



WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

Grant-aid to Local Organisations APPLICATION FORM

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

(1) Your Organisation			
Name of Organisation		Clean slate	
Registered Address*		572 Brice Rd, Upper Heyford, Bicester, Oxon,	
Post Code	OX25 5TE	Tel No.	
Contact Name	Jo Baker		
Position in Organisation	chair of Trustees (i.e. Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary)		
Registered Charity	YES	Registration No.	Registered CIO 1197726
<i>What are the activities and/or aims of the organisation:</i> Clean Slate is a community-focused counselling and mental health support organisation dedicated to improving emotional wellbeing and promoting positive mental health. Our aim is to provide accessible, professional counselling services for adults experiencing a wide range of challenges, including anxiety, depression, stress, bereavement, trauma, relationship difficulties, and other life circumstances that impact wellbeing. <i>The organisation works to ensure that individuals are not excluded from receiving support due to financial hardship. Through subsidised and low-cost counselling, grant funding, fundraising, and donations, Clean Slate helps make therapeutic support available to those who may otherwise be unable to afford it.</i> Key activities include: • Providing one-to-one professional counselling and therapeutic support. • Offering affordable and subsidised counselling for individuals on low incomes. • Supporting people experiencing mental health difficulties, emotional distress, and life challenges. • Promoting emotional wellbeing, resilience, and recovery within local communities. • Reducing barriers to accessing mental health services. • Working with local organisations and referral partners to ensure people receive appropriate support when needed. Overall Aim: To improve mental health and wellbeing by providing accessible, compassionate, and professional counselling services that enable individuals to overcome challenges, build resilience, and lead healthier, more fulfilling lives.			

(2) Membership	
How many members do you have?	242 people received counselling support · 4,441 counselling hours delivered · 199 new referrals received · 98 peer support sessions delivered · 104 volunteers and placement counsellors supported service delivery · 22 volunteers completed specialist trauma-informed training · 100% of safeguarding concerns responded to within required timescales
Approximately how many of your members live in Witney?	We anticipate supporting 5-10 Witney residents directly through subsidised counselling sessions, with additional indirect benefits to their families, carers, employers, and the wider community through improved mental health and wellbeing.
Is membership restricted in any way?	No restrictions
What is your annual subscription, if any?	N/A
Are you affiliated to a national organisation? If so, which one?	Registered with the NCPS
Local venue/meeting place	572 Brice Rd, Upper Heyford, Bicester, Oxon,

(3) Grants

Purpose for which the grant is required:

The grant will be used to provide subsidised counselling sessions for adults experiencing mental health and emotional wellbeing challenges. Funding will help ensure that individuals facing financial hardship can access professional counselling support when they might otherwise be unable to afford it. The grant will contribute towards counselling costs, enabling Clean Slate to support local residents affected by anxiety, depression, stress, bereavement, trauma, relationship difficulties, and other life challenges.

Amount of grant applied for

£500

Has your organisation previously applied to the Town Council for a grant?

YES

If YES please give details

2023/2024

Have you applied for a grant to any other body or organisation?

YES/NO

If YES please give details

Yes. Clean Slate has submitted funding applications to a number of charitable trusts, foundations, and local grant-making organisations to help support the delivery of affordable counselling services. Applications are currently under consideration, and we continue to seek funding from a range of sources, alongside fundraising activities and client contributions, to ensure the sustainability of our services.

(4) Financial

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.

(5) Fundraising

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

Clean Slate undertakes a range of fundraising activities to support the provision of affordable counselling services. These include applications to charitable trusts, foundations, parish councils, and community grant programmes, as well as seeking donations from individuals and local businesses. We also organise community fundraising events, including raffles, bingo evenings, and other local fundraising activities, to raise vital funds and increase awareness of the mental health support services we provide. Income generated through these activities helps ensure that counselling remains accessible to individuals experiencing financial hardship.

(6) General

Recipients of a grant from the Town Council should acknowledge the fact on all relevant literature.

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

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.

Signed: *Jo Baker*

Date: 22/09/2026

Please return your completed application form to the address overleaf, for the attention of the TOWN CLERK

For office use only:			
Acknowledged		Previously Applied	
Grant Aid Awarded/Amount	Y / N	Chq No.	