



WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

Youth Services Grant

APPLICATION FORM

(PLEASE COMPLETE ELECTRONICALLY)

Organisation			
Name of Organisation	Got2B Community Interest Company		
Registered Address (including Post Code)	[REDACTED]		
Website	Got2b.org.uk	Telephone	[REDACTED]
Facebook/Twitter	Fb: @got2bcic Twitter @got2bcic Instagram @got2b_youthwork	Email	info@got2b.org.uk
Contact Name	Julie Edwards or Madge Harley		
Position in Organisation	Directors (i.e. Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary)		
Registered Charity	/NO	Registration Number	Company number 12084416
<p>What are the activities and/or aims of the organisation?</p> <p>We aim to engage Young People through a variety of approaches; providing an alternative to anti-social activities; giving them a space and voice with trusted adults. Thus, leading to an increased feeling of safety within the community and hopefully reducing crime.</p> <p>We will continue to fulfil the project aims through detached and centre based youth work and working with schools by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing good working partnerships with stakeholders. • Meeting Young People where they are congregating and introducing ourselves and youth work principles • Building trusting relationships with Young People and their community. 			

- Developing activities and workshops with Young People.
- Offer youth services to local secondary schools.
- Using sessional recordings to work reflexively and to build reports for Stakeholders.
- Identifying vulnerable Young People and signpost them accordingly.
- Promoting Youth participation in the local community.
- Generate income in make Youth Work sustainable for the future.
- Continuing to be flexible to the needs of Young People.

Membership	
How many members do you have?	As an open access provision, we don't have members as such. However, in last 12 months we have made 793 contacts with Young People through our projects.
Approximately how many of your members live in Witney?	Around 97% with the remaining % coming from surrounding villages.
Is membership restricted in any way?	Restricted by age only – 12/13 (school yr 8) to 17 years
What is your annual subscription, if any?	None
Are you affiliated to Oxfordshire Youth or other similar umbrella organisation? If so, which one?	Yes, we are affiliated to Oxfordshire Youth We also follow guidance of the National Youth Agency.
Local venue/meeting place (if applicable)	We hope to use the coffee shed again over the winter months as well as being on detached work around Witney. We are still seeking more permanent premises.

Grant-Funding	
<p>Purpose for which the grant is required:</p> <p>We are half way through 2 yr funding from County Council Youth Opportunity fund which gives us funding to offer 1 term time only youth session. Last year the Town Council awarded us funding to be able to offer 2 youth sessions for the whole year. And money towards working on a project within school. This project highlighted the need for a LGBTQ+ youth group which has now been set up.</p> <p>We are asking the Town Council to continue to fund the second youth session and to contribute towards the staffing and running costs of the LGBTQ+ group.</p> <p>This added funding also gives us more capacity to offer programmes such as sexual health and mental health support which in turn generate further grants making youth work more sustainable for the future.</p> <p>The funding also allows some flexibility in worker time to be able to continue building networks in the Community with a view to securing premises, meet with the Neighbourhood police team, run the social media pages and manage staff and volunteers.</p>	
Amount of grant applied for	£ 24,500
Has your organisation previously applied to the Town Council for a grant?	YES
If YES, please give details	We were awarded £15,210 last year.
Have you applied for a grant to any other body or organisation?	YES/NO
If YES, please give details	<p>For this project £42,369.94 the next two years Youth Opportunity Fund OCC. – Half remaining.</p> <p>Previous projects have been funded from Bartlet Taylor Trust WODC and Councillor Priority Funds for Youth projects in Witney and Carterton</p>

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.

Fundraising

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

As we are not a charity we cannot fundraise as such, but we will be looking to apply for further funding for extra projects. We also hope to have a stall at the Witney Carnival.

General

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

The last 12 months have been particularly challenging times. As youth work is a recognised essential service, we have been able to continue to work with young people in Witney. We have been able to make changes to our provision to meet the needs of the more vulnerable young people while still adhering to government Covid-19 restrictions. We tried various ways to support young people during lockdown including online meetings, art projects, and phone calls. None of these proved to be successful, but rather than giving up and taking furlough, we continued to try other ways to reach young people. This led us to Our most successful project - Walking and Talking. A planned meet up with a young person and talking about what's happening for them, while walking around. This had such a positive effect of the mental wellbeing of the young people. Walking and Talking required two workers to be with each young person for safeguarding purposes which made the project costly. Without the funding from the Town Council this couldn't have happened and these vulnerable young people would have had no support at all during months of lockdown. Got2B workers have had 793 separate contacts with young people since November 2020.

Our detached workers have started to make good positive relationships with lots of young people over the last year and we want to continue to build on this. Ideally we are now at a point where we need to provide centre based work. As autumn and winter approach, detached work is far less effective. We need to find premises that can be used as a permanent base. Continued funding and support from Witney Town Council plays a vital role in us being able to provide good youth services in the town. We have requested a larger grant this year to ensure we can continue to do our best for the future of youth work within Witney. Without your commitment this won't be possible and we are worried that when the county council funding ends next year provision will not be able to continue.

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: REDACTED

Date: 13/08/2021

If posting, please return your completed application form to the address overleaf, for the attention of the TOWN CLERK

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Acknowledged		Previously Applied	
Grant Aid Awarded/Amount	Y / N	Chq No.	