

General Information						
Name of group or organisation	Got2B CIC	Home-Start Oxford	Oxfordshire Music & Arts Trust	Aspire Oxfordshire Community Enterprise Ltd	Parish of Witney	APCAM
Type of Organisation	Community Interest Company Company Number 12084416	Registered Charity Charity Number 1108612	Registered Charity Charity Number 1158771	Registered Charity Charity Number 1117726	Charity Number 1129784	Registered Charity Charity Number 1186256
What are the activities/aims of the organisation?	<p>GOT2B AIMS TO SUPPORT ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN WEST OXFORDSHIRE THROUGH THEIR TEENAGE YEARS BY:</p> <p>Providing an inclusive &amp; consistent trusted adult/ youth worker who can be accessed at youth work sessions out of school time and who is available for a young person to talk to in confidence.</p> <p>Providing a safe space for Young People by offering youth club sessions AND activities that are fun and that offer a chance for growth through Informal education.</p> <p>Giving Young People a voice through consultations, young person-led activities, planning of youth work and encouraging them to be active and heard in their wider community.</p> <p>Celebrating Young People at every opportunity by sharing their amazing achievements with the wider community and encouraging Young People to be proud of their achievements, and of who they are.</p>	<p>Home-Start’s vision is to shape a country where all children have the best possible start in life. Like Witney Town Council we believe all children should be given the chance to live a full and varied life. “90% of a child’s brain development happens before age 5.” Oxford Brain Story, University of Oxford The earliest years make the biggest impact and investing in those years is the most costeffective way of ensuring children’s futures are not limited. Once the chance is missed, making up lost ground in later life is difficult, expensive and often just doesn’t happen. HomeStart want to make sure that no parent or family feels alone in the critical task of raising Witney Town Council Youth Fund August 2022 Version 3 children. Our focus is building compassionate communities of support for families, parents, and children – because childhood can’t wait. We support local under 5s and their families through challenges that include trauma and poverty, disability, autism, illness, mental health issues, multiple births, relationship stress, refugeehood, social and rural isolation, domestic abuse, addiction, and debt. Our unique service, recruits and trains volunteers who visit families at home every week, giving non-judgmental, confidential emotional support as well as informed and practical help. Families with more complex needs are supported by our Family Support Worker. Another key part of our service is running groups. Most groups are popular, universal baby or toddler provision that delivers community connection and preventative support, they are run by our expert staff and trained volunteers to support mental health, play, attachment, and early learning. Other groups are by-invitation for more vulnerable, referred families. These smaller groups provide a vital first step into community engagement for struggling isolated families. It is testament to how people feel about our service that some supported mums and dads go on to become volunteers themselves</p>	<p>We aim to advance the art of music and the arts by extending provision of (predominantly, but not exclusively) musical activities to all and any age groups that would benefit. We believe in music for all but make special effort to engage those who are underprivileged, excluded or vulnerable.</p>	<p>Established in 2001, Aspire has now been tackling the most complex social issues in Oxfordshire for 20 years. We support local people into and towards employment and housing, as the most powerful way to break the complex cycles of homelessness, re-offending and poverty.</p> <p><b>Our Youth Services team (West)</b> are striving to support local young people who are not in education, employment or training to reach their potential.</p> <p>We offer 1-1 training and employment (ETE) support, CV writing advice, online training access, laptop loan scheme for use at home, mock interviews, help with job applications, in work support plans, sessions with local employers and Aspire’s H2i recruitment service, 1-1 online maths and English functional skills and GCSE sessions, confidence building and sporting/art/craft activities.</p> <p>‘Our House’ Aspire’s young people’s supported housing project in Witney provides housing advice and access to safe, affordable shared accommodation together with ETE and pastoral support to promote a healthy start to living independently.</p>	<p>We are five Church of England churches, some large and some small, serving the town of Witney and the villages round about. We work across 11 schools, 6 nursing/care homes and outreach to new communities and to people in need across the area. We believe the church is called to be a community or mercy and kindness.</p> <p>One of our aims is to reach and support the children and young people within the community. As a newcomer, I have recently observed the spike in anti-social behaviour and the lack of resources available to older youth.</p> <p>We are currently working with youth teams across Witney to provide support and activities, especially for those hard-to-reach youths and those who are in need.</p> <p>We are part of a wider team which also includes the work being carried out on the Windrush estate. I also work closely with other Youth leaders in the area (Madley Park, Woodgreen, Cogges). This programme/unit will be available for the use of youth leaders in the community also.</p>	<p>APCAM are a free-at-the-point-of-need mental health services for families based in West Oxfordshire who are in mental health crisis. Our aim is to ensure that no child, young person, parent, carer or family member are alone in their mental health journey, and that the best level of support is available to them when needed and for free. Access to such services can be extremely limited, as experienced by every member of staff or volunteer at APCAM - we know the struggle of experiencing mental health crisis alone, therefore will not stop until we feel that the community is supported to the level that it deserves. Our services include a weekly parent drop-in (where parents can meet the team and receive advice or support about theirs or their child’s mental health), weekly youth drop-in (a similar concept, but for young people themselves to be able to access a mental health professional as well as meet other young people in a similar situation), weekly counselling sessions for children and young people (completely free, with our in-house counsellor), as well as school workshops, training courses, mentoring schemes and SEMH/neurodivergence advice and support. We are able to provide families with the advice they need to navigate these struggles emotionally, practically when looking at paperwork or liaising with schools, and to create a sense of community during what can be such a lonely time.</p>

Amount requested	£32,000.00	£21,500.00	£10,740.00	£10,000.00	£9,333.58	£20,000.00
Purpose for which the grant is required?	<p>On October 1st this year we will have used-up the 2-year funding awarded by the Youth Opportunities Fund for one term time only Witney youth session. Over the past two years the Town Council have awarded us funding to be able to offer two weekly youth sessions for the whole year, along with money towards working on a project within school. This project highlighted the need for a LGBTQ+ youth group which has now been set up and attracts a regular attendance of Young People in need of a 'safe space'.</p> <p>We are now asking the Town Council to fund the two weekly Witney youth sessions and continue to contribute towards the running of the LGBTQ+ Group.</p> <p>As there are no dedicated Youth Spaces available in central Witney for a regular Youth Club - and the need for one has been amply demonstrated by the attendance of up to 70 Young People at the youth sessions we held in the High Street Methodist Church (which we had to vacate due to the number of young people attending &amp; the fact that the building did not meet their safe-guarding needs) - we have had to resort to hiring a large, suitable, central venue. As of September we have committed to hiring the Langdale Hall in Witney on Tuesdays between 4.30 - 7.30pm - at a cost of £60 per week (£20 per hour). This cost is in addition to the experienced &amp; trained staff required to run the Youth Club.</p> <p>Until the weather deteriorates and the nights draw in, our second session in Witney will involve detached work around the town - taking in areas such as The Buttercross, Church Green, The Leys, Burwell Shops, Burwell Rec, Smiths Estate Shops, Wes Witney Sports &amp; Social Ground, Deer Park Shops, Deer Park Rec, Madley Park Shops, Madley Park Rec &amp; Cogges.</p> <p>We will continue to seek a suitable venue to move our work inside during the Winter months. We are also hosting the West Oxfordshire Youth Awards in Witney in November, a celebration of young peoples' achievements over the past year or so. 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>	<p>Home-Start Oxford will continue to provide unique and comprehensive services for families with under 5s in Witney across all levels of our 1:1 and group provision. The cost of providing our full service in Witney and West Oxfordshire is £96K/year. • 1:1 home-visiting provision in Witney and West Oxfordshire costs £55K/year and is being funded by other donors (see below). • Group provision in Witney costs £41K/year - we have already secured £19.5K from a variety of other funders. We are asking Witney Town Council for £21,500 match-funding for a raft of Home-Start groups that will support over 500 individuals in Witney. Over the coming year our staff and volunteers will deliver:</p> <p>Little Splashers Puddle Jumpers Peep Groups Single Mum Group Buggy Walks &amp; Outdoor activities Summer Activities Programme Digital Support Additional Outreach</p> <p><i>*For full details and further information on these groups please refer to the application form.</i></p>	<p>OxMAT propose to grow the provision delivered this year by offering a 12-month youth program (funded 50/50 by WTC and OxMAT), to include:</p> <p>39 term time after-school tutorial/band sessions (for up to 20 bands/individuals at each); band camps during 3x school holidays, 4 talent showcases, a youth festival in June 2023 as part of Witney Music Festival (or other established event); a winter Youth Festival in collaboration with other local youth providers.</p> <p>This programme will be delivered by local music tutors, many of whom were impacted by Covid restrictions and now the cost of living/fuel crisis. It will be open to all young people, but the programme will actively seek referrals from local youth organisations for individuals who would otherwise be excluded due to financial, social, physical, learning or geographical barriers.</p> <p>The festivals will provide an opportunity to celebrate young people and for local youth organisations to showcase their work and connect with the community .</p> <p>Additionally, we would extend our lending library to make music more accessible for individuals who find themselves restricted or excluded from existing services.</p>	<p>Many of the young people we support have barriers to learning and no formal qualifications. We have found that 1-1 maths and English sessions with a local tutor have been successful in helping participants gain the grades needed to apply for further education, apprenticeships, training and employment opportunities.</p> <p>The barriers to employment and education faced by our young people range widely. They include mental health issues, such as anxiety, depression, undiagnosed ASD disorders and body dysmorphia, etc. We also support young people who have historic criminal backgrounds preventing them from accessing mainstream college campuses but who desperately want to change their lives and progress. They can be taught online in a 1-2-1 capacity if it isn't safe for them to be out in public which has previously been the case. For example, one young man who had been involved in county lines and was in hiding, completed his English and maths GCSE's and is now working for a wealth management company while completing an apprenticeship.</p>	<p>'The Tent' To create a multi-purpose space for the use of children and youth within the community.</p> <p>This space will be available for the use of the community who would like to run programmes for the community.</p> <p>As buildings/space appears to be at a premium, this will not only create our own but also be available for use of many and begin to meet a great need within the community.</p> <p>The tent will be a portable space that can be moved to different parts of the community if and when necessary to create activities where required.</p> <p>I have tried to source the cheapest option for all items where possible and have also used seconds where I think it helps towards bringing the cost down further.</p> <p>There are also groups who have said that they support the idea and willing to support it with equipment and their own funds.</p> <p><i>*For full details and an itemised breakdown of the request please refer to the application form.</i></p>	<p>Since being awarded a grant from The National Lottery Community Fund at the end of 2021, we have been able to expand our parent services that support the families in our local area. This increase in our service users has therefore made us aware of a new need to support the young people of the parents we accommodate. NHS CAMHS waiting lists in West Oxfordshire are nearing 4 years, meaning that children and young people in mental health need are unable to access vital support whilst in mental health crisis. As a trial using donations from fund-raising activities, we have set up a summer holiday young person mental health drop-in once a week that sees children and young people be invited to come and speak to our trained mental health team about their wellbeing, meet other young people who are also struggling so that they can form vital connections and friendships, and provides a safe and welcoming space for vulnerable young people within our community. Since opening this, we have had tens of young people attend and comment on the success and need for this to continue. This is why a funding opportunity such as this would allow us to permanently open an after-school youth mental health drop-in clinic, providing advice, support and community for the young people of West Oxfordshire in mental health crisis. We aim to run this permanently, but at first our target is a year. This will be promoted on our popular social media platforms, local newsletters and school bulletins, as well as word of mouth with our service users. The success of this will allow us to project the way we aim to be sustainable within our APCAM services in the future. We will also be able to maintain our current services which includes our weekly parent drop-in clinic and weekly free-at-the-point-of-need counselling</p>

						service for children and young people. This project encompasses a sense of community within the young people we see - they are able to form relationships with others who are in mental health crisis, as well as get them to come to our local family's centre where other organisations are present that are able to provide services to the community. By facilitating a safe environment where a professional mental health team are present, young people are able to explore their mental health and work through issues that are preventing them from reaching their full potential at school or within their lives. Early intervention is key in preventing mental health struggles in adulthood, and targets mental health crisis at the earliest possible moment.
What is the age range for the proposal?	12/13 - 17 years	0-5 years	All young people	17-24 years	Older youth & those in need	All
Has your organisation previously been awarded a grant by Witney Town Council?	Yes £15,210 in 2020 £18,693 in 2021	Yes £11,700 in 2020 £9,138 in 2021	Yes, £7668, in 2021	No	No	No
Have you applied for a grant to any other body or organisation?	Previous projects have been funded from Youth Opportunities Fund, Bartlett Taylor Trust WODC and Councillor Priority Funds for Youth projects in Witney and Carterton, Witney Town Council, Carterton Town Council & Chipping Norton Town Council, Witney Lions & Carterton Lions	We have already secured substantial funding for group provision in Witney for 2022/23 - £5K from WODC, £5K from Children in Need, and £9.5K from The Henry Smith Charity. Groups in Witney cost £41K/year. This exceptional value for money is achieved because £6,000 support-in-kind is given through volunteer hours, and overhead costs are kept low by discounted rates from supportive Witney venues. We are asking for £21,500 match-funding from WTC to fill the 2022/23 funding gap around Witney group provision. 1:1 home-visiting services in Witney and West Oxfordshire cost around £55K/year and will be funded by larger grants already secured from The Henry Smith Charity, Awards for All and from smaller grants from local trusts/foundations, churches, corporate partners and community fundraising.	A discretionary grant from WODC for £500 (c2014); A grant for £600 from Witney Round Table (2019); Ecclesiastical Giving, £1,000 (2019)	Semble Network Ltd through Action Funder. The funding provided 1-1 tutor sessions for 11 young people in 2021 but this funding has now been exhausted	No	We are currently at the end of our lotto community fund grant. We have previously had money from carterton town council also
What other fundraising activities will you be holding this year?	Witney Family Prize Bingo (6 x a year) Witney Pride Day Carterton Carnival The West Oxfordshire Youth Awards	We will re/apply to local trusts including The Jim Cousins Trust and The Bartlett Taylor Trust. We will continue to nurture relationships with local corporates and churches and continue to build on our relationships with other statutory funders. For example, we have been meeting with	The charity opened the Witney Music Festival Main Stage. Supported Wychwood Fayre by providing power to the music stage. The charity opened the main stage for Minster Lovell Beer Festival 2022 by providing a full back line of	This year Aspire is running an emergency appeal to raise funds to support our beneficiaries cope with the increase in cost of living and massive rise in energy bills. This will add further strain on	The Windrush Project is still new. We are currently working in partnership with the Baptist Church to provide outreach and community building on the new estate. We have resourced this	APCAM are constantly hosting fundraising activities in order to sustain our services. Planned activities this year include our annual ball in December at Witney Lakes Resort, a walk and talk 10k, and attending BrizeFest.

	<p>WOYA Roadshow Family Open Mic &amp; Karaoke Night Family Race Evening Family Quiz Night Christmas Market Coach Trips Witney Christmas Lights Carterton Christmas Lights Carterton May Day Witney Carnival Witney Youth Festival - a project in conjunction with Oxmat Carterton Celebrates</p> <p>The plans for 2023 are to increase the number and variety of fun family fundraising events offered in Witney, Carterton &amp; Chipping Norton</p>	<p>Witney County Councillors and hope to secure some repeat funding from their CPF and other funding streams. Statutory funding, including from WTC are essential to ensure our financial sustainability, we particularly value multi-year funding because of the security it offers and the planning it enables. We are growing our events fundraising – last year 2 Witney runners took part in the Oxford Half Marathon for us. This year 5 residents from Witney and surrounding villages are running, including a supported mum. This is her page where she shares her story. We love it when families we've supported start supporting us - so empowering and affirmative! <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kay-adair-louise-can">https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kay-adair-louise-can</a></p>	<p>amplifiers, cabs and additional power for this year's main stage. We also volunteered help with the stage and band areas. The charity has built links with Got2B, providing a drum kit on loan and planning for youth event collaboration. Next year, the charity has established opportunities with Nor Lye, Wychwood and other festivals to extend our reach and attract more participants to our events.</p>	<p>already stretched and precarious budgets that will lead to an unacceptable rise in fuel poverty, hardship and risk of homelessness this winter. With a generous matched funding of up to £200,000, we are aiming to raise £400,00 from our existing donors, local businesses and the wider community by December 2022</p> <p>If successful, our campaign will transform our capacity to reach hundreds of people most in need this winter - and see us roll out initiatives that we can make a difference in the long-term.</p>	<p>ourselves. We believe there is a key possibility for building capacity with young people in the area.</p> <p>There are also youth fundraising programs planned to help to build put towards the cost of further resources.</p>	<p>We are also constantly encouraging our community to fundraise for us, which is successful due to our active engagement with the community</p>
Further Information/General	<i>Please see application.</i>	<i>Please see application.</i>	<i>Please see application for a breakdown of the requested funds.</i>	<i>Please see application.</i>	<i>Please see application.</i>	<i>Please see application and accompanying documents</i>