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Name of Organisation	The Community Loft at WOBC (West Oxon Boxing & Fitness Club)		
Registered Address (including Post Code)	Unit 12c, Crawley Mill Industrial Estate, Dry Lane, Crawley, OX299TJ		
Website	www.westoxonboxing.co.uk	Telephone	[REDACTED]
Facebook/Twitter	West Oxon Boxing and Fitness Club	Email	theloftwobc@gmail.com
Contact Name	Sharon Turner		
Position in Organisation	CEO (i.e. Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary)		
Registered Charity	YES	Registration Number	1205475
<p>What are the activities and/or aims of the organisation?</p> <p>Our Club's objectives include but are not exhaustive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of West Oxfordshire and surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity, or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large the interest of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.2. To provide an avenue to guide at-risk people in the proper direction by teaching them the importance of discipline, fitness, camaraderie, and authoritative mentors to look up to in the form of head trainers or coaches.3. To encourage and promote a healthy lifestyle through the provision of equipment and training.			

4. To encourage young people to achieve excellence, self-confidence, self-achievement, promote peer support as well as enable capacity building to take place between allies through working in partnership with established organisations through informal outreach work.
5. To nurture pride in the local community through success in sport.
6. To provide a safe environment for people to train and feel secure and we particularly aspire to work with any person who is vulnerable to anti-social behaviour or who might otherwise succumb to engaging in criminal activity by keeping them focused in sport.
7. Working with the local community to promote our outreach work and ensure that they are aware of young people's achievements, in order to bring cohesion between the club and the immediate community.
8. Building a community where people feel comfortable with failing at accomplishing their daily fitness goal just as often as they succeed therefore building a place where failure is not the end of the world. Pushing limits is encouraged, thus resulting in progress.

Membership

How many members do you have?	552
Approximately how many of your members live in Witney?	All within a 15 mile radius
Is membership restricted in any way?	No restrictions. If a member couldn't afford to pay we are part of the You Move Scheme plus we have funding supported by The Rotary Club
What is your annual subscription, if any?	Monthly Subscription Junior £35, Adult £40, Reduced rate for families
Are you affiliated to Oxfordshire Youth or other similar umbrella organisation? If so, which one?	No
Do you have safeguarding procedures in place?	Yes
Local venue/meeting place (if applicable)	The Club

Grant-Funding	
<p>Purpose for which the grant is required:</p> <p>The initiative that we are hoping to run would be exclusive to those who are unable to access education, training or employment. This would also include anyone suffering mental health issues including addiction. We will provide two/three 2 hour Boxing Skills and Drills plus Fitness sessions per week. At the end of the session, we provide a safe talking space with a facilitator to discuss various topics such as Social, Emotional difficulties, Emotional regulation, Behaviour management, Drug and Alcohol awareness, Anger management, Depression and Anxiety and Conflict resolution.</p> <p>Our aim would be to provide an avenue to guide in the proper direction by teaching the importance of discipline, fitness, camaraderie, and authoritative mentors to look up to in the form of head trainers or coaches. To encourage and promote a healthy lifestyle through the provision of equipment and training. To nurture pride in the local community through success in sport and to work with the local people to promote and bring cohesion between the Club and the immediate community.</p>	
Amount of grant applied for	£9,740
Has your organisation previously applied to the Town Council for a grant?	yes
If YES, please give details	Applied for a community grant but was directed to the Youth Fund Grant
Have you applied for a grant to any other body or organisation?	YES
If YES, please give details	Thames Valley Police. £10,000 awarded in Sept 2023
Financial	
<p>Please enclose a copy of your latest audited accounts, a financial projection for the period following the balance sheet or a Business Plan if a new organisation.</p> <p>Because we have not and do not meet the necessary criteria for accounting purposes and we are a not for profit Club, I have attached our June statement to this application.</p>	

Fundraising

What fundraising events or activities will your organisation be holding this year?

We held an inter club junior Show in May which was very successful. In total 34 juniors took part and we had another Witney club and also one from Oxford. We held a bbq and raised somewhere in the region of £1000. We also had some of our members, trustees and coaches take part in the Fire Walk organised by the Rotary Club in Carterton, again we raised in the region of £750 for the club. In September we are holding a boxing event at The Ice Centre (Langdale Hall). This should attract around 400 people and will give local people the stage to show the skills learnt and the art and discipline of boxing.

To promote the Club we do have a stall at the Ducklington Flower Show and also at Minster Lovell Festival later in the summer.

General

Please provide or attach any additional information which may assist the Council in reaching its decision.

West Oxfordshire Boxing Club is a group of community-driven individuals looking to make a difference and provide support to those who need it most. Whilst some attend this family-run club to learn how to box, and compete in the ring, others use it to improve body strength and fitness levels, or to lose weight. However, the fact of which we are most proud is that we are fully inclusive and welcome everyone into our Club. Therefore, alongside the usual individual and group sessions for all ages starting from age 6 to senior citizens. We run ladies-only 'boxfit' sessions, as well as outreach programmes in the local primary and secondary schools, and team-building courses for businesses, focused around exercise and wellbeing. More recently, we have begun to get involved in supporting NEET (Not In Employment Education or Training) young people and to work with SEN (Special Educational Needs) children.

<p>I certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I am authorised to make this application for Grant-aid.</p>	
<p>Signed: Sharon Turner</p>	<p>Date:20/06/2025</p>

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Grant Aid Awarded/Amount	Y / N	Chq No.	