



## Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

# Large community grant application recipients annual budget report

As your organisation has in recent years received a regular grant from the town council, we would be grateful if you could provide information on how the grant is used. This information will be shared with the Community Committee to inform the forthcoming work on the budget for 2024-5.

Please complete the information below and return the form to [democratic@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:democratic@abingdon.gov.uk) by Friday 1 September 2023. If you have any queries, please contact [andy.crick@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:andy.crick@abingdon.gov.uk).

Please note that this information may be placed in the public domain.

### Organisation details

<b>Organisation name</b>	The Abingdon Bridge (TAB)
<b>Please state briefly what the purpose of your organisation is in Abingdon-on-Thames</b>	<p>(TAB) Has been serving and rooted within Abingdon for 30 years. We champion the wellbeing &amp; mental health of young people aged 13-25 across Abingdon and the Vale of White Horse. Our support enables young people to have the resilience to help overcome life's challenges.</p> <p>TAB is an Abingdon registered charity (CIO) which supports disadvantaged young people aged 13-25 in challenging circumstances. Our services are free for young people to access.</p> <p>This grant request is to fund the continuation of the <b>Abingdon Integrated Youth Support Project (AIYSP)</b> this is an ongoing project. We are working in collaboration with the Abingdon town council and the DAMASCUS youth project. Our work addresses the town councils 'key objective 4: to work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity'.</p>

### Financial information

<p><b>Organisation budget for 2023-24 (If your financial year runs for a different period, please provide details for the relevant year which accords with the grant awarded)</b></p>	<p>headline Numbers  Income £415,961  Expenditure £403,690  Surplus £12,271 (this surplus is a forecast for this current financial year, we are in the process of recruiting additional staff to help with the growing waiting lists. This will mean the forecasted surplus. will be reduced. We hope to balance the financial books this financial year. Next year we are expecting a deficit as we have increased. our support to more Abingdon Young people). Note we are in our policy limit of 9 months running costs in our reserves.</p>
<p><b>Amount of grant received from Abingdon Town Council for 2023-4</b></p>	<p>£12,500 for the (AIYSP) this work will run through until March 2024.   we also received £5,300 for a general grant.</p>

**Please outline how the grant from the town council has been allocated within your organisation’s budget for the current financial year, including financial information. Please feel free to provide any relevant documents to support this report but it would be helpful if the essential information requested could be set out below to help the committee in its work:**

**(The box below will expand when typed into. If you are completing this form by hand, please add information on a separate sheet of paper.)**

This current sits in our reserved Abingdon project income under (AIYSP – YOUTH VOICE)

All staff costs associated with this project are monitored and tracked separately. The funds contribute to the extra staff costs to deliver the agreed objectives. (set out in a previous report)

Some of the outputs funded through this project are:  
Additional interventions:

- 1 to 1 Counselling – for those young people identified through the AIYSP programme.
- psychoeducational group work (these are themed based on need, for example we have delivered groups on Managing anger, anxiety, Trauma and more)
- 1 to 1 wellbeing support - for those young people identified through the AIYSP programme
- Educational workshops – on community matters, Antisocial behaviours, Drugs and Alcohol etc.)
- Outreach programmes - we have engaged with over 200 different young people through this project. Our main focus areas have been Boxhill, peachcroft and the town centre.

The AIYSP ‘Youth voice initiatives:

- Youth Ambassador programme – harnessing local views on important topics and feeding this back to the Town council

- Community leadership programmes – our youth voice group have engaged and participated with various community events
  - Our community drop ins regularly get around 30-40 young people attended each week. It's been great to see some of the councillors attend and meet with the young people. These sessions are a safe and warm space where young people can access support and a meal.

**If you would like to request a grant for 2024-5, please provide details of the amount and purpose for this.**

<b>Grant requested</b>	£12,500
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	<p>To continue to develop the AIYSP sustainable support network for vulnerable young people and Abingdon as a community.</p> <p>The Focus of the project is to work with the Abingdon town council on its overall Youth strategy. Outputs and deployment of this project will be agreed by a subcommittee when we meet to evaluate the 2023/2024 outcomes. We will then set a new plan and strategy for to start in April 2024.</p> <p>The vision at this point is to Continue the grassroots enabling support for young people by building on our ongoing engagement and further develop the model of engagement of the town councils Youth strategy.</p>

<b>Signed</b>	GH gary Hibbins
<b>Date</b>	30/10/2023