

# Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Community Innovation Fund Expression of Interest Form 2026

**The Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Community Innovation Fund** will provide grants to charitable organisations to reduce harm and improve safety for people experiencing domestic abuse before crisis point is reached. Grants will deliver one or more of these outcomes:

- Stronger community-based organisations delivering impactful, survivor-centred and culturally appropriate services for people experiencing emerging domestic abuse
- Increased early intervention, prevention and awareness of domestic abuse within marginalised communities
- Increased access to early support and preventative domestic abuse services, helping to reduce harm and prevent escalation to higher-risk situations

The focus of this fund is on reaching people experiencing emerging abuse, where timely support can reduce harm, improve safety, and prevent escalation to crisis. This includes people experiencing controlling or coercive behaviour, emotional or psychological abuse, financial or other non-physical forms of abuse, or those at an early stage of recognising abuse and seeking help. This fund is not designed for crisis response or MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) situations.

The fund will support a mix of established, evidence-informed approaches and new ideas. Approximately 60% of the available funding will support tried and tested approaches that build on existing community-based activity and strengthen what is already working within Oxfordshire communities. Approximately 40% of the available funding will support innovative approaches, including new ideas, pilots, or alternative delivery models that respond to unmet need or test new ways of working. Innovation may include new partnerships, delivery models, engagement methods, or adaptations of existing practice for new populations or settings.

Before completing this form, and for more information on the fund and general eligibility, please look at our Domestic Abuse Community Innovation Fund guidance document.

## **Hints and tips**

Don't spend long on this form; it doesn't have to be full of detail. The purpose is to let us know what you need.

If you have received funding from us in the past, you do not need to complete the 'What does your organisation do?' section as we will

already have this on file. Do tell us of any changes.

To help us match your request to the desired outcomes of our Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Community Innovation Fund, please use this Expression of Interest (EOI) to tell us:

- What you want to do
- Why it needs to be done
- Who you want to help
- How you are going to do it (please include any planned collaborations or partnerships)

Don't worry – if we have any questions, we will be in touch.

If we receive similar EOIs from multiple organisations that indicate they could collaborate effectively together, we may propose this.

**The closing date for EOI submission is midday on Thursday 25th June 2026.**

\* Indicates required question

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1. Email \*

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2. After reading the supporting guidance document, can you confirm that your organisation is eligible, and circa 90% of beneficiaries are in Oxfordshire? \*

*Tick all that apply.*

- Yes
- No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name of charity/organisation \*

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### Charity/organisation details

Please complete the information below

4. We are a: \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- Registered charity
- Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
- Unincorporated Club or Association
- Community Benefit Society
- Community Interest Company (CIC)
- Company Limited by Guarantee

5. If other please state below:

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6. What was your income in the last financial year? \*

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### Contact information

7. Name of main contact \*

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8. Email address \*

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9. Phone number \*

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### About your organisation:

Please tell us about your organisation. Write freely and briefly outlining what your organisation does.

You can send us no more than three documents that may support your request, which can include previous applications or funding that shows your organisation's objectives, or previously used presentations or documents that highlight your activities. These should be sent to [grants@oxfordshire.org](mailto:grants@oxfordshire.org).

In relation to the Domestic Abuse Community Innovation Fund, use the sections below tell us:

- What change you want to make?
- Why it needs to be done?
- Who you want to help?
- How you are going to do it? (please include any collaboration or partnerships)

10. Tell us about your organisation (suggested maximum 150 words) \*

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11. What do you want to do? Please describe the overall change you want to make. (suggested maximum 300 words) \*

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12. Why does this need to be done? Please describe the reason this change is necessary or the problem you want to address. (suggested maximum 300 words) \*

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13. Who do you want to help? Please describe the people you want to help - the needs they have, the situations they are in or challenges they are facing. (suggested maximum 300 words) \*

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14. How are you going to do it? Please explain what steps you will take or what kinds of activities you will run. Please include any planned collaborations or partnerships (suggested maximum 300 words) \*

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## 15. Funding request

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What does your organisation need this funding for?\* (Select all that apply)

*Tick all that apply.*

- Project costs (e.g. one-off, project-specific materials or staff time just for that project)
- Core costs (e.g. ongoing organisational costs like staff salaries, insurance, training)
- Capital costs (e.g. premises, IT equipment, vehicles)

### Further information

After you submit your Expression of Interest form, the team at Oxfordshire Community Foundation will thoughtfully review it. If successful, you'll be invited to submit a Detailed Application. Applications will be reviewed by an independent expert for guidance.

Important dates:

- EOI stage opens on 4th June and closes midday on 25th June
- Groups will be notified of the outcome in the week beginning 6th July
- Detailed applications open on 9th July and close at midday on 6th August

We'll announce the awards in the week beginning 21st September. If you need any help or have questions, please don't hesitate to email us at [grants@oxfordshire.org](mailto:grants@oxfordshire.org). We truly appreciate your interest and are here to support you.

For more information on OCF, please refer to [our website](#).

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