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Community and living

Transition fund for community initiatives for open access children's services

Transition fund set up to provide pump priming grants for community solutions for children's services

What is the Transition Fund?

In February 2016 the council agreed to set aside £1m for creating a transition fund to provide pump-priming grants for establishing universal provision of children's services in communities across Oxfordshire.

Read [further details](#) about the council's decision.

This approach supports the council's commitment to a new way of delivering open access services across communities. Under Oxfordshire Together we have been working with town and parish councils, voluntary sector organisations and local community groups to encourage the continuation of open access sessions such as stay and play and youth group sessions where the council can no longer provide funding for these services. [Further information about this work.](#)

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In order to be deemed eligible for funding, applying organisations must have a committee and/or a constitution or appropriate rules setting out aims and objectives and how the group will operate, and a *bank account.

*Please note we will not make any payments into individuals' bank accounts, so it is very important that your group has a bank account.

- Not-for-profit community groups
- Town and parish councils
- Schools
- Social enterprises
- Charity organisations
- Community associations
- Companies limited by guarantee
- Parent teacher associations
- Cooperatives
- Friendly societies
- Youth Clubs

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How to apply

Application process:

1. Expression of interest with outline business case
2. Initial review
3. [Application form \(doc format, 161Kb\)](#) and business case
4. Review of bid by transition fund cross party group with recommendations to Cabinet
5. Assessment of bid by Cabinet
6. Decision
7. Notification to bidders

Deadlines

There are three application rounds, with deadline dates of:

1. 21 October 2016
2. 09 January 2017
3. 14 April 2017

We encourage applicants to contact us early with their expressions of interest or any questions they might have, to avoid any delays in the council assessing the bids and making a decision.

[How will applications be assessed?](#)

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Other sources of support and funding available

- [Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action \(OCVA\)](#)
- [Oxfordshire Community Foundation](#)
- [Community First Oxfordshire](#)

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