



Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

Community grant application form - part A

Please ensure you complete all of this form and Part B and send:

- forms A and B
- your organisation's last set of accounts
- the most recent bank statement

to enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk.

1. About your organisation

Name of the organisation requesting the grant

The Abingdon Bridge

Please state briefly what the purpose of your organisation is

The Abingdon Bridge (TAB) is leading the way in championing the wellbeing & mental health of young people aged 13-25 across the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire. Our support enables young people to have the resilience to help overcome life's challenges.

2. Your grant request

Please describe the project for which the grant is needed.

Abingdon Integrated Youth Support Project (AIYSP) is an ongoing project. We are working in collaboration with Abingdon Town Council (ATC) and The DAMASCUS youth project (ADYP) to facilitate Abingdon Town Council meet one its priorities namely: 'To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity'.

Our target group, for this ATC priority, is young people living in Abingdon and aged between 10 and 19. Although no young person, in that age group, is excluded from participating, our focus is on those who are at greater risk of experiencing physical or emotional harm and/or experiencing poor outcomes because of one or more adverse factors in their lives and they feel alienated from the community at large.

We have been advised to complete this form to claim money owed for work carried out between April 2022-March 2023. We will submit a new grant form if requested to draw down next years grant before the meeting in May.

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| What is the total cost of the project | £12500 as agreed |
| How much grant are you seeking | £12500 as agreed |
| What percentage of the total cost of your project are you seeking via this grant | 50% |
| How do you plan to raise the rest of the money for your project | NA |
| Please show roughly how the costs of the project are broken down | We will attach a separate sheet with a breakdown of hours as agreed by previous RFO. |
| What fund-raising have you undertaken for this project or others in the past 2 years | NA |

3. Local benefit.

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| How many people take part in your organisation's activities? Give local branch numbers if you are a national organisation. | As members | 50 |
| | As recipients | 200 |

Please fill in the table below relating to numbers of members and/or recipients falling into each category. Estimates are acceptable provided an "e" is put after the figure.

| Age profile | 0-16 | 16-65 | over 65 |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| - Members | 200 | | |
| - Recipients | 200 | | |

| Gender profile | Male | Female |
|----------------|------|--------|
| - Members | 50 | 50 |
| - Recipients | 100 | 100 |

| Local connection | Town resident | Attend education in town | Neither resident nor attending education in town |
|------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--|
| - Members | 100 | | |
| - Recipients | 200 | | |

4. Vision and objectives

Please explain how your project will meet the town councils vision and objectives, which are set out below. **You do not need to respond to each point** but it is important that your project addresses the town council's vision and at least one objectives.

4a. Vision

To develop an inclusive community so that Abingdon is the place where everyone wants to live and where the wellbeing of residents is prioritised. In developing this community, the town will be one which is environmentally sustainable, vibrant, resilient and safe.

There are two main strands to our work:

(a) Building trusting relationships with young people and meeting their needs with the objective that they feel they have the agency to make positive life choices and feel engaged within the community; The starting point for this is street work where we meet young people in their spaces. We have also established open access and targeted youth provision to address needs and develop agency. Where needs are picked up targeted intervention is provided – this maybe for building positive mental health; accessing education, employment or training, or emotional support in dealing with relationship issues (family, friendship, bullying etc.). This work is ongoing and will continue into Year 3 of the project.

(b) Ensuring that the diverse voices of young people (particularly those most disadvantaged) are heard at all levels of policy making within Abingdon Town Council and other service providers.

We are currently in Year 2 of this project. Year 1 was focussed on building the youth voice group and they carried out a survey of young people in Abingdon on issues that were important to them; Year 2 has focussed on analysing the survey – highlighting the headline findings on safety and mental health; holding discussions with the Abingdon Town Councillors. These discussions will carry through in to Q4 of 2022/23 as well as other focus groups of young people will debate the issues to feedback through the Youth Voice group to the Abingdon Town Councillors. Having established the concept of young people engaging with Town Councillors, in Year 3 we plan to

continue building on the initial engagement with town councillors (particularly as it will be a new council) and also strengthen links with other organisations in Abingdon. We will support young people to plan and deliver a social action project that will involve other organisations in Abingdon. This will embed a sustainable Abingdon-wide multiservice collaboration to offer earlier, more coherent support, which is streamlined to meet the needs of all Abingdon young people (age 10 to 19). The specifics of the project will be worked on with the Town Council.

4b. Objectives

1. To respond effectively and speedily to the climate emergency

please see aims set out in original application

2. To develop a resilient, sustainable town which will provide a home for residents now and in the future

please see aims set out in original application

3. To manage the Council's assets efficiently and effectively to meet for the needs of the community now and in the future

please see aims set out in original application

4. To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity

please see aims set out in original application

5. Other/previous grant awards

Please provide details of any grant awards you have received from the town council, other councils or large organisations that you have received in the past three years

This is an ongoing project. This is a claim for funding agreed between April 2022 – March 2023

Please list any grant applications to other councils or bodies which are currently pending

NA

6. About your organisation

Please explain what structure your organisation has, i.e. is it a charity, a society, or another type of model

TAB is an Oxfordshire registered charity (CIO) which supports disadvantaged young people aged 13-25 in challenging circumstances. Our services are free for young people to access. We offer

- 1 to 1 Counselling
- psychoeducational group work
- 1 to 1 wellbeing support
- Educational workshops
- Outreach programmes
- Gym projects
- Youth Ambassador programme

What is the balance of your main account according to the most recent bank statement?

Additional financial information

Does your organisation have any other finances held in other accounts?

NO

If so, please provide full details of all your additional finances, including recent figures.

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| MCM Financial Report | |
| at 31 January 2023 | |
| Accounts | |
| SOFA - Surplus/(Deficit) | 36,233. |

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| Total Funds | 224,263 |
| Cash | 228,031 |
| Free Reserves | 216,247 |
| % of Policy Limit | 82.0% |
| Overheads | 18.4% |

If these funds are earmarked for any specific projects, please provide further information about this.

Some of the funding is restricted funding to deliver certain aspects of our work. The grant we have been granted by the ATC is for a restricted project and will only be used for that. We are forecasting to break even this financial year.