



OXFORDSHIRE STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND

The aim of the Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Fund is to support local voluntary and community groups in Oxfordshire to develop local solutions to local issues, provide new solutions to ongoing problems, and/or reduce inequalities and break the cycle of deprivation.

The new £220,000 grant programme is being delivered through the Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Alliance (OSCA), with GrantScape managing the application process.





From 6th September 2010, groups can apply for grants of between £3,000 and £20,000 from the Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Fund. These can cover both capital and revenue costs.

Match funding for projects is not required. However, grants from the Fund can be used to match-fund grants from other bodies.

Is my group eligible to apply?

To be eligible for a grant from the Fund, your group must be a not-for-profit or non profit-distributing organisation based in Oxfordshire.

Examples of eligible groups include:






-  Voluntary, community and faith groups
-  Parish and town councils
-  Oxfordshire-based branches of national charities
-  Social enterprises (further clarification is available on GrantScape's website: www.grantscape.org.uk)





Is my group's project eligible for funding?

To be eligible for a grant, your project must deliver one or more of the following five outcomes:

-  Improvements to people's health and well-being
-  Support for job creation and/or improvements to people's skills
-  Improvements to people's involvement and engagement in their communities (for instance, by increasing their participation in local decision-making)
-  Improvements to the physical environment
-  Improvements to people's access to services

Examples of eligible projects are available on GrantScape's website:
www.grantscape.org.uk

How do we apply for a grant?

You will need to complete an on-line application using the internet. There is a simple user-friendly application form to fill in and guidance is available to help you complete each question. Only one application per group is permitted.





What is the deadline for applications?

The closing date for all applications is 12 noon on 11th January 2011. Decisions on grant awards will then be made in early March.

Contact details

Should you need any further help, or have questions about the Fund, please contact GrantScape:

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