

General eligibility criteria

Criteria that apply to all OCF grant programmes

To be eligible to apply for funding from Oxfordshire Community Foundation (OCF), your group **must**:

- Be a **registered charity, constituted group** or **social enterprise/CIC**
- Be **based in Oxfordshire** and/or have beneficiaries in Oxfordshire
- Have at least **three trustees** or **committee members** who are not related to each other
- Have a **bank account in its own name** with at least two unrelated signatories, open for three months or more
- Be open to people of **all religions** and political affiliations, and must not proselytise

If the above criteria do not apply to your project, unfortunately you are not eligible to apply for funding from OCF.

The following types of group/project are **NOT** eligible:

- National charities (or financially integrated branches)
- Public bodies or statutory organisations (including parish/town councils)
- Charities where the beneficiaries are solely animals
- Individuals
- Projects that are the purchase of buses or other vehicles
- Large-scale construction projects (including fixed structures e.g. playgrounds)
- Projects where the costs have already been incurred

Please note, individual grants round criteria take precedence over our general criteria.

Notes

Running costs

Staff/running costs can be funded from any of the grant programmes, as long as you can demonstrate a clear budget, how the costs match the programme's objectives and your plan for how these costs will be funded after the life of the OCF grant. Sessional costs for leaders or trainers can be factored into a project budget.

Tips and hints

The panel will assess more favourably grant applications where:

- There is evidence of **stability** and good governance
- The **outcomes** are clear
- The **budget** is well thought through and itemised
- **Other funding** has been secured
- **Volunteers** are being used to deliver impact
- The group is **collaborating** with other organisations and stakeholders, or there is **no other provider** of the work
- You can also read our [top tips for grant applications](#).