walk, London N1 7RQ
Tel: 0207 566 8650 www.bitc.org.uk
- REACH, 89 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7T
Tel 020 7582 6543 www.volwork.org.uk

Workplace giving contacts

- Charities Aid Foundation/Give as you Earn
Tel 01732 520109 www.giveasyouearn.org
- Workplace Giving UK, 2nd Floor, Cavendish House, 369 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 5AW.
Tel 020 8731 5125, web: www.workplacegiving-uk.co.uk
- Charities Trust, Suite 22, Century Building, Brunswick Business Park, Tower Street, Liverpool, L3 4BJ,
Tel: 0870 708 7878, Fax: 0151 286 2360, web: www.charititrust.org

Sources of support for business

1. Business Link offers a wide range of business support services, aimed at small to medium sized companies.

Business Link Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire
Eastern Bypass, Thame, Oxfordshire, OX9 3FF

☎ 01844 210430 E-mail: info@businesslinksolutions.co.uk

Website: www.businesslinksolutions.co.uk

2. Oxfordshire Business Enterprises

Free and subsidised business advice to those who wish to start or have recently started their own business. Counselling, training and support services available.

Oxfordshire Business Enterprises, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury OX15 4AA

☎ 01295 227082 E-mail: info@oxonbe.co.uk Website: www.oxonbe.co.uk

Tips for Bidding : presenting your case when applying for grant funding

General tips on applying for grants:

Most names and titles need further explanation unless they are very well known or self-explanatory like “Help the Aged” or “Guide Dogs for the Blind”. Potential donors need to know how your organisation or charity’s service translates into changing people’s lives for the better.

Often the mistake is made in asking for contributions for **features** or particular aspects of what you are doing, e.g. to provide swings for a playground, or equipment for the village hall. It is much more important to translate these into **benefits for your group**. Donors will be more motivated to support you if they are given a clear description of what a difference their money will make. Translating features into real tangible benefits is a vital part of presenting your case, for example, providing facilities in the village to prevent children playing in the street.

Key ingredients of an application

It is important to be brief. No more than 2 sides of A4 paper and similar to this document in layout. Bullet points with clear headlines help. Type in a reasonably large typeface (minimum 11 point – this is 12 point, preferably Times font rather than Universe or Arial) with clear space around to make it easy to read. The key ingredients of an application (whether on a standard form or not) can be summarised in 10 points:

1. **Who are you? What are you there to do?**
(This may be well summarised in your Mission Statement).

Often it is important to specify the type of organisation making the request, since in many cases only certain groups are eligible to apply. For example, most charitable trusts can only legally support registered charities. Therefore, if you are a charity, always ensure that this is noted in your application and quote the registration number on your notepaper.

2. **What are the specific objectives of this appeal or application?**
(What do you need, what are you asking for exactly?)

Remember that sometimes it may be more appropriate and helpful in meeting your objectives to ask for items other than money. For example, if you are repairing or constructing a building, you may approach companies that could offer materials or expertise 'in kind' donations. Do you need publicity for an event or meeting? Ask if your leaflet could be included in their mail. This saves you postage, and does not cost the company (apart from the extra work to add something into the envelope). You reach a wider audience – but make sure that the target audience is suitable!

3. **Why is this appeal or project important and urgent?**

It is not just desirable it is really essential!

4. **What would happen if the project or appeal failed?**

Describe in detail, paint a picture of the consequences, e.g. juvenile crime may continue to rise; the increasing number of older people will have nowhere to meet.

5. **How much money is needed?**

This is where you need to draw up a budget, listing the components, mentioning if these are based on quotations. Be specific, and where appropriate you should include overheads and professional fees.

6. **Over what period of time are you attempting to raise the money?**

Given a timetable, people will sense the urgency of the appeal more, for example; floodlighting for the football field is needed before the dark evenings start. Alternatively, if you have started planning the appeal or project in plenty of time this can also be beneficial since you may be invited to re-apply when you are nearer the target. You may find that the initial response is that funds have been exhausted for the current financial year, but then you will know when the best time is to make another application. Keep trying, if at first you don't succeed

7. **Who else is contributing or supporting the project / appeal / organisation?**

People like to feel they are contributing to something that someone else they respect also thinks is worthwhile. State the appeal target and amount raised so far. If appropriate mention specific large grants or sources of funds promised. For example, we have already received a grant from the Parish Council or note local fundraising events. Don't forget the contribution made by volunteers.

8. **Relate to donors**

Translate their potential gift into a service, or aspect of what will be provided – even case studies. The budget 'shopping list' can be useful to show what benefit a grant of a specific amount will mean. For example, an access ramp for disabled people for the village hall costing £x would ensure every villager could attend.

9. **Be concise, to the point, use positive language.**

Enthusiasm comes through. Show this is important and you believe in it.

10. **Use benefit statements to motivate and give your donor reasons to give.**

Lastly don't forget to ask, preferably for a specific amount.

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Oxfordshire Sources of Advice and Funding

Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action (OCVA) runs a resource centre in central Oxford which is open 9.30 - 4.30 Monday to Friday where you can access a PC with FunderFinder software and a large range of books on voluntary and community group issues.

OCVA also produce a useful funding newsletter with up to date information on funding sources. This can be accessed along with other useful resource materials for groups on its website. www.ocva.org.uk

The Development Team at OCVA are able to offer one to one support, information and advice to groups on development and funding issues, and hold advice surgeries at information points across the County. These information points are located in Abingdon, Banbury, Bicester, Chipping Norton, Didcot, Faringdon, Wantage, Witney, Henley and Thame and provide access to Funderfinder as well as a range of useful resources. More information can be found on the OCVA website.

To make an appointment to visit an information point or attend one of the advice surgeries e-mail OCVA on funding@ocva.org.uk or phone ☎ 01865 251946 and ask to speak to one of the Development Team.

Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action
Floyds Row
St Aldates, Oxford
OX1 1SS
☎ 01865 251946
Fax: 01865 204138
Email: info@ocva.org.uk
Website: www.oxnet.org.uk

Oxfordshire Rural Community Council has a team of fieldworkers specialising in a range of rural issues – community led planning, rural transport, affordable housing, village halls and village shops and outdoor play and recreation facilities (through the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association). Advice and funding information is available to rural community groups wanting to develop projects that will benefit and sustain the local community.

Oxfordshire Rural Community Council
Jericho Farm
Worton, Witney
OX29 4SZ
☎: 01865 883488
Fax: 01865 883191
Email orcc@oxonrcc.org.uk
Website www.oxonrcc.org.uk

Useful Websites

General fundraising

www.fit4funding.org.uk - Charities Information Bureau produces a useful funding bulletin for subscribers.

www.dsc.org.uk - Main Directory of Social Change Website and online bookshop.

www.funderfinder.org.uk - Software package allowing a targeted search of around 4500 Charitable trusts and foundations. Find out more about GIN (Groups in need) and PIN (People in need). Also, free downloadable software to help you write a funding application and draw up a budget.

www.efc.be - Site run by the European Foundation Centre in Brussels for Europe's philanthropic community.

www.fundinginformation.org - Subscription service run by Profunding with information on Trusts, Business, Government, Lottery and European funding programmes.

www.fundraising.co.uk - Excellent general fundraising site.

www.grantfinder.co.uk - Very comprehensive but expensive subscription service for a wide range of funding and grant sources. They also operate the Grantnet website which can be accessed through the Oxford City Council website.

www.grantsonline.org.uk - Subscription service for grant information.

www.ruralnet.org.uk - Details of rural funding sources.

www.trustfunding.org.uk - Directory of Social Change subscription service

www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk - The Institute of Fundraising is the professional body that supports and represents fundraisers in the UK.

www.governmentfunding.org.uk - Information about sources of Government funding.

www.grantsforindividuals.org.uk - Funding for individuals.

Volunteering

www.ocva.org.uk - Volunteering opportunities in Oxford.

www.do-it.org.uk - Opportunities for volunteering listed and searchable by area and interest.

www.volunteering.org.uk - Volunteering England site with everything you need to know about volunteering. Free helpline 0800 028 3304.

Other useful websites

www.cafonline.org - Website of Charities Aid Foundation with information on banking, charity grants overseas, gift aid and Give as you Earn.

www.charity-commission.gov.uk - Charity commission publications and charity register.

www.go-se.gov.uk - Government Office of the South East.

www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk - Useful for queries regarding gift aid and employing staff.

www.ncvo-vol.org.uk - NCVO is an umbrella body for the UK voluntary sector and provides useful information and advice for voluntary organisations.

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk - Oxfordshire County Council website.

www.raise-networks.org.uk - Website of Regional Action and Involvement South East, the membership body for voluntary organisations in the South-East.

Registered members can search a grants database through the RAISE website.

www.statistics.gov.uk - Government site giving a variety of statistical information.
www.oxonrcc.org.uk - Information on a wide range of rural issues including news, events, publications, and funding information.
www.oxfordshireobservatory.info - Data and information on Oxfordshire.
www.communitymatters.org.uk - Useful resource material for community groups. Subscription site.
www.guardian.co.uk/society/voluntary_sector - News on the voluntary sector.
www.berr.gov.uk -Information about European funding from the Department for Business Enterprise and regulatory reform
www.esfnews.org -Information about the European Social Fund.
www.europeangrants.com -European Funding sources.

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