



# Full grants list

April 2024

This document lists all grants made by the Step Change Fund since its inception (as the Future-Building Fund) in 2014. It is organised by project status, then by project end date.

- Active projects (13)
- Completed projects (52)
- Discontinued projects (4)
- **Total projects: 69**



# Summary

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## Outputs

Each of the 58 projects has up to three outputs, which can be summarised as follows:





## Active projects

These are projects where the grant is still being spent in tranches as milestones are reached, with a project manager tracking and reporting back on KPIs.

Organisation	Amount	End date	Purpose of grant
Assisted Reading for Children ARCh	£43,490	Jun-25	Increase their capacity by employing a Recruitment Officer and providing additional materials and training for the extra volunteers
Branch Trust	£50,000	Dec-25	Make a step change in the services offered to the community through the help of a Finance Manager and Volunteer Coordinator
Broken Spoke	£40,000	Feb-24	Develop a marketing strategy to engage with a wider audience, attract more participants and increase income generation, by upgrading the website and booking system; installing a CRM system; and developing a marketing strategy
Children Heard and Seen	£65,763	Oct-24	Establish a training arm allowing Children Heard and Seen to share learning across Oxfordshire and the rest of the country via CPD training courses; the step change will be the creation of a funding stream allowing Children Heard and Seen to work towards becoming self-sustaining
Dementia Active	£66,842	Jun-24	Move away from offering dementia activities in community halls to having a dedicated centre in Banbury ("putting dementia on the map in Banbury"); increase awareness, remove stigma and provide support to members and their families
Didcot Train	£25,267	Dec-24	Expand their operations to include Wallingford, as there is a gap in their provision for vulnerable young people
FarmAbility	£64,962	Mar-25	Increase capacity and reduce waiting list through better utilisation of volunteers and increasing numbers of volunteers; free management time with implementation of a CRM system to keep beneficiary records and record progress
The Gatehouse	£18,240	May-24	Provide upgraded, fully integrated and accessible systems enabling easy sharing of documents and data amongst staff, thereby increasing business efficiency, reducing operational risks, and ensuring adherence to GDPR requirements

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Makespace	£50,000	Feb-24	To provide subsidised space and support to community enterprises, voluntary groups and charities.
Oxford City Farm	£66,995	Mar-24	Support site infrastructure to allow increased food production and greater access for community groups/site hires; this will enhance financial stability by providing more diverse streams of income.
Oxford Wood Recycling	£42,160	Jul-24	Develop and insulate the workshop so that more people can be employed and trained, and develop marketing materials explaining the mission of OWR for stakeholders
Sunningwell School of Art	£28,964	Oct-23	To improve financial management and implement a professional software package to ensure it (Sage)
UCare	£22,260	Jun-25	Target 'hard-to-reach' communities via the services of a newly recruited Volunteer Manager, finding ways to communicate with men in more deprived areas of Oxfordshire



## Completed projects

These projects are no longer being monitored and have provided a final impact report one year after the final funding was spent.

Organisation	Amount	End date	Purpose of grant
Bridewell Organic Gardens Grant II	£39,520	May-23	To implement a new CRM system and update of the website
Reducing the Risk of Domestic Abuse	£43,940	Jan-24	To forge links with local community groups and build a network of 'friends' who will have the knowledge and confidence to raise concerns with the RtR network of support
My Life My Choice	£48,460	Aug-23	To provide greater access for disabled people to digital platform activities
Be Free Young Carers Grant II	£35,000	Mar-23	To extend the success of their South Oxfordshire service to the rest of Oxfordshire
People, Place and Participation	£55,000	May-23	To increase funding and trading, and widen services at Flo's – The Place in the Park (shop and café)
Oxford Against Cutting Grant I	£40,000	Jul-22	To increase coverage for the charity's anti-FGM message, and create an income from private schools; conduct research into the possible value of engaging a social influencer to promote the message and raise funds
Oxford Gatehouse	£46,620	Feb-23	To improve the internal structure of all the services delivered via a digital system that manages volunteers, clients and staff data better
Archway Foundation Grant II	£43,388	May-22	To equip volunteers to work with more challenging clients and to work in more remote areas
Home-Start Oxford	£57,380	Mar-22	To install vital infrastructure and communications investments that will enable growth – freeing data-entry time so case workers can deal with more referrals
Riverside Counselling	£74,354	Feb-22	To deploy digital technology to enable the charity to work more effectively and efficiently
Quest for Learning	£70,107	Dec-22	To upgrade systems and capacity to support rapid charity growth and develop financial self-reliance
Oxford United in the Community	£30,337	Dec-21	To build a hub and spoke model – a pilot in one location which will endeavour to receive payment for its activities with young people and show that through sport they can build confidence and lead fulfilling lives

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Headway Oxfordshire	£47,673	Oct-21	To improve clients' experiences and related outcomes of those people that the charity serves using an engaging, efficient new CRM system
Oxford Against Cutting Grant II	£29,815	Jul-21	To increase reach awareness and brand awareness via a social media initiative
RAW Grant II	£51,000	Jun-21	To deliver gardening and landscaping services, training and employing people with mental health difficulties in the enterprise
Oxford Parent Infant Project (OXPIP) Grant II	£24,500	May-21	To significantly increase OXPIP's capacity to meet the demand from external commissioners for OXPIP's specialist parent-infant relationship training, growing income for service delivery in Oxfordshire
Cogges Heritage Trust	£49,360	Apr-21	To move Cogges Manor Farm from a purely income-generating visitor attraction to being focused as much on supporting the societal and welfare needs of the local community
Anjali Dance Company Grant II	£25,322	Apr-21	To make the most of Anjali's extensive knowledge and experience by creating packages for training and consultancy to create a new funding stream
Archway Foundation Grant III	£5,000	Feb-22	To temporarily change the focus of their work in response to COVID-19
Oxford Against Cutting Grant III	£3,000	Feb-22	To temporarily change the focus of their work in response to COVID-19
Citizens Advice Oxford	£46,764	Apr-21	To transform the way the organisation works by using triage systems and support for internet use
Bridewell Organic Gardens	£71,586	Jan-21	To increase time with users of the charity's facilities by building new offices in the same area as the gardens, and reducing rental outgoings
Agnes Smith Advice Centre Grant II	£25,299	Dec-20	To carry out a feasibility study into offering social welfare advice to local GP surgeries, providing the full range of debt and housing advice to patients
OSARCC Grant III	£15,000	Oct-20	To help survivors from under-served groups access OSARCC's services, particularly older survivors, those who live in rural areas, and those in ethnic minority communities
Ark-t Centre	£50,000	Sep-20	To diversify the charity's income from hires of a new community meeting venue in Cowley
Orchestra of St John's	£48,600	Feb-20	To deliver six different outreach programmes amongst disadvantaged communities
SOFEA Grant I	£45,500	Feb-20	To scale SOFEA's current operations and to pilot a related social enterprise
SOFEA Grant II	£20,000	Jan-20	To scale up the Community Larder model, a membership scheme which enables people who are 'just about managing', to receive groceries at subsidised rates
Transition by Design	£49,250	Jan-20	To provide workspaces for charities, social enterprises and co-operatives
Oxfordshire Youth Grant II	£25,000	Sep-19	To develop Customer Relationship Management systems and software

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One-Eighty Grant II	£48,840	Aug-19	To set-up a traineeship programme
OXPIP Grant I	£50,000	Apr-19	To turn their parent-infant mental health and wellbeing training into a social enterprise, making the most of clinical commissioning opportunities
Archway Foundation Grant I	£31,625	Sep-18	To increase the capacity of the befriending service
Oxford Hub Grant II	£35,000	Aug-18	To develop a social enterprise by extending the Hub's reach beyond the student population
RAW Grant I	£24,000	Aug-18	To develop a wood recycling social enterprise
Refugee Resource	£30,000	Jul-18	To develop the school therapy service
One-Eighty Grant I	£25,000	Mar-18	To market and fit out unused space in newly acquired premises
OSARCC Grant II	£30,000	Mar-18	To develop a three-year strategic plan
Oxfordshire Youth Grant I	£50,000	Dec-17	To merge with Oxfordshire Council for Voluntary Youth Services
Be Free Young Carers Grant I	£40,000	May-17	To address the gap in specialist provision for young carers
Farmability	£27,000	Jan-17	To develop Farming for Change, an innovative, practical alternative to the support services on offer to adults with autism and learning disabilities
Agnes Smith Advice Centre Grant I	£47,900	Sep-16	To extend the service by training four local volunteers, appointing a training coordinator and adapting premises
Donnington Doorstep	£25,000	Sep-16	To recruit a charity fundraiser and a marketing consultant to improve branding and profile
Anjali Dance Company Grant I	£13,200	Jun-16	To purchase and install IT equipment and to train staff in its use
Young Dementia	£23,100	Jun-16	To implement a Customer Relationship Management system
OSARCC Grant I	£9,900	Mar-16	To pilot expansion and income-generating capacity of external training to cover issues of consent
Oxford Hub Grant I	£36,000	Mar-16	To implement next stage of development of automated administrative systems
Oxfordshire Association for the Blind	£14,490	Jan-16	To carry out market research to establish demand, followed by the development of income-generating training materials
Yellow Submarine Grant II	£23,600	Jan-16	To embed the new enterprise and seek other outlets in the county
Yellow Submarine Grant I	£45,000	Jan-16	To develop its social enterprise model
Trax	£33,000	Jun-15	To grow the social enterprise in external catering and bicycle renovation



## Discontinued projects

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**These projects were discontinued because the organisation closed down or significantly changed its remit or strategy during the life of the grant.**

Organisation	Amount	End date	Purpose of grant
Wolvercote Young People's Club	£2,250	Apr-23	To ensure growth and sustainability by employing a charity manager
OSARCC Grant IV	£0	Oct-20	To build on the previous OSARCC projects by enhancing the visibility, accessibility and relevance of OSARCC's services
Getting Heard	£34,700	Apr-17	To develop a Legal Friends social enterprise
Oxfordshire Family Mediation	£50,000	Apr-16	To automate the Legal Aid Agency process



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