



3rd June 2024

To Members of Community Committee

You are hereby summoned to a MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE to be held on

**Monday, 10th June 2024 at 7.30pm,
At Thanet House, 58 London Road, Stroud**

to conduct the following business.

Helen Bojaniwska
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies
2. To receive declarations of interest or requests for dispensations
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 18th March 2024 previously circulated
4. To receive questions from members of the public
5. To receive an update from the Community Development Team
6. To receive a budget monitoring report to the end of April 2024
7. To note the Community Committee Work Plan for 2024 - 2025
8. To receive reports from grants awarded
9. To receive reports from SLA providers
10. To note the remaining funds available in the Grants Funds for 2024-2025
11. To discuss the grant applications received for the following funds;
 - a) Arts and Culture,
 - b) Community,
 - c) Small Grants

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (age, race, gender, sexual orientation, faith, marital status and disability); Crime and Disorder (Section 17); Health and Safety; and Human Rights.

Community Development Officer Report

AUTHOR

Community Development Officer

CONSULTEES

Community Development Support Officer

FOR MEETING

Community Committee – 10th June 2024

RECOMMENDATION

For information

REPORT

CDO Team Work Since Last Community Committee Meeting

1. Community Dentistry

- The CDSO has been leading efforts to secure funding for mobile dentistry clinics in Stroud. This initiative aims to address the critical gap in dental services for our vulnerable community members.
- An application has been submitted to the League of Friends at Stroud Hospital, supported by Siobhan Baillie MP, Simon Opher (head of the PCN), and David Drew (GCC county councillor).
- The grant application will be assessed this month. Pending a positive outcome, the CDO team will engage the charity Dentaid to schedule the clinics. These clinics will be delivered through the Network of Stroud Hubs, providing essential dental care and raising awareness of the challenges in accessing NHS dentistry.

2. Network of Stroud Hubs (NoSH)

- The CDO team continues to support NoSH in developing their governance model as they formalise their structure. This has involved a series of workshops, meetings, and document drafting to ensure a robust and sustainable governance framework.
- NoSH is close to finalising their governing document. Once completed, the CDO team will assist in developing a 12-month action plan to expand NoSH's capacity, profile, and sustainability.
- The CDO team has also provided training support, including planning face-to-face sessions on Safeguarding, Food Hygiene, and De-escalation, which are crucial for the effective and safe operation of community groups.

3. Individual Hub Support

- **Middle of the Hill:** The CDO team supported MHCG by facilitating meetings and note-taking to ensure their voice is heard in the SDC community consultation for the upcoming regeneration project.
- **Trinity Rooms Community Group:** The CDO team consulted on proposed new staffing roles to expand community outreach and health and wellbeing support. Assistance was provided in locating funding for their Christmas meals project and delivered training to volunteers on community conversations, signposting, and the provision of signposting packs.
- **Top of Town Community Hub:** The CDO team continues to support this hub through attendance at committee meetings and during hub opening. A multistakeholder meeting was arranged which identified a need for better youth provision. As a result, TOTCH, GCC, SDC, and the CDO team are planning a youth consultation event this summer to address these needs.
- **Uplands Community Hub:** The CDO team has supported the hub by evaluating its governance documents to ensure compliance with legal standards, adherence to best practices, and maintenance of safety protocols. Additionally, the CDO team has advised the hub on the installation of an official noticeboard. This initiative will enhance the hub's presence in the community and increase public awareness of its activities and offerings.
- **Marah Trust:** The CDO team regularly visits Marah Trust to provide ongoing support. Their efforts include assisting Marah Trust in participating in the Network of Stroud Hubs (NoSH) governance formalisation process, facilitating multi-agency meetings to ensure the safety of community members who frequent Marah Trust, and addressing Marah Trust's requests for staff and volunteer training, such as de-escalation training.

4. Stroud District Community Hubs Project

- The CDO team is actively engaged with this district-wide initiative, with a team member sitting on the strategy group and the CDO serving as Area Coordinator.
- The CDO team has made several interventions to ensure the project meets the needs of all community groups, both within the town and the district. This includes advocating for more co-creation with involved groups, amending documentation to ensure accessibility, and planning the next District Hubs meeting in July.

5. Chapel Street

- The CDO team conducted impact measurement surveys, showing that the Chapel Street initiative positively impacts attendees' health and

wellbeing. The results of this work will be reported to the next community committee meeting.

- The CDO team is supporting the community with a SITE art project and will be present at its public opening.
- The CDO team is also working with District representatives on issues of repair and renovation, ensuring community members are informed and their concerns are addressed.

6. Stroud Seatory

- The CDO team conducted a community survey to gather input on the development of the Stroud Seatory. Based on the feedback, the relaunch will include games, comfortable seating, children's toys, and musical performances, creating a more welcoming and engaging space.
- This work is supported by the Communications and Engagement Officer, ensuring effective promotion and community involvement.

7. Participatory Budgeting Project

- The CDO team met with the Headmaster of Archway and their Early Help team, securing their interest in holding the participatory budgeting project at the school.
- A preliminary workshop will take place before the summer break to engage students, with a full workshop program launch scheduled for September. This project aims to involve young people in the budgeting process, enhancing their understanding of community funding and decision-making.

Other Work:

Vouchers

- The CDO team secured a new system with SDC to collect and deliver shopping vouchers funded by the Household Support Fund. These vouchers are distributed through community groups and schools to community members in need.

Safeguarding and Case Work

- The CDO team continues to handle individual casework and safeguarding issues. We have arranged multistakeholder meetings with District representatives, Adult Safeguarding, Community Policing, and other organisations to ensure a coordinated approach for the best outcomes.

Citizen's Advice Transport Scheme

- The CDO team established a referral system with Citizen's Advice to provide funds for transport costs. This scheme enables community members to access healthcare and other necessary services outside Stroud, addressing transportation barriers.

Paganhill Transform

- The CDSO is leading efforts to expand the reach of Paganhill Transform. This involves ensuring stakeholder representation across the area, facilitating collaboration, and sharing resources and information to benefit all involved parties. This initiative aims to tackle community issues collectively and share best practices for greater impact.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Council may exercise the General Power of Competence in regard to expenditure and actions relating to this report.

FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications – N/A

Staffing implications – N/A

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

The Council is legally bound by the public sector equality duty to prevent and eliminate discrimination, establish and promote equality and equal opportunities, and foster good relations between people with different protected characteristics

CO2 IMPLICATIONS

N/A

Annual Budget - By Committee (Actual YTD Month 1)

Note: 4 Community Committee Report 30 Apr 2024

		<u>2023/24</u>		<u>2024/25</u>				<u>2025/26</u>		
		Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
<u>Community</u>										
103	<u>ARTS & CULTURE</u>									
4028	MILLON HOURS PROJECT	0	4,052	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
4118	ARTS AND CULTURE GRANTS FUND	11,000	6,750	11,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
4125	LANSDOWN HALL AND GALLERY	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0	0
4127	ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGY	0	0	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
4224	Sub Rooms SLA	17,680	17,680	10,000	10,000	0	0	0	0	0
4998	TF FROM OTHER FUNDS	0	-4,240	-3,600	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	33,680	29,242	30,400	15,000	0	0	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(33,680)	(29,242)	(30,400)	(15,000)	0		0		
107	<u>COMMUNITY</u>									
4001	STAFF COSTS	0	51,195	87,437	6,005	0	0	0	0	0
4060	SMALL GRANTS FUND	4,000	1,500	4,000	2,250	0	0	0	0	0
4063	WARD SPECIFIC PROJECTS	3,000	1,218	3,000	338	0	0	0	0	0
4067	FOOTPATH SURVEY	200	0	200	0	0	0	0	0	0
4080	CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU SLA	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0	0
4081	YOUTH PROJECTS	0	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
4084	MARAH TRUST SLA	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0	0
4101	Community safety (incl CCTV)	3,000	18	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
4121	Allsorts SLA	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0	0	0	0
4122	Gardening support SLA	2,000	2,208	1,750	0	0	1,750	0	0	0
4124	PLAY RANGERS	15,120	15,120	16,179	0	0	16,179	0	0	0
4139	HOMESTART SLA	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0	0	0	0
4146	COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND	10,000	8,482	10,000	1,000	0	0	0	0	0

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		Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
4160	Lilian Faithfull Care SLA	3,000	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4171	Emergency Community Fund	0	5,428	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4172	Comm Dev fund use by CDOfficer	500	616	2,000	108	0	0	0	0	0
4229	Paganhill Community Group	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
4230	Cost Of Living Support	5,000	1,520	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
4998	TF FROM OTHER FUNDS	0	0	-2,500	0	0	0	0	0	0
4999	TF TO OTHER FUNDS	0	8,518	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overhead Expenditure		<u>64,820</u>	<u>117,823</u>	<u>159,066</u>	<u>25,700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,929</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve		<u>(64,820)</u>	<u>(117,823)</u>	<u>(159,066)</u>	<u>(25,700)</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		
Community - Income		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditure		98,500	147,065	189,466	40,700	0	17,929	0	0	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve		<u>(98,500)</u>	<u>(147,065)</u>	<u>(189,466)</u>	<u>(40,700)</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		
Total Budget Income		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditure		98,500	147,065	189,466	40,700	0	17,929	0	0	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve		<u>(98,500)</u>	<u>(147,065)</u>	<u>(189,466)</u>	<u>(40,700)</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2024-25

All meetings

- Community Development Team report (verbal and written alternating)
- Budget report
- Grant Applications
- Grant Reports

10 Jun 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDO team presentation and welcome to new committee • Overview of current project work and plans
2 Sept 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stroud District Community Hubs project update and decisions from July meeting • Top of Town youth event/consultation results and future plans • Stroud Seatory - review of the summer activities, community feedback and future plans. • Chapel Street impact assessment report
18 Nov 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participatory budgeting project - Initial outcomes and student engagement feedback. • Warm spaces and plans to support with community resilience through the winter months • NoSH - progress on creation and implementation of the 12-month action plan, and governance work. • Budget setting for 25-26
17 March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participatory Budgeting Project - detailed outcomes, projects for implementation and impact assessment. • Review of winter support and any improvements for the following year • NoSH – Review of support given and outcomes measured with reference to 12 month action plan. • End-of-year CD review

Stroud Town Council Funding Report

Clean Slate Training & Employment received funding from the Town Council Community Support Fund.

We were awarded £2982.15

This funding was spent between 1st July 2023 and 31st September 2023.

We initially requested this funding so as to be able to continue the drop in that we were delivering once a week (Friday mornings), at the Paganhill Community Support Centre. The funding we had previously to deliver this service, was finishing at the end of June.

Unfortunately the Paganhill Community Support Centre was closed in July, but we continued to deliver the service by running a drop in at the Long Table, but were in regular contact with the PCSC and took referrals over the phone and popped up to the centre and met with people outside if they were keen to meet face to face.

By August, the drop in was back open and so we continued to run the drop in at Paganhill Community Support Centre, alongside Kids Stuff and the Food Hub.

Over these three months, we also took referrals from organisations within the Stroud Parish boundary, including the Enablement Team, Independence Trust, Stroud Police, Stroud Foodbank, Beeches Green GP, Citizens Advice, and Stroud District Council. When we were at the drop in at the Paganhill Community Support Centre, we offered light touch support, distributed Quids in! magazines and guides (full of useful money guidance hints and tips), dealt with any urgent enquiries, made referrals and sign-posted to other support agencies such as for mental health challenges, and explained the more comprehensive support available by Clean Slate. Most of the latter took place over the phone and started with the Quids in! Money Health Check, an online toolkit which helps initiate a conversation about money and helps the Outreach/ Support Worker identify where further support is needed. This health check is a 25 question, straightforward, yes/ no answer quiz, deliberately accessible (like a magazine personality quiz). All 'no' answers automatically generate guidance and information, which the client receives via email. From there, the support would continue for around 6 weeks and would include a benefit check (to ensure the individual is getting all that they are eligible for), an income and expenditure plan, and an action plan put together jointly, all with the aim to maximise income and reduce outgoings (in a collaborative, non-judgmental way). By the end of the 6 weeks of support, all the people we supported were more financially resilient, confident, empowered and had the knowledge to improve their budgeting skills going forward. We always run through the Quids in! money health check again at the end of our support to measure the 'distance travelled' (resilience

indicators), as well as monitoring financial and non-financial gains. We also run through an Impact Survey/ Customer Satisfaction survey where possible.

Outcomes of those we supported with this funding include identifying and claiming additional benefits, applying for and being successful with grants, accessing mental health support, accessing training opportunities, referrals into debt advice, support with/ worked through housing issues, and a few we assisted with making the first steps towards employment with job applications etc after being long term unemployed.

This funding was very much needed last summer, as the number of referrals coming through from other organisations was (and continues to be) constantly rising as the cost of living crisis deepens. This funding allowed us to recruit an Outreach/ Support Worker which allowed the Regional Lead to focus on longer term sustainability.

Money spent was 11 hours a week for the Outreach/ Support Worker, for 12 weeks, with 3 hours spent at the drop in when possible and the rest on remote support. There was also management time to manage the O/S Worker and the project, including keeping on top of incoming referrals. In addition there were some travel costs for when the Outreach Worker was at the drop in plus Quids in! materials.

Kate Montgomery

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With less than 65 days to go the Scouts are now really looking forward to their trip to the Essex International Jamboree. The event lasts for 8 days and gives our young people the chance to meet Scouts and Guides from across the country and the World with Scouts attending from Europe, Canada, USA and Hong Kong to name a few places.

Since the start of their journey the Scouts have taken part in activity days and camp to encourage teamwork during the long days at the Jamboree.

Thanks to your donation we have now managed to secure transportation to and from the Jamboree as well as several utility tents that the young people will be able to use at the Jamboree and for many years to come.

Once again we would like to Stroud Town Council for their support in helping to get our year people to this amazing event, many of which wouldn't have even considered the opportunity as the price without donations would have been too high.

Kind regards

Paul and Alex.



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Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC) 2023 Update:

GWAAC is hugely grateful for the support of Stroud Town Council, helping to ensure we can be there for your residents when they need us most.

We are the local air ambulance and critical care service for the people of Gloucestershire, and proudly serve the residents of Stroud. Our specially trained team of doctors and paramedics are on call 365 days a year and can be on their way from our base in Almondsbury within 4 minutes of a call. With their specialist skills and equipment, our crew are called when a patient has a life-threatening injury or illness. From blood transfusions to roadside amputations, the crew can perform lifesaving interventions at the scene that would usually only be done in a hospital's emergency department.

With running costs of £4 million a year and each mission costing on average 2,000, GWAAC rely almost entirely on the support of our community and the incredible fundraising efforts of our loyal supporters. It really is the generosity of local people that keeps us flying and ensures we are there for you and your loved ones when you need us the most.

Our Activity in your area

In 2023 we had our second busiest year ever. Our crew were called to 1,979 incidents, 573 of these within Gloucestershire. Sadly, the number of calls to children and young people rose to it's highest level at 15% of our missions. It was our busiest ever year in Gloucestershire with those 573 calls, making it our busiest region in our area.

During the calendar year, we were tasked to 29 patients in Stroud and another 22 in the surrounding area. Amongst these we attended patients in cardiac arrest, patients who had fallen from height, and patients who had been involved in road traffic accidents. Thanks to your support, our crew were there for your residents when they needed GWAAC most. Thank you for being there for us so that we can be there for others!

2023 Update

Pushing boundaries: advancing the care we bring to patients

We have introduced new equipment and procedures to improve the care we can give to our patients. These include:

- More advanced ultrasound machines, enabling our crew to diagnose and treat patients more quickly and more accurately.
- Clinically advanced infusion pumps, which give a steady, constant flow of drugs to the patient – providing a better outcome than small regular doses. We believe we are the first air ambulance charity in the country to use these.
- Introducing blood testing and analysis at the scene of the emergency, which gives a quick and accurate diagnosis and helps inform our clinicians of the best treatment pathways.

Educating and enabling our communities to help save lives

- When someone has a cardiac arrest, they need immediate care to survive until our crew arrives. Our Great Western Heartstarters programme aims to improve survival from an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest by equipping people in the community with the skills to administer basic first aid and CPR. We recruit volunteers from a clinical background to give hands-on training to young people, mainly in the school environment, giving them the confidence to act in an emergency, administer chest compressions (CPR), and use a defibrillator. By the end of 2023 we had trained around 10,000 people with these lifesaving skills.

2023-24 Report for Stroud Town Council

Our service

As per our grant agreement, we have provided a service in the town as follows:

Telephone advice –our freephone number (0808 800 0510) is available Monday and Tuesday from 10am to 4pm and on Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 1pm. Advisers call at pre-arranged times between 10.00 and 16.00 Monday to Thursday.

Face to face advice appointments are available at our Stroud office Monday – Thursday 10am to 3pm.

Email advice is available through our online webform, with a five day response time.

Clients who are unable to contact us by telephone or email can call into our Stroud Office (Monday to Thursday 10am to 4pm) so that an appointment may be scheduled.

Statistics

In 2023-24 Citizens Advice advised 355 clients on 2,146 problems from the Stroud Central, Farmhill & Paganhill, Slade, Trinity, Uplands and Valley Wards. This represents 24% of the total Stroud clients advised by Citizens Advice (we advised 1,479 Stroud households in 2022-23).

The breakdown of client numbers by ward can be seen in the Table below:

Ward

Local Authority Ward	Local Authority	
Stroud Slade	Stroud	86
Stroud Central	Stroud	66
Stroud Farmhill & Paganhill	Stroud	64
Stroud Valley	Stroud	55
Stroud Uplands	Stroud	46
Stroud Trinity	Stroud	38

Issues

The top five issues were:

1. Benefits and tax credits (including disability benefits);
2. Debt;
3. Charitable support and food banks
4. Benefits – Universal Credit;
5. Housing.

Personal Independence Payment (a non means tested disability benefit for working age people) was by far the top benefit issue (as in 2021-22 and 2022-23). This is in line with the wider Stroud district.

The top debt issue in 2022-23 was fuel debt. The top debt issue in the wider Stroud District was council tax arrears.

However, we know that clients rarely present to us with one issue. Clients are presenting with increasingly complex problems and multiple issues.

The cluster report for benefits attached shows that clients who have benefits concerns also have a wide range of other issues – eg 28% have debt issues' 28% need charitable support and/or foodbank vouchers and 18% need advice on utilities.

If you would like cluster reports based on other advice concerns please let me know.

Client profiles

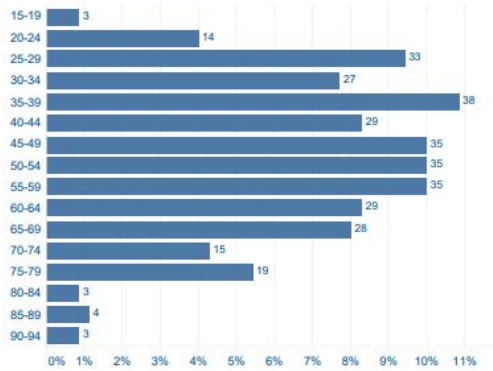
Please see the graphs below.

We have advised clients in all age brackets from 15-19 through to 90-94.

Sixty per cent of the clients advised described themselves as female (a higher proportion of females are accessing our service than the general population data for Stroud).

A significantly higher proportion of Stroud Central, Farmhill & Paganhill, Slade, Trinity, Uplands and Valley Wards clients are disabled or have a long term health condition compared to the general population – 59% described themselves as being disabled or having a long term health condition (this is the same as 2022-23). Ninety three per cent described their ethnicity as White.

Age



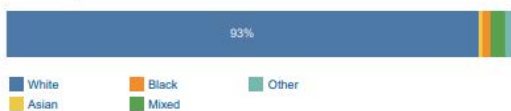
Gender



Disability / Long-term health



Ethnicity



Outcomes

We have achieved an income gain of £240,555 for clients in the wards covered by Stroud Town Council. This is largely through securing new benefits awards or an increase in a benefits award. We have also assisted Stroud District Council with the administration of the Household Support Fund.

We have secured reimbursements to the value of £1,704.

We have achieved a total of £66,821 of debt to be written off.

Please also see the attached Key Statistics Sheet for additional information.

If you would like the statistics broken down by ward please do get in touch as I am able to run separate reports using our case reporting system.

Cost of Living Crisis

We now regularly produce reports to demonstrate the effect of the cost of living crisis on clients.

The following graph demonstrates the number of clients in the Stroud Town Council wards coming to us for crisis support (eg referrals to food banks or other emergency financial support) and how it has changed year on year.

4b) Crisis Support year on year

This shows number of people coming to us because they can't afford to eat or need other financial assistance. The trend line for the current year indicates how many clients we might see later in the year based on historic data.

Crisis | Charitable support & foodbanks & Localised social welfare



Figures for crisis support represent the number of people Citizens Advice helps with either referrals to food banks' or other charitable support (covers any emergency financial support or support in kind people need to make ends meet) and localised social welfare

We saw a small dip in 2023 compared to 2022 but as you can see the number of clients coming to us as they need emergency financial support is still much higher than 2021 and earlier years. Numbers so far in 2024 remain high.

If you would like me to run more cost of living data reports please let me know. You may also be interested in the monthly data insight events run by Citizens Advice – [Data Insights events](#).

Elizabeth Hall
28.5.24



Key Statistics



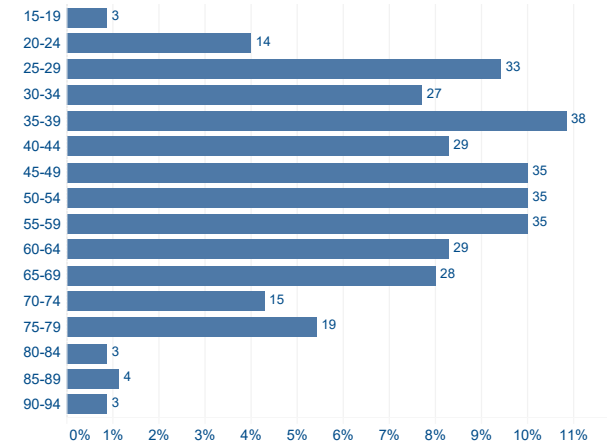
Summary

Clients	355
Quick client contacts	
Issues	2,146
Activities	3,433
Cases	518
Outcomes	
Income gain	£240,455
Re-imbursements, services, loans	£1,704
Debts written off	£66,821
Repayments rescheduled	£540
Other	£14,134

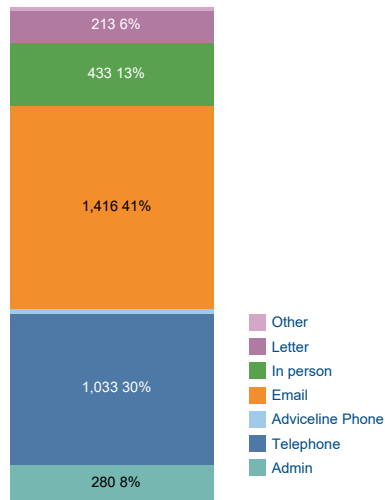
Issues

Issues	Clients
Benefits & tax credits	168
Benefits Universal Credit	58
Charitable Support & Food Ban..	68
Consumer goods & services	25
Debt	83
Education	7
Employment	19
Financial services & capability	44
GVA & Hate Crime	5
Health & community care	22
Housing	57
Immigration & asylum	10
Legal	32
Other	9
Relationships & family	57
Tax	8
Travel & transport	16
Utilities & communications	51
Grand Total	2,146

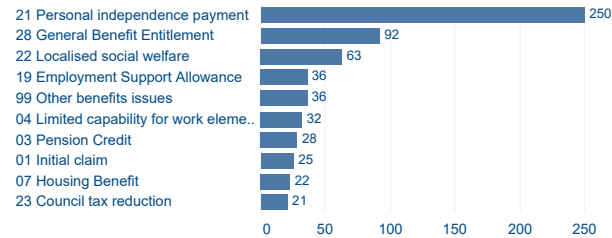
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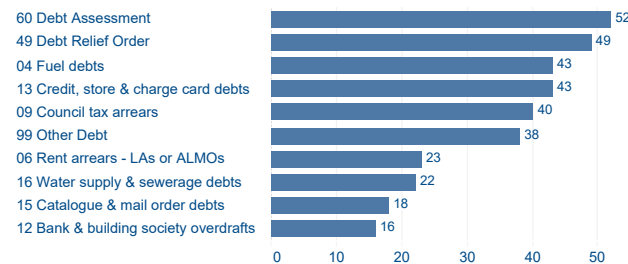
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Top benefit issues



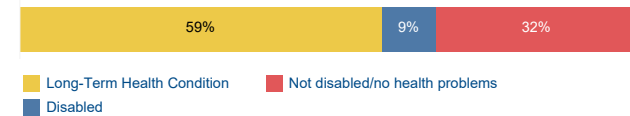
Top debt issues



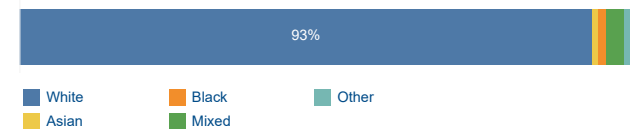
Gender



Disability / Long-term health



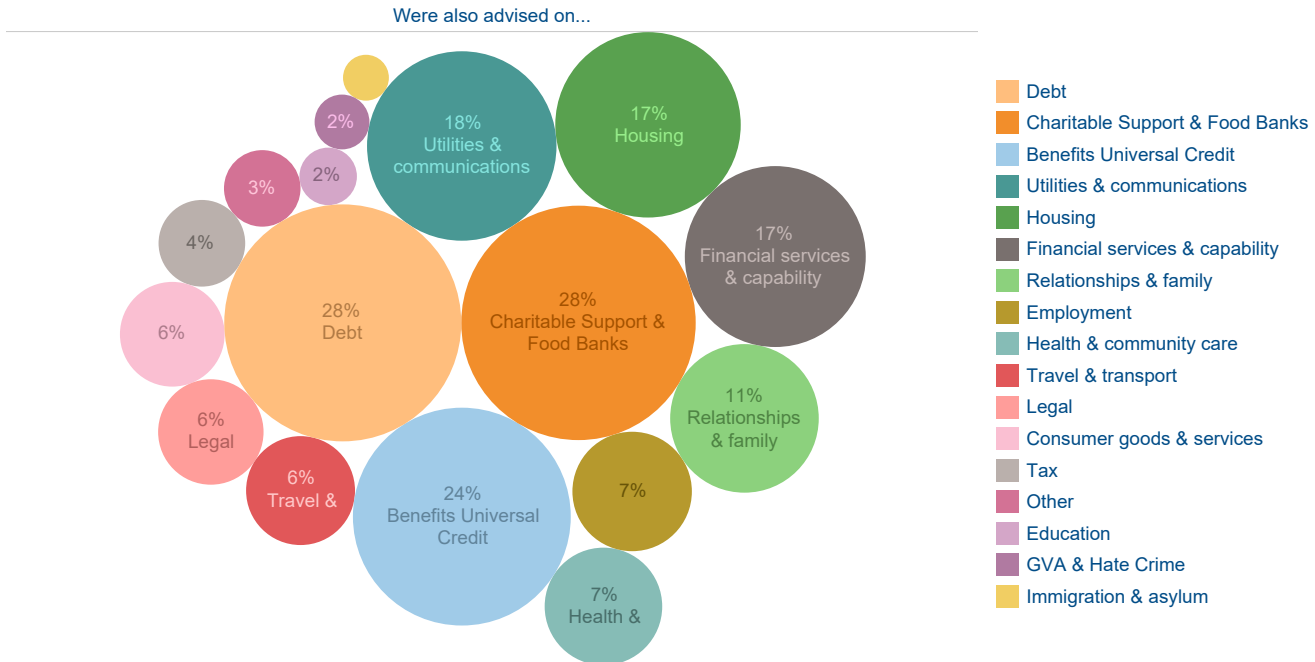
Ethnicity



Cluster Part one Issues

Date 4/1/2023 12:00:00 AM to ..	Selected Issues Benefits & tax credits	Member Citizens Advice Stroud & Cotswold Distr..	Funder All
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In / Out of P1 Issues	AICPart1	% P1	Clients
Clients with selected issues..	Total	100%	1,320
	Benefits & tax credits	100%	1,320
Were also advised on...	Total	76%	1,009
	Debt	28%	374
	Charitable Support & Food Banks	28%	366
	Benefits Universal Credit	24%	316
	Utilities & communications	18%	239
	Housing	17%	229
	Financial services & capability	17%	218
	Relationships & family	11%	147
	Employment	7%	95
	Health & community care	7%	92
	Travel & transport	6%	79
	Legal	6%	74
	Consumer goods & services	6%	73
	Tax	4%	50
	Other	3%	39
	Education	2%	22
	GVA & Hate Crime	2%	20
Immigration & asylum	1%	14	





Play Gloucestershire: Stroud Report Card

Monitoring Period: January 2024—March 2024



Play Gloucestershire is the local charity that helps children and families to Get Out and Play! Our mission is to transform children’s lives using the power of outdoor play. We believe that outdoor play is an essential part of a happy and healthy childhood, and benefits children, families, schools and communities.

Our Play Rangers provide active and creative play in urban and rural communities in the Cheltenham, Cotswolds, Forest of Dean, Gloucester, Stroud and Tewkesbury districts. Activities are both school and community based, providing adventure, friendship and fun for hundreds of young people each year. School aged children and their families are the beneficiaries of our work. We particularly support children from disadvantaged and rurally isolated communities, and those living in challenging circumstances.

Play Gloucestershire’s Play Rangers have been kindly funded by Stroud Town Council.

How much did we do?

- We have provided **2 hours of afterschool play at both Archway Gardens and Mason Road.**
- Totalling **36 hours of community play across the two sites.**
- With **416 play visits across the two sites**

How well did we do it?

“Yes! Play Rangers are here!” - Boy aged 7 as we’re arriving onto site.

“My friends are here!” - Boy aged 8.

Have we made a difference to children and young people?

- Making use of a local green space for play and recreation. Giving them the freedom and sense of safety to play openly not only by activities on the field but exploring the trees and surrounding areas.
- Play in community setting allows for different members of the community to engage with each other, for example dog walkers and other children’s adults chatting with children at play.
- Increased resilience through outdoor active play with a varied age group from the local community who may not normally play together.
- Creative and imaginative play with loose parts that can be loud, large and lively as required or calm quiet spaces that they don’t usually have access to.
- We promote active and healthy lifestyles with a range of activities and snacks. This combination improves mental and physical health, providing a sense of increased wellbeing.
- Positive Social Return Investment (SRI) of community play sessions, changing the way sites are used, increasing recreation and activity. Providing opportunities for families to come together, socialise and become more involved with their local community, events, etc.
- Providing emotional support through life’s ups and downs - school transitions, exam pressure, relationship issues. Listening with empathy & offering support or signposting if needed.

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Play Ranger Reflections— Setting A Good Example

Play Gloucestershire have a young volunteer program that children aged 10 or over can join onto by assisting the Play Rangers. They can build up volunteering hours to earn certificates and prizes for their work.

One of our young volunteers has shown exceptional skills, remaining playful on site and getting the children involved in games. It is wonderful to see him organising games and welcoming others that want to play. This behaviour sets a wonderful example to the others on site and has, on many occasions helped to diffuse tension between children that aren't fond of each other. We are very proud of how far this young man has come.



Play Ranger Reflections— Many Ways To Play

We love to mix it up when it comes to our equipment and bring new things for children to play with and invent many new games. One of our Play Rangers brought a long a red rope for the children to experiment with.

Some of the children grabbed it and began to play a game of tug-of-war which was a lot of fun. The children picked sides and also challenged the Play Rangers on site too. Letting the children play like this to get their “fizzy energy” out with a strength challenge but also to work together as a team and celebrate their wins together helps build relationships.

Once they were done with their game one of the Play Rangers used the rope to make a swing up in the tree. The children loved helping to make it, making suggestions of how it would work and luckily there was enough rope to make another swing on the other side. The children were great at sharing the swings and taking it in turns so everyone got to have a go.

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Play Ranger Reflections— Create And Destroy

During conversations with the children the main theme was that they felt annoyed about situations at school. There was a lot of general frustration and boredom due to social isolation and lack of things to do at the top of town.

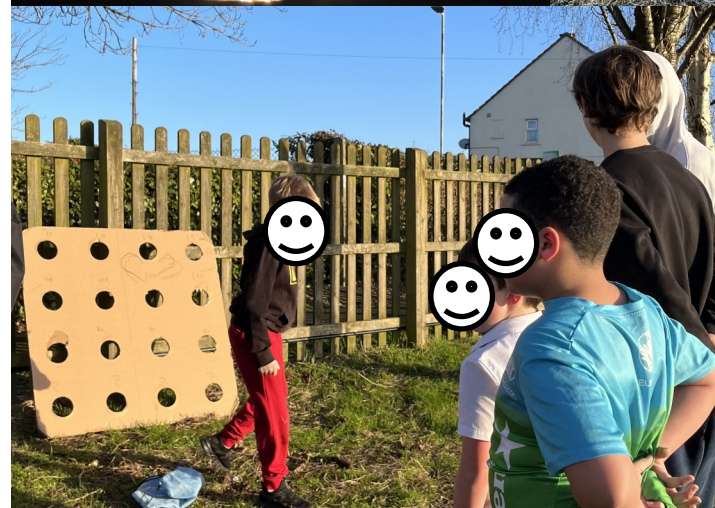
One of our Play Rangers took some cardboard boxes to the session to almost recreate a 'rage room' experience, in the hope that this would help the children to get out any frustrations they might have. The children got sticks to hit, stab and beat the cardboard. From an outside perspective this play could look violent, messy and at the edge of chaos but delving deeper by using our 'curious not judgemental' view point as a Play Ranger there was a lot happening.

One boy created patterns and designs onto the cardboard by piercing it with holes and another noticed when he ripped it there were shapes that looked like honeycomb on the inside. One of the children punctured two holes into the cardboard box and then asked the Play Ranger if he could make a house instead of destroying the box. The boy then spent half an hour building a bug hotel with a sign, sticks for the bugs to climb on, leaves for food and to sleep in. This play not only allowed the children to vent but also to explore and experiment.

Play Ranger Reflections—The World Is A Playground

Our Winter location change to the school playing field has proven a few challenges not only with the site but for the children too as settling into a new location can give a feeling of uncertainty, anxiety and lead to some challenging behaviours. One of the grievances that some of the children had was that the grass on the school field was getting too long. It was making it hard to run, they would trip over and couldn't play football on it. We managed to have a conversation with the school and the grass was able to be cut.

There was a lot of excitement at the session following the grass being cut as they would no longer trip over it. There was a lot of grass that had been left behind so the children began to build big piles of grass to jump into. One of the boys constructed a sofa out of the grass and got very comfortable.



Grants Summary 10th June 2024

Art & Culture Fund - 4118/103

Organisation	Project	Date Paid	Amount	Fund Total	Remaining	Notes
Totals			£0.00	£11,000.00	£11,000.00	-

Small Grants - 4060/107

Organisation	Project	Date Paid	Amount	Fund Total	Remaining	Notes
Totals			£0.00	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	-

Community Support Fund - 4146 /107

Organisation	Project	Date Paid	Amount	Fund Total	Remaining	Notes
Totals			£0.00	£10,000.00	£10,000.00	-

Grand Totals	Amount	Fund Total	Remaining	Total Funds	Total Remaining (if all grants awarded)
Art & Culture Fund - 4118/103	£0.00	£11,000.00	£11,000.00	£26,018.00	£26,018.00
Small Grants - 4060/107	£0.00	£4,000.00	£4,000.00		
Community Support Fund - 4146 /107	£0.00	£10,000.00	£10,000.00		
EMR (23-24 Underspend)	£0.00	£1,018.00	£1,018.00		
Totals	£0.00	£26,018.00	£25,000.00		

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Name of organisation	Periscope
Main purpose/activities of your organisation	Creative community participatory projects and workshops
How is your organisation constituted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered Charity <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Incorporated Organisation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community/Voluntary Group <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit limited company <input type="checkbox"/> Community Interest Company <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain)
Grant fund applied to	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Community Support fund <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arts and Culture fund <input type="checkbox"/> Carbon Reduction fund
Overall purpose of grant	<p>Periscope (immersive creative events and workshops) are delivering a free, drop-in public creative project “Otherwise Occupied” with an initial workshop at the Museum in the Park, Stroud in July 2024. Periscope is a creative partnership between established local artists and facilitators Alison Cockcroft and Emily Joy.</p> <p>“Otherwise Occupied” will be a reimagining of the town centre using creative processes to inspire participants to think about the future potential of the Stroud as a vibrant, welcoming, and caring place for the whole community. The project workshops will be free, drop-in, accessible, for all ages and will be open to all residents of Stroud area. We will invite participants to think about possible uses for empty shop spaces in the town centre. The project will draw on local history by referring to the museum’s collection of old shop signs and photographs that document historical changes to Stroud town.</p> <p>The workshops will use the idea of ‘speculative fabulation’ to encourage people to re-imagine the potential of a town centre to include independent shops, community and creative spaces and social projects both realistic and fantastical. Participants will be able to draw, collage and print their ideas onto images of empty shop fronts and to make ‘Coming Soon’ posters and name signs for their proposed shops/ projects. The ideas produced will be brought together to create a collective vision of the town.</p> <p>The event is currently funded by The Museum in the Park (Stroud District Council) to run for three days in Gallery 2. Periscope are applying for further funding to extend this project into the town centre for a further three days and one evening at the end of August 2024, reaching a wider and more</p>

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	<p>diverse audience, increasing levels of participation, and deepening the impact of this project.</p> <p>We will extend the project by facilitating three days of nomadic workshops in Stroud town centre, working within the following spaces: Wayward Weaves studio (George Street), SVA courtyard (John Street) and ‘Aqualso’ unit forecourt (The Shambles).</p> <p>As the workshops progress, we will create a moveable, expanding and evolving exhibition of the work generated, and finally - working with partner organisations (Transition Stroud, SVP, The RYSE) - facilitate an evening event at Access Bikes (John Street) inviting further public discussion and imagining, relating to the ideas produced about our town centre during the workshops.</p> <p>The outcomes of this event will be a positive community reimagining of vacant town centre spaces, a useful and powerful recourse of images and responses from the public, a sense of creative exploration and social empowerment for participants, and the beginning of an ongoing conversation with partners and the public into new possibilities for town centre spaces.</p>		
Amount applied for	£1635		
How do you intend to spend the grant if successful? (e.g. equipment, materials, staff expenses, training, room hire etc.)	Purpose	Total spend	Spend from this grant
	Facilitation of “Otherwise Occupied” at Museum in the Park workshop. 2 artists x 3 days (2.5 days each @ £200/day – recommended artist’s daily rate)	£1000	£0
	Materials for Museum in the Park workshops (printing ink, ink rollers, pens, paper, eco-friendly glue)	£60	£0
Facilitation of town centre “Otherwise Occupied” creative workshop x 3 days (3 days each @ £200/day – recommended artist’s daily rate)	£1200	£1200	

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	Workshop materials for town centre workshops: (Paper, glue, printing ink pads, letter stamps)	£35	£35
	Exhibition installation for town centre spaces: (Boarding, screws, mount board, wooden battens)	£150	£150
	Facilitation of town centre evening discussion and public sharing event, 2 hours (2 people @£25/hr)	£100	£100
	Publicity – poster design, website, and social media, 5 hours @£20/hr	£100	£100
	Printing – posters, signage, and all printed material for workshops (£100 Support in Kind from Aquasol)	£150	£50
	Aquasol Shambles Forecourt hire, 1 day, (£40 Support in Kind from Aquasol)	£40	£0
	Wayward Weaves Studio hire, 1 day, (£100 support in kind from Wayward Weaves)	£100	£0
	Total	£2935	£1635
How will the balance be funded?	<p>Other grants: Stroud District Council/The Museum in the Park are funding the first part of the project. To the value of £1050.</p> <p>Support in Kind: Poster printing from Aquasol, to the value of £150, and hire of Shambles forecourt space for 1 day, to the value of £40. Wayward Weaves studio for use of their studio, to the value of £100, and SVA for the use of their courtyard space for this project.</p>		

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<p>Give details of other applications for funding for this project. <i>*If you have not yet received a decision on other applications, please give the date when the decision is expected</i></p>	<p>Source</p>	<p>Amount applied for</p>	<p>Amount awarded*</p>
	<p>Stroud District council/ Museum in the Park</p> <p>+ support in kind detailed above.</p>	<p>£1050</p>	<p>£1050</p>
<p>If the grant is for an event, when will it take place?</p>		<p>End of August 2024</p>	
<p>How will your project meet the criteria for this grant fund? <i>(See guidance notes)</i></p>	<p>Over the last 10 years and through 16 immersive, creative events, Periscope have a proven track record of providing ambitious, exciting creative events that enrich the cultural provision in Stroud and which provide a space for exploration, imagination, and increased wellbeing for participants. In line with previous Periscope events, this event will be accessible and open to all.</p> <p>Through feedback and evaluation of previous Periscope events we know that participants have felt the long-lasting impact of being part of creative, imaginative events and contributing to and collaborating in community spaces.</p> <p>Periscope has successfully managed budgets for projects from £2,000 to £15,000 and have a 10-year record of managing finances and accounts. Periscope events have been previously funded by the Arts Council England, Stroud Town Council, Stroud Arts Festival, The Nailsworth Rotary Club, and sponsorship from local businesses.</p> <p>Our ongoing relationship with partners reflects our track record of working with and being well supported by the local community.</p> <p><u>Who will this project reach?</u> General public in Stroud - all ages and abilities</p> <p>Invited community groups – including Transition Stroud, SVP, the W.I., Stroud Writers Group, Allsorts, The Door.</p> <p>Invited education groups – school age children and young people, Home-ed network, forest schools, Woodcraft Folk, A Place to Grow, Flexi-hub.</p> <p>Mould Youth artist group (young people aged 16-20 based in Stroud)</p>		

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	<p>Artists and local creatives – through SVA network, peer group, University of Gloucestershire network</p> <p>Those involved with education/arts - SGSCOL, University of Gloucestershire staff and students, other researchers, and practitioners.</p> <p><u>Quality and impact:</u> The Periscope creative workshops and discussion event will provide a high-quality arts experience in spaces that are open and accessible to all Stroud residents and visitors to the town. The creative space display will gradually be developed and added-to by the participants making it a community collaboration where all contributions are valued. As evidenced by previous feedback, through engaging a broad and diverse public within a social creative space the event will strengthen community networks and give people a sense of belonging and pride in the town and the unique local cultural environment.</p> <p><u>Why is this project important?</u> Periscope have run 16 events reaching between 200 and 1000 people per event (direct and remotely). We have collected verbal and written feedback, from adults, children and teenagers, museum staff and other artists that shows a need for open-ended, non-outcome based creative activity. Participants have recognised that we are offering a different quality of experience to standard creative workshops. Holding this event in spaces in the town centre allows us to engage a wider range of people including those who might not normally attend an 'art' event. As educators we have experienced first-hand the decline in low-cost arts provision and the erosion of arts in schools, whilst also seeing an increased body of evidence pointing to the benefits of engagement with creative activity on mental health and general well-being, which shows that this type of creative provision is vital.</p>	
<p>How will your project help to reduce CO₂ emissions? <i>(See guidance notes)</i></p>	<p>As an organisation we aim to base our work locally so that we reduce travel and can walk to our work. Where car travel is necessary, we share transport. We source eco-friendly materials with care and locally where possible and work hard to minimise waste. Any waste produced through our workshops is recycled or reused as far as possible.</p>	
<p>CHECKLIST I confirm that:</p>		<p>Yes/No/ N/A</p>
<p>I have read the grant terms and conditions</p>		<p>Yes</p>
<p>I have attached a copy of our latest accounts, including a breakdown of salary costs</p>		<p>N/A See note below</p>

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I have attached a copy of our governing document/constitution.	Yes
I have attached a copy of our safeguarding policy (only required for projects working with children, young people or vulnerable adults)	Yes

Note on Periscope accounts:

Periscope has a business bank account which has been used to receive grant payments and make payments for events and artists fees. This account therefore currently has a balance of £0.00. All monies processed through the account have been declared through the artists' own individual annual self-assessment tax returns. Periscope artists Emily Joy and Alison Cockcroft are unsalaried, working on a project-by-project self-employed basis. Please contact us with any queries.

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Name of organisation	The Craftology Project		
Main purpose/activities of your organisation	We run a community shop, tutor students from the Exceptional Team from GCC, run Safe Space and the Night Angels.		
How is your organisation constituted?	Community Interest Company		
Grant fund applied to	Community Support fund		
Overall purpose of grant	<p>Stroud Night Angels, a non-profit organisation that has emerged from the success of Safe Spaces, founded by Chrissie Lowery. Our mission is to keep women safe during their journeys home from pubs and clubs on weekends, where they may be vulnerable to sexual assaults, harassment, intimidation, and aggression. Currently, a rotating dedicated team of six women volunteers patrol the streets every Friday and Saturday from 11 pm to 3-4 am, offering not only first aid, water, emotional and psychological support but also a safe lift home for those in need.</p> <p>As we strive to expand our impact and alleviate pressure on emergency services, we urgently seek your support. The funds we are seeking will contribute to essential running costs, including our: website, an upcoming mobile app, a dedicated phone line, utility bills for our headquarters, medical equipment, additional and ongoing training, uniforms, and a vehicle, which is costly, to assist women in getting home safely. Your contribution will directly enhance our ability to provide crucial services and ensure the well-being of women in our community.</p> <p>We have received significant support from Insp Cruise and the Stroud and Dursley neighbourhood policing team, who have facilitated access to radios, CCTV, and essential training for our volunteers. However, we emphasise the importance of maintaining our independence, especially in the aftermath of events like the tragic attack on Sarah Everard, recognising the trust dynamics between women and the police.</p> <p>Your grant will not only empower us to enhance our reach and capabilities but also contribute to creating a safer environment for women.</p> <p>We intend to grow the Night Angel project further afield, along the canal paths, parks and other high-risk areas. We are also planning to attend local secondary schools to discuss safety and the Safe Space Scheme.</p>		
Amount applied for	£3,000		
How do you intend to spend the grant if successful? (e.g. equipment, materials, staff)	Purpose	Total spend	Spend from this grant
	Training	£1650 £100 monthly	£1650

<p>expenses, training, room hire etc.)</p>	<p>Utility Bills (electric/phone/broadband/water) Business Rates/Rent Supplies for the Angel service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● First aid supplies ● Period products ● Clothing ● Water/food ● Mobile phone chargers ● Torches/Batteries ● Defib pads ● Safety products <p>Printing, leaflets, posters, ID etc Car to transport women home</p> <p>Website update and basic app</p>	<p>Total of £1200</p> <p>£500</p> <p>Unsure of this amount – trying to find sponsorship</p> <p>5,000</p>	<p>0 (provided by Trio Nightclub.</p> <p>£1200</p> <p>£150</p> <p>0</p>
<p>How will the balance be funded?</p>	<p>We have applied to Stroud District Council for a grant of £1000). We also have a Go Fund me Page which has raised £1000 and we are looking into sponsorship.</p>		
<p>Give details of other applications for funding for this project. <i>*If you have not yet received a decision on other applications, please give the date when the decision is expected</i></p>	<p>Source</p>	<p>Amount applied for</p>	<p>Amount awarded*</p>
	<p>The Masonic Lodge The Rotary Club</p>	<p>unspecified £500</p>	<p>Mid March 24</p>
	<p>The Co-op</p>	<p>£500</p>	<p>Feb 24</p>
<p>If the grant is for an event when will it take place?</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>	
<p>How will your project meet the criteria for this grant fund? <i>(See guidance notes)</i></p>	<p>Night Angels - Non-profit Volunteering Project is seeking funding from the Stroud Town Council to ensure the continuation of our vital services aimed at enhancing the safety of women during their journeys home from pubs and clubs in the Stroud town area. As a non-profit organisation born out of the urgent need for Safe Spaces, our mission aligns perfectly with the council's criteria for funding grants. By supporting Night Angels, the council will directly contribute to the survival of an newly implement, yet essential service, especially during financially challenging times. Additionally, our project fosters partnerships and innovative</p>		

	<p>collaborations within the community, promoting efficient ways of working together to address the pressing issue of women's safety. Furthermore, funding Night Angels will help build the capacity of our organization to meet the long-term needs of the Stroud town community, ensuring our viability and sustainability. We believe that supporting Night Angels aligns perfectly with the council's objectives of strengthening community networks, promoting innovative approaches, and encouraging collaborative partnerships, while offering a vital service to help alleviate some of the pressure from the emergency services.</p> <p>Even though we are a service for women, we also provide advanced first aid for all genders. We have been donated an AED and training.</p>
<p>How will your project help to reduce CO₂ emissions? (See <i>guidance notes</i>)</p>	<p>Night Angels -Non-profit Volunteering Project contributes to reducing CO2 emissions by implementing environmentally conscious practices in our operations. Our minimal resource usage minimises CO2 emissions, as we primarily operate on the streets at night, reducing the need for energy-intensive activities. Our headquarters at Craftology serves as a Safe Space for women in need, where we use minimal utilities to provide warmth and comfort. Additionally, we are seeking funding for transportation, aiming to acquire a low-emission, small-engine vehicle to facilitate our nightly patrols. While our long-term goal is to transition to an electric vehicle, we recognise the current practicality of a low-emission vehicle given our status. By prioritising eco-friendly practices and investing in environmentally responsible transportation options, Night Angels is committed to reducing CO2 emissions and promoting sustainability in our community.</p>
<p>CHECKLIST I confirm that:</p>	<p>Yes/No/ N/A</p>
<p>I have read the grant terms and conditions</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>I have attached a copy of our latest accounts, including a breakdown of salary costs</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>I have attached a copy of our governing document/constitution</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>I have attached a copy of our safeguarding policy (only required for projects working with children, young people or vulnerable adults)</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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Name of organisation	Hope for Tomorrow
Main purpose/activities of your organisation	<p>Dealing with a cancer diagnosis and treatment can profoundly impact your physical and emotional wellbeing and stir up unfamiliar emotions, causing significant anxiety to both the patient and their family. Hope for Tomorrow exists to ease this burden. We build, maintain and deliver mobile cancer care units across England. We enable the NHS to bring cancer services closer to patients and their communities. We save patients long, regular and often distributive trips to the hospital. Close to 70% of patients say that they can tolerate their treatment better on board one of our mobile cancer care units due to the calming and relaxed atmosphere they experience on board.</p> <p>We currently have 12 mobile cancer care units in partnership with NHS Trusts across England, including, Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Trust. Our units visit between 3-5 accessible locations each week such as supermarket car parks and smaller hospitals with free parking. Over the previous financial year, our fleet of mobile cancer care units delivered over 26,000 cancer care treatments within communities across England.</p> <p>Gloucestershire is the home of the world's first mobile cancer care unit, launching back in 2007 and it is still operational today delivering cancer care treatments in Stroud, Cirencester, Cinderford and Gloucester.</p>
How is your organisation constituted?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Charity <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Incorporated Organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Voluntary Group <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit limited company <input type="checkbox"/> Community Interest Company <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain)
Grant fund applied to	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Support fund <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Culture fund <input type="checkbox"/> Carbon Reduction fund
Overall purpose of grant	<p>This grant will allow us to keep the wheels turning of our mobile cancer care units. It costs £212 a day / £77,410 a year, per unit to ensure we can continue to provide cancer care in the community.</p> <p>Not only do our units provide convenience to patients when receiving their treatment, but they also provide significant wellbeing and financial benefits as well. On average, patients</p>

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	<p>save themselves around 2.6 hours per treatment by stepping on board. Patients also save around £6 in car parking fees and around 18.8 miles in travel, saving them financially as well. Therefore, you can see how those who have access to our mobile cancer care units, it becomes their lifeline.</p> <p>Patients such as Liza, who is a patient on board one of our mobile cancer care units for lung cancer, comments <i>“You can have a laugh over a cup of coffee. It sounds a bit strange, but I don't feel like I'm a cancer sufferer when I attend the unit. It is calmer and more friendly as you're sat closer to people. it is more intimate. There is more conversation with both patients and staff”</i>.</p> <p>Hope for Tomorrow does not receive any government funding and we rely on generous donations from grants such as yours to enable us to keep providing the services that patients, such as Liza, find so valuable.</p>		
Amount applied for	£1,484		
<p>How do you intend to spend the grant if successful? (e.g. equipment, materials, staff expenses, training, room hire etc.)</p>	Purpose	Total spend	Spend from this grant
	<p>This grant will be used to keep the wheels turning on our mobile cancer care units. The costs associated with that include contract maintenance and other operational costs, repairs and maintenance and NSV costs as well as a small proportion towards operational team salaries who manage the units.</p>	<p>£212 a day / £77,410 a year</p>	<p>£1,484</p>
How will the balance be funded?	<p>Hope for Tomorrow regularly fundraises throughout the year in order to keep the wheels of our mobile cancer care units turning. Fundraising activities include fundraising events, major donors, community donors, corporate donors, individual giving and trusts and grants foundations.</p>		

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Give details of other applications for funding for this project. <i>*If you have not yet received a decision on other applications, please give the date when the decision is expected</i>	Source	Amount applied for	Amount awarded*
	Hope for Tomorrow has no outstanding applications for funding.		
If the grant is for an event when will it take place?		N/A	
How will your project meet the criteria for this grant fund? <i>(See guidance notes)</i>	<p>Hope for Tomorrow meets the requirements of Stroud Town Council in several ways. Our units serve an innovative purpose to local communities and NHS trusts by providing cancer care treatments outside of a hospital setting. We launched the world's first mobile cancer care unit back in 2007 and now serves over 34 communities across England. Saving patients both time and money. As well as providing them with huge wellbeing benefits and supporting their families as well.</p> <p>Furthermore, our units help to provide community support networks amongst those who use the unit. We continuously hear feedback from patients about how there is a community feel to our units, they are able to speak to people going through a similar journey to their own and feel they are more supported because of this. Often patients become friends, and this extends beyond receiving treatment on board one of our mobile cancer care units.</p>		
How will your project help to reduce CO₂ emissions? <i>(See guidance notes)</i>	When patients use our units, they are saving on average 18.8 miles in travel, therefore, saving fuel and reducing their Co2 emissions in the process.		
CHECKLIST I confirm that:			Yes/No/ N/A
I have read the grant terms and conditions			Y
I have attached a copy of our latest accounts, including a breakdown of salary costs			Y
I have attached a copy of our governing document/constitution			Y
I have attached a copy of our safeguarding policy (only required for projects working with children, young people or vulnerable adults)			N/A

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Name of organisation	Stroud Against Racism
Main purpose/activities of your organisation	<p>Stroud Against Racism Mission Statement</p> <p>We are a grassroots, anti-racist organisation with the mission of replacing systemic racism with a system of equality and equity. We are a multi-racial, multi-cultural organisation focused on eliminating racism and discrimination through action, campaigning and policy change. We work to engage the community from a place of empathy, art, culture, conversation and advocacy both on an individual and organisational level.</p> <p>While we work to promote anti-racist behavioural change, our key priority is to challenge the actual adverse impacts of inequity, injustice and discrimination due to race, ethnicity or national origin, including in health, education, policing, and economic security. We stand in international solidarity with all those facing threat due to racism and xenophobia. We aim to help empower, raise the visibility and voices of those most impacted by racism.</p> <p>We are working to ensure that Stroud is welcoming and promotes diversity, equity and inclusion for all people and cultures. We will encourage all who engage with us to learn what racism means, including how it intersects with other forms of oppression and discrimination.</p> <p>We are a volunteer organisation and we are committed to learning from each other and holding each other accountable to the values of the organisation.</p> <p>We are proud to be Stroud, moving forward for a more equal future for all.</p>
How is your organisation constituted?	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Registered Charity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Incorporated Organisation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Community/Voluntary Group</p>

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit limited company <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Interest Company <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain) We are also now set up as a Community Action Group. Please see additional notes.		
Grant fund applied to	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Support fund <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Culture fund <input type="checkbox"/> Carbon Reduction fund		
Overall purpose of grant	<p>A Black History Month two day festival held in Stroud to coincide with National Black History Month in the UK. The aim is to raise awareness of the contributions, history and culture of People of Colour in the District, raise the visibility of diverse communities and promote community cohesion. The grant will assist with resources to achieve these aims.</p>		
Amount applied for	£2,475.60		
How do you intend to spend the grant if successful? (e.g. equipment, materials, staff expenses, training, room hire etc.)	Purpose	Total spend	Spend from this grant
	Educational Lit. posters and flyers	£200	£200
	Four banners for advocacy and publicity	£273.60	£273.60
	PA and Lights	£302	£302
	Speakers and Artists' costs	£500	£500
	Festival Food and Drinks for Public consumption	£600	£600
	Volunteers Per Diem	£100	£100
	Event space hire	£500	£500
T-shirts	£500	£0	
Media, publicity, advocacy, awareness and outreach	£2,516.80	£0	
How will the balance be funded?	<p>We will put £500 of SAR funds in and contribute a minimum of 220 hours of time from committee members and volunteers in terms of advocacy media publicity outreach and awareness costed at £11.44 per hour so our cash or in kind contribution is anticipated to total at least £3,016. We are also looking at raising some additional funding from donations and events over the coming months but have additional non-event costs too.</p>		
	Source	Amount applied for	Amount awarded*

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<p>Give details of other applications for funding for this project. <i>*If you have not yet received a decision on other applications, please give the date when the decision is expected</i></p>	<p>T shirt sales</p> <p>Event income</p>	<p>£100</p> <p>£300</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>If the grant is for an event when will it take place?</p>		<p>October 2024</p>	
<p>How will your project meet the criteria for this grant fund? <i>(See guidance notes)</i></p>	<p>We anticipate a minimum of 200 people a day attending. So 400 people over the month.</p> <p>By developing greater awareness of Black History Month and of SAR's activity and role within that we will increase community integration and cohesion. We will grow our capacity to deliver more integrated change for the benefit of Stroud residents and for SAR itself.</p> <p>We will also engage in publicity and education over the month in the local media, online and face-to-face creating awareness and discussion of the relevance in Stroud town as a whole.</p> <p>This will help improve diversity and awareness of cultural and societal differences and similarities and needs in Stroud in the longer-term helping ensure Stroud grows as a welcoming and diverse environment catering for all.</p> <p>It will be the largest celebration of Black History that Stroud has seen to date. We will partner with: Black Arc media, the film festival, Stroud Museum, GARAS, Love Music Hate Racism, Community Solidarity Stroud District, Stroud District Together with refugees, Lives of Colour and others over the months and we are developing ongoing partnerships with them and others.</p> <p>We will endeavour also to partner with local schools on educational efforts and projects relating to Black History Month.</p> <p>We will input some funding (£500) ourselves and are contributing at least 220 hours of time costed at £11.44 per hour so £3,016.40 minimum.</p>		

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How will your project help to reduce CO² emissions? <i>(See guidance notes)</i>	As an organisation we are committed to using local and sustainable sources, we cycle, compost and use public transport wherever possible. Where possible we reduce, reuse and recycle.
CHECKLIST I confirm that:	Yes/No/ N/A
I have read the grant terms and conditions	Y
I have attached a copy of our latest accounts, including a breakdown of salary costs	N/A
I have attached a copy of our governing document/constitution	Y
I have attached a copy of our safeguarding policy (only required for projects working with children, young people or vulnerable adults)	N/A

Extra Notes :

SAR is still registered as a Community Interest Company but that is being wound down due to other commitments relating to the Directors. And we have re-constituted ourselves as a Community Action Group. The Directors remain engaged with and active in SAR but:

- We have consulted on and approved a new constitution and held our first AGM as a Community Action Group on Feb 8th of 2024.
- We have elected a diverse Steering Group of 6 members with two Co-chairs, a Secretary, a Treasurer and 2 Members at large to support.
- We conducted a participatory appraisal process to review policy areas and activity needs and results.
- We have developed an organisational plan with PESTEL and SWOT analyses.
- Our next AGM will be in Feb 2025.

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Name of organisation	Stroud Assembly Steering Group	
Address for correspondence	Transition Stroud The Exchange, Brick Row, Stroud, Gloucestershire. GL5 1DF	
Contact name	Jo Woolfall	
Position in organisation	Co-coordinator	
Telephone No.	07957 361542	
Email address	pffstroud@gmail.com	
Payee details Name of account, sort code and account number to which any grant payment should be made.	Transition Stroud Co-operative Bank, sort code 08-92-99, account number 653663944	
Declaration and data protection statement <i>The declaration below must be signed by two authorised representatives of the organisation</i>		Agreed
We confirm that the organisation named in this form has authorised us to sign this application on their behalf.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The information in this application is correct to the best of our knowledge.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Any grant funding received will be used solely for the purposes specified in this application or returned to Stroud Town Council.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Any grant that remains unspent at the end of the project will be returned to Stroud Town Council.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Any proceeds from the project will be reinvested in the project or returned to Stroud Town Council.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
We agree to our names and details of our organisation being held in paper and electronic files.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Signature		
Name	Jo Woolfall	
Position in organisation	Co-coordinator	
Date	16.5.24	
Signature		
Name	Lucie Brown	
Position in organisation	Co-coordinator	
Date	16.5.24	

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Name of organisation	Stroud Assembly Steering Group
Main purpose/activities of your organisation	<p>The aims of Stroud Assembly Steering Group are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To lead a collaborative process of building a bottom up standing Citizens’ Assembly in a ‘claimed space’ and an Implementation Network for the Stroud area, within a participatory ecosystem • To lead and shape a “collapse-aware” leadership group which sits alongside this project • To grow awareness of this project among our population and diverse stakeholders and provide ways to get involved • To develop the participatory ecosystem which includes mapping pathways with statutory organisations
How is your organisation constituted?	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Charity <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Incorporated Organisation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community/Voluntary Group <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit limited company <input type="checkbox"/> Community Interest Company <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain) </p>
Grant fund applied to	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Small Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Support fund <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Culture fund <input type="checkbox"/> Carbon Reduction fund </p>
Overall purpose of grant	<p>As we face climatic/ecological/systemic breakdown, and its consequences, as well as an increasing rise towards fascism, we need new systems and structures that can support a collective orientation to everyone’s needs. Our response is building participatory democracy: reclaiming collective and individual power and agency, and embedding this within a wider participatory ecosystem, which includes community assemblies, existing governance structures/statutory organisations and institutions, grassroots communities, the general public and civil society actors.</p> <p>We received funding from Warm this Winter campaign coalition which has funded time costs for six months, enabling us to continue developing the foundations for this project, and drafting a proposal</p>

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	<p>for the design of Stroud Assembly. We would use funding from STC to design and build a website for awareness raising, fundraising, stakeholder engagement, education and inspiration.</p> <p>Stroud is a blessed place; and we are seeing collapse seeping into reality as more and more residents struggle for food; our seeming powerlessness to hold onto community assets; our increasing vulnerability from climate breakdown (food security, flood, heat risk) and in the midst of this, far right conspiracy theories contributing to division and alienation on our high street. Like many places, we are starting to see what is coming, and must find ways of navigating this together.</p> <p>For over a year, community leaders (comprising representatives from 25 organisations and 15 local leaders) have been meeting, and have committed to building a bottom-up standing Citizens' Assembly, to listen, find common purpose and make decisions, and deliver change and action through mobilising people and resources via an Implementation Network (an important innovation in our plans) in service to those decisions.</p> <p>We will build power through good foundations - of legitimacy (representation and 'getting things done' – and done well), shared values, collective ownership, learning and feedback; through the 'Implementation Network'; and by contributing to a paradigm shift, ie resources and energy will flow towards this system because of its legitimacy and better functioning. We will organize meetings and build relationships with key stakeholders at statutory organisations for listening and learning; map power and decision making; and identify 'pain points', gaps and needs in order that this process can support and supplement capacity and resource. This is about building/co-creating a meaningful shared power base.</p> <p>We have international experts in deliberative democracy in our group; benefitting from their experience, we have the opportunity to pioneer a model for democratic innovation that can extend beyond Stroud.</p> <p>Time frames</p>
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	<p>Phase 1 Jan - May: develop design proposal: producing a proposal for designing a standing Citizens’ Assembly within participatory ecosystem, supported by an Implementation Network</p> <p>Phase 2 May/June: sign off proposal: incorporating feedback on proposal from wider steering group and produce final version for sign - off <i>[From Phase 3 onwards will need to be implemented by working groups; and is funding dependent.]</i></p> <p>Phase 3 July – Sep: develop awareness and comms plan, consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design for Citizens’ Assembly in ongoing development - Develop an awareness raising and comms plan to build engagement and understanding across diverse stakeholders / participatory ecosystem <p>Phase 4 Oct – Aug 2025: comms, promo, relationships/participatory ecosystem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mapping the pathway to be ready to launch in Sept 2025 - Implementation of awareness raising and comms commences - Design for other elements of participatory ecosystem in ongoing development <p>Phase 5 Sep 2025: launch of Stroud Assembly.</p>		
Amount applied for	£3,000		
<p>How do you intend to spend the grant if successful? (e.g. equipment, materials, staff expenses, training, room hire etc.)</p>	<p>Purpose</p> <p>Design and build website Content writing Test and refine Domain name Hosting</p>	<p>Total spend</p> <p>£500 £1,750 £500 £20 £204</p> <p>TOTAL: £2,974</p>	<p>Spend from this grant</p>
How will the balance be funded?			
	Source	Amount applied for	Amount awarded*

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<p>Give details of other applications for funding for this project. <i>*If you have not yet received a decision on other applications, please give the date when the decision is expected</i></p>	<p>Warm this Winter Campaign Coalition</p>	<p>20,000</p>	<p>10,000</p>
	<p>Renishaw</p>	<p>£500</p>	<p>Mid October</p>
	<p>Network for Social Change</p>	<p>No specific sum</p>	<p>End of November</p>
	<p>National Lottery</p>	<p>Application in progress</p>	
<p>If the grant is for an event when will it take place?</p>			
<p>How will your project meet the criteria for this grant fund? <i>(See guidance notes)</i></p>	<p>This project has collaboration, deep facilitation and effective decision making at the heart. Going beyond reform to innovate and co-create new democratic systems for the benefit of everyone (including existing systems) and creating new and mobilising existing routes to build capacity to implement the changes we wish to see.</p> <p>Therefore our project is a direct fit for these criteria: “encouraging partnerships and improved ways of working together efficiently for the benefit of Stroud town; for example, by facilitating new collaborations and/or innovative ways of working” and “by building capacity to meet the needs of the Stroud town community”</p> <p>Through the creation a standing Citizens’ Assembly, embedded in a participatory ecosystem and implementation network we are aiming at improved capacity to deliver community support. A website is a key tool for awareness raising, comms and mobilising and this will have beneficial effects that extend beyond the period of the project</p> <p>Through the wider participatory ecosystem, which includes hyper local community assemblies, we will be developing community support networks. Care for the whole and orientation to wellbeing is woven through the process. We are aiming to actively support those more marginalised or disempowered and create conditions where they can participate fully, while minimising rules that may alienate or exile people.</p> <p>We currently have funding from another source and are looking to set up a local crowdfunding programme/subscription/regular giving. We have</p>		

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	upwards of 60 individuals in our 'collapse aware' leadership group who support this project with their time and energy on a voluntary basis.
How will your project help to reduce CO₂ emissions? <i>(See guidance notes)</i>	Through the assembly process, deliberation and decision making – creating the strategy and implementation of activities which reduce emissions and support natural carbon capture. For example, an assembly on energy, retrofitting re insulating properties and gas boilers; public transport re gas cars. Programmes Supporting the recovery of habitat.
CHECKLIST I confirm that:	Yes/No/ N/A
I have read the grant terms and conditions	Yes
I have attached a copy of our latest accounts, including a breakdown of salary costs	N/A
I have attached a copy of our governing document/constitution	Yes
I have attached a copy of our safeguarding policy (only required for projects working with children, young people or vulnerable adults)	N/A

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Name of organisation	Stroud Pride
Main purpose/activities of your organisation	<p>Stroud Pride is a group of friendly, creative and enthusiastic volunteers from the local LGBTQ+ community in rural Gloucestershire and the town's official LGBTQ+ organisation. Our vision is to celebrate our local LGBTQ+ community through an annual Pride Picnic welcoming 500 people annually, as well as provide monthly events as safe spaces for LGBTQ+ people throughout the year.</p> <p>From our first Pride Picnic in 2018, Stroud Pride has grown in popularity, attracting diverse individuals from across Gloucestershire. Thanks to Stroud Town Council for their grant of £2,000 in 2022 to help us continue our valuable contribution to the local community.</p>
How is your organisation constituted?	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Registered Charity <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Incorporated Organisation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community/Voluntary Group <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit limited company <input type="checkbox"/> Community Interest Company <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain)</p>
Grant fund applied to	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Small Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Support fund <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Culture fund <input type="checkbox"/> Carbon Reduction fund</p>
Overall purpose of grant	<p>The overall purpose of this grant is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Increase acceptance of the 2,714 LGBTQ+ individuals in Stroud (ONS 2021)● End LGBTQ+ discrimination and hate crime. Gloucestershire saw the highest increase in reported hate crimes out of all SouthWest counties (127 reported hate crimes in 2019; increasing by 124% to 285 in 2022).● Challenge intolerance and prejudice against LGBTQ+ people by improving our local community's understanding of LGBTQ+ issues. <p>We are requesting support for our 7th annual Stroud Pride Picnic in June 2024, as well as our regular events throughout the year, to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community in Stroud.</p>

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	<p>Stroud Pride brings LGBTQ+ people together to build a strong queer community in a small rural town through regular opportunities to be part of a queer community.</p> <p>We will provide regular, monthly events for LGBTQ+ people, such as Trans Stars, our support group for all trans, nonbinary and gender-diverse people in Stroud and nearby, who meet monthly for socialising and crafting. For other members of our LGBTQ+ community, we have established relationships with two local businesses who have invited us to hold monthly socials and become a hub for local LGBTQ+ people.</p> <p>Annually, we will have a Stroud Pride Picnic, open to all members of the public. This will feature a day of entertainment in a central area, Bank Gardens, and feature a lineup of musical acts, food trucks and stalls for other local charities and businesses, including one for Stroud Pride where we provide information and recruit volunteers.</p>		
Amount applied for	£2,000		
How do you intend to spend the grant if successful? (e.g. equipment, materials, staff expenses, training, room hire etc.)	Purpose	Total spend	Spend from this grant
	<u>Trans Stars</u> Room Hire Crafting materials	£270 £40	£270 £40
	<u>Pride Picnic</u> Insurance Music licence Tent licence Marquee Entertainment acts Stage/PA	£ 220 £ 160 £ 150 £ 165 £ 700 £ 660	£ 0 £ 0 £ 150 £ 165 £ 700 £ 660
	<u>Monthly Events</u> Space hire	£ 3,000	£0
	<u>Core / Operations</u> Website hosting	£ 15	£ 15
How will the balance be funded?	<p>We actively fundraise at our monthly social events, working collaboratively with businesses to receive in-kind support and cash donations, and we are making grant applications to trusts and foundations. We will also roll out an individual fundraising campaign through our social media channels.</p>		
Give details of other applications for funding for this project.	Source	Amount applied for	Amount awarded*

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<p><i>*If you have not yet received a decision on other applications, please give the date when the decision is expected</i></p>	<p>National Lottery Community Fund: Awards for All</p> <p>In-kind support from two venues: Curio Lounge and JRooll</p>	<p>£2,380</p> <p>£3,000</p>	<p>Decision date: 26 June 2024</p> <p>£3,000 (in-kind)</p>
<p>If the grant is for an event when will it take place?</p>		<p>29 June 2024</p>	
<p>How will your project meet the criteria for this grant fund? (See guidance notes)</p>	<p>Stroud Pride’s activities will benefit the 2,714 LGBTQ+ individuals in Stroud (ONS 2021), the local community, and it supports Stroud Council’s EDI policy to ‘celebrate the different communities that live in our district’.</p> <p>This grant would improve our capacity to reach the disparate queer population in our local community. With more regular events, Stroud Pride would be able to bring a more diverse range of LGBTQ+ people together through regular opportunities to socialise and feel a sense of belonging.</p> <p>We would then have more opportunities to fundraise, as we collect donations at each of our events. We will also make more grant applications to trusts and foundations, as well as fundraising through our social media, to diversify our income streams and become more financially sustainable.</p> <p>Beyond the period of these activities, the beneficial effects of Stroud Pride’s visibility will radiate out into the community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increasing acceptance of LGBTQ+ people ● Helping to end LGBTQ+ discrimination and hate crime ● Challenging intolerance and prejudice against LGBTQ+ people by improving our local community’s understanding of LGBTQ+ issues <p>Stroud Pride is the only LGBTQ+ organisation in the Stroud District which holds such a visible, annual picnic for the general public. Working together with local businesses helps to demonstrate the community’s support for the LGBTQ+ community and helps LGBTQ+ people to feel more included.</p> <p>We are seeking match-funding from trusts and foundations (e.g. National Lottery Community Fund’s Awards for All), individual donations and we are receiving in-kind support through free venue hire from two local businesses for our monthly social events, plus nominal contributions from food businesses who sell food and drink at our Pride Picnic.</p>		

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	<p>Stroud Pride is run entirely by volunteers, who live in or around Stroud and are part of the LGBTQ+ community. These volunteers make up the 13-person committee, and for our annual Pride Picnic we involve a wider group of volunteers who help out on the day.</p>
<p>How will your project help to reduce CO₂ emissions? <i>(See guidance notes)</i></p>	<p>We limit our use of paper for flyering, and instead have focused our reach on social media networks and partnerships with local businesses to promote Stroud Pride.</p> <p>The location of our annual picnic and monthly events are located within Stroud, with plenty of green transport links (e.g. biking, walking, public transportation) to limit the use of cars.</p> <p>Our picnic takes place during daylight hours in the summer, so we do not require lighting and can therefore reduce our electricity consumption.</p> <p>Food stalls will primarily involve local businesses serving local products, with a variety of vegetarian and vegan options.</p>
<p>CHECKLIST I confirm that:</p>	<p>Yes/No/ N/A</p>
<p>I have read the grant terms and conditions</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>I have attached a copy of our latest accounts, including a breakdown of salary costs</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>I have attached a copy of our governing document/constitution</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>I have attached a copy of our safeguarding policy (only required for projects working with children, young people or vulnerable adults)</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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Name of organisation	The Hygiene Bank – Stroud
Main purpose/activities of your organisation	<p> Over 3.1 million people in the UK are unable to afford fundamental basics like toothpaste, shampoo, laundry detergent and period products for themselves or their families. Hygiene poverty is a hidden crisis that is seriously inhibiting the life chances of people across the UK severely impact our quality of life causing social isolation, anxiety, depression and shame. </p> <p> Hygiene poverty is uniquely oppressive; inhibiting and restricting people's potential to engage in opportunities that can lift them out of poverty such as missing job interviews and avoiding school, because they are unable to show up feeling clean and confident. </p> <p> Over 60% of those living in poverty say they had to choose between buying hygiene essentials for themselves or their children. The impact of hygiene poverty on children mirrors those on adults, finding that it affects confidence and inhibits their participation in sports and hobbies. </p> <p> At The Hygiene Bank (THB) we believe <i>Everyone Deserves to Feel Clean</i>. It's not right that there are millions who are unable to feel confident and accepted because they can't afford the basics. </p> <p> The purpose of this specific grant application is to support those in the Stroud Parish who are experiencing hygiene poverty and who may be making choices between eating and being clean. </p>
How is your organisation constituted?	<p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Charity registered charity in England and Wales number: 1181267 </p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Incorporated Organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Voluntary Group <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit limited company <input type="checkbox"/> Community Interest Company <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain) </p>
Grant fund applied to	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Small Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Support fund <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Culture fund <input type="checkbox"/> Carbon Reduction fund </p>
Overall purpose of grant	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support The Hygiene Bank (THB Stroud) in increasing the amount of hygiene and cleaning products it is able to distribute to its registered Community Partners (CPs). This would be through InKind, which enables large quantities of often surplus products to be purchased at incredibly good value prices and through covering the distribution costs of significantly large brand donations organised by TH Head Office. Smaller scale CPs, with limited opportunity to generate their own donations, will be prioritised. 		
Amount applied for	£2000		
How do you intend to spend the grant if successful? (e.g. equipment, materials, staff expenses, training, room hire etc.)	Purpose	Total spend	Spend from this grant
	Strand 1: Purchasing hygiene and cleaning products to registered community partners through InKind www.inkinddirect.org	£1600	£1600
	Strand 2: Funds to cover distribution costs for local branches to receive the larger brand donations organised by Head Office. We are anticipating in the region of four of these per year (alongside the smaller ones), with distribution costs of £120 - £150 each time (depending on the weight and size).	£600	£400
	Strand 3: We also need to buy some good quality robust 6 x 75 litre Storage Boxes with lids costing £90, but we will fundraise for that separately, again through . KLASS 75L Storage Boxes With Lids, Set of 3	£90	£0

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	Clear Clip-Lock Plastic Storage Box With Lid, Multipurpose Large Storage Box with Lid, Stackable Storage Boxes, Sturdy Storage Containers For Home, Office : Amazon.co.uk: Home & Kitchen		
	TOTALS	£2290	£2000 (£500 for each of the four members of NoSH who have registered as community partners). If other hubs within NoSH were to become included, this amount would reduce.
How will the balance be funded?	The shortfall of £290 we intend to raise through our Just Giving page www.justgiving.com/page/the-hygiene-bank-stroud		
Give details of other applications for funding for this project. <i>*If you have not yet received a decision on other applications, please give the date when the decision is expected</i>	Source	Amount applied for	Amount awarded*
	As a project, THB Stroud is at the early stages of fundraising at a local level, and this is the first funding application we have made. We have subscribed to the Gloucestershire VCS Alliance monthly funding bulletin so that we can		

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	<p>identify future funding opportunities and are in conversation with THB HQ about how we can access support from the central team for making further grant applications to help increase capacity of the local project coordinator. THB Stroud hopes for some support from THB HQ with a grant application for the Tesco Community fund.</p>		
<p>If the grant is for an event when will it take place?</p>			
<p>How will your project meet the criteria for this grant fund? (See guidance notes)</p>	<p>The four principal Community Partners supported by The Hygiene Bank Stroud are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle of the Hill Community Group • Stroud Earth Community (Trinity Rooms) • Top of Town Community Group • Marah Trust <p>All of these organisations are known to and trusted by Stroud Town Council and THB Stroud as locally run community-based hubs who are members of The Network of Stroud Hubs (NoSH). They all support their communities in different ways, with a strong focus on overcoming social disadvantage and in supporting people with the cost-of-living crisis.</p> <p>Through their food hubs they provide toiletries and cleaning product essentials to their communities alongside their food offering. These organisations are now firmly established in their communities and are reliable partners for THB to help further its aim of working to eradicate hygiene poverty. The community partners all describe how necessary it is for the food hubs they run to be able to offer toiletries and cleaning products alongside food. They know that some people in their communities are making choices between eating and being clean.</p> <p>This funding will enable The Hygiene Bank Stroud (a local branch of a larger national organisation) which is run solely by local volunteers to support the community partners to support their communities.</p> <p>Strand 1: The grant money will enable THB Stroud to purchase hygiene products for their CPs, using the access we have to InKind through our own THB Stroud account. They work with charitable organisations and companies to ensure everyone has</p>		

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access to the products they need to keep clean, safe and well. Their environmental statement confirms that they deal only in ethically manufactured and sourced products and, from our direct experience, the packaging they use for delivery is all totally recyclable and plastic free and we would commit to not prioritising those items for purchase and supply that had the highest ethical and environmental credentials. Many of the products are surplus in the supply chain and might otherwise go to waste.

The CPs would be able to identify those items they know they need and they know would be of most use to their communities. We already know that these are:

- *Deodorants*
- *Toothpaste*
- *Toothbrushes*
- *Mouthwash*
- *Dental floss*
- *Shaving gel/foam*
- *Combs*
- *Shampoo*
- *Conditioner*
- *Period products*
- *Moisturiser*
- *Bubble bath*
- *Soap*
- *Shower gel*
- *Washing powder*
- *Fabric conditioner*
- *Toilet rolls*
- *Bleach*
- *Multipurpose domestic cleaning products*
- *Facewash*

The THB Stroud volunteers would place the order on behalf of the CP and monitor the level of spend against the funds assigned to each. THB Stroud will take delivery of the order, log the weight as part of our audit processes and liaise with the CP over delivery or collection.

THB Stroud would use its social media channels to publicise when it has provided the CP with a consignment of products, acknowledging the fact that it has been made possible through the funding provided by STC. The community partners would become responsible for the products once they receive them and are responsible for ensuring their availability is appropriately publicised and that they are distributed in a fair and equitable way and in a way that does not discriminate

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against or favour one group over another. These are terms and conditions the CPs agreed to sign up to when they were accredited as community partners and THB will periodically Quality Assure and monitor how the products it is providing are being distributed.

Whilst distribution will typically take place in the physical location of the food hubs, THB Stroud knows that the CPs that are the intended beneficiaries and focus of this application seek opportunities to ensure that members of the community who cannot physically attend are not disadvantaged through, for example, home deliveries where capacity allows.

Strand 2: Some of CPs in THBStroud have benefitted hugely (to varying degrees) from the particularly large brand donations organised by THB HQ through their links with large companies like Unilver. They are really useful and, since 2021 THBStroud has been running, we have received seven brand donations of varying sizes and distributed **1626.55 kg** of products to some of the hubs in NoSH through that route.

A recent development is that it has been necessary to introduce a nominal fee (around £120-£150) to cover the associated shipping costs when a project receives one of the larger brand donations that is split across more than one THB branch (not the smaller ones that come to one branch only). This fee goes directly to cover the shipping and handling, in a similar way to In-Kind Direct, and needs to be met from the receiving branch's funds, raised at a local level. I am therefore anticipating needing to set aside funds for that (in the region of £600 pa) and am seeking a contribution of £400 towards that through this grant application. If the larger brand donations do not appear, and it is not necessary to use this strand of the funding on distribution costs, then it will be diverted towards strand 1 or used to benefit any other members of NoSH who become accredited as Community Partners.

This project is designed primarily to benefit residents of Stroud parish and helps the community partners to better support their communities.

The Hygiene Bank will not rely on this funding alone to support its community partners as it has other means of sourcing products.

These include:

- Five donation drop off points around the town and in neighbouring villages (emptied by THB Stroud volunteers)
- Donations from members of the public

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our own THB Stroud wish list on For Common Good www.forcommongood.co.uk • A dedicated Just Giving Page www.justgiving.com/page/the-hygiene-bank-stroud • In the short time the Stroud Hygiene Bank has been operating (and up until 1 May 2024) it has distributed 405.19 kg of products to Stroud based community partners through these locally generated and low-cost routes alone (and 2031.74 kg in total). <p>It is important to say a little bit about how THB HQ prioritises the different local projects (branches) for the brand donations referred to above. We have, thanks to the hard work locally, recently moved into the next tier up in terms of prioritisation as we have grown and developed on own ability to generate products (through increasing the number of volunteers, securing improved storage and increasing the number of drop off points).</p> <p>If a local branch is regularly supplying community partners, outside of the brand donations and through its own efforts (such as supplying products purchased as a direct result of its own fundraising) then the branch’s prioritisation for eligibility for brand donations will increase. However, as described above, with that comes the nominal cost of £120-£150 to cover distribution costs of the significantly larger brand donations that are being shared across more than one THB Branch.</p> <p>This funding would allow us to provide more. If we provide more via this route, we will likely attract more products into the town via the partnerships HQ have with companies i.e. the brand donations (of varying sizes). That, alongside other grant opportunities we explore, will help us sustain operations.</p>
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How will your project help to reduce CO₂ emissions? <i>(See guidance notes)</i>	<p>Being able to order large quantities of product in bulk reduces the number of separate journeys and deliveries.</p> <p>Where possible and practical to do so, THB will coordinate orders so that timings for deliveries to THB Stroud align. Unfortunately, it is not permitted for products to be delivered directly to CPs, they need to be received and logged by THB Stroud.</p>
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CHECKLIST I confirm that:	Yes/No/ N/A
I have read the grant terms and conditions	Yes
I have attached a copy of our latest accounts, including a breakdown of salary costs	Yes
I have attached a copy of our governing document/constitution	Yes

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I have attached a copy of our safeguarding policy (only required for projects working with children, young people or vulnerable adults) https://thehygienebank.com/safeguarding-policy/	Yes

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Name of organisation	Top of Town Community Hub
Main purpose/activities of your organisation	<p>We provide a community space with donations based food provision and activities, open to all. By harnessing food waste streams and working with local food growers and suppliers we aim to tackle both food poverty and increase food resilience. We run a community café which provides nutritious cooked meals, as well as having a food and fridge pantry.</p> <p>We work with local services and municipal organisations to connect and signpost community members to appropriate support for their needs. We also run a range of events and activities like gardening, yoga and children's events to provide new and free opportunities for the community.</p>
How is your organisation constituted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered Charity <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Incorporated Organisation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community/Voluntary Group <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit limited company <input type="checkbox"/> Community Interest Company <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain)
Grant fund applied to	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Support fund <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Culture fund <input type="checkbox"/> Carbon Reduction fund
Overall purpose of grant	<p>Top of Town Community Hub (TOTCH) Youth and Community Summer Event</p> <p>Stakeholders Involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gloucestershire County Council • Stroud District Council • Stroud Town Council • Top of Town Tots • Sladewood Academy • Aspire Nursery <p>Identified Needs</p> <p>Youth Provision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recent multistakeholder meeting highlighted a significant lack of youth provision. • There is a need to consult with local young people about the types of activities and events they would like to participate in.

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	<p>Proposed Summer Event</p> <p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To serve as a community consultation supported by the STC Community Development Team.• To act as the initial step towards securing ongoing youth provision in the area.• To familiarise local families with the work of TOTCH <p>Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Date: Saturday, 31st August• Capacity: 150 – 200 people <p>Activities:</p> <p>World Jungle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A team of six artists, play workers, and musicians.• Activities include African drumming, graffiti arts, circus workshop and show, giant bubbles, outdoor sports and games, and music. <p>Food Provision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gloucestershire County Council and Stroud District Council are coordinating with Venture food truck to provide meals on a donation basis. <p>Nature Play:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A forest school session intended as an introduction to ongoing outdoor play sessions at TOTCH. <p>Expected Outcomes</p> <p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gather actionable data from community consultation.• Provide free and enriching activities for families, especially those who may not typically have access to such events.• Increase awareness of TOTCH's support services among a broader audience.
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	<p>Demographic Support for Funding Application</p> <p>Population and Age Distribution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slade Ward's population is diverse, including a significant number of children and young people (0-17 years: 499) who would benefit from both the event and enhanced youth services (Office for National Statistics). <p>Deprivation Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Income Deprivation: Slade Ward has areas of significant income deprivation, which affects both children and older residents. This economic hardship indicates a critical need for accessible and free community events and youth activities (CDRC Data).• Employment Challenges: Higher unemployment rates, particularly among young adults, suggest a need for programs and pathways that provide positive engagement and skill-building opportunities (CDRC Data). <p>Community Services Usage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food Bank Usage: Increased food bank usage highlights food insecurity and the necessity for food provision at community events, ensuring all families can participate without financial barriers (CDRC Data).• Citizen's Advice Services: Growing demand for Citizen's Advice services reflects broader socioeconomic challenges in the community, underscoring the importance of supportive and enriching activities for families (Explore local statistics - ONS). <p>Conclusion</p> <p>The demographic data for Slade Ward highlights the urgent need for improved youth services and community support. The proposed summer event by TOTCH aims to address these needs by providing a platform for community consultation, free activities for families, and raising awareness of available support services. The event's success could pave the way for ongoing youth provision in an area facing significant economic and social challenges. This funding application seeks to address these critical needs and contribute to the overall well-being of the Slade Ward community.</p>
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Amount applied for	£1900		
How do you intend to spend the grant if successful? (e.g. equipment, materials, staff expenses, training, room hire etc.)	Purpose	Total spend	Spend from this grant
	World Jungle - a team of six artists, play workers and musicians offering African drumming, graffiti arts, circus workshop and show, giant bubbles, and a range of outdoor play elements including sports and games as well as PA and music. Three hour event for 150 – 200 people.	1800	1800
	Nature Play	100	100 35 to cover the staff cost for the session 65 – materials for the session
How will the balance be funded?	Whilst we are seeking funding from STC to cover the total cost of the play provision we are expecting that GCC and SDC will contribute to cover some of those costs, including the food element as yet to be costed.		
Give details of other applications for funding for this project. <i>*If you have not yet received a decision on other applications, please give the date when the decision is expected</i>	Source	Amount applied for	Amount awarded*
	GCC/SDC	TBD – this would be through a direct award and is being negotiated with the support of STC Community Development Team.	
If the grant is for an event when will it take place?		31 st August	

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<p>How will your project meet the criteria for this grant fund? <i>(See guidance notes)</i></p>	<p>STC Key Funding Priorities and Event Alignment:</p> <p>Improved Capacity to Deliver Community Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Engages multiple stakeholders including Gloucestershire County Council, Stroud District Council, and local educational institutions.Provides actionable data through community consultation to tailor future youth services. <p>Builds Capacity to Support Itself:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Demonstrates TOTCH's ability to host large-scale, multifaceted events.Showcases TOTCH's services to a wider audience, enhancing its reputation and funding prospects. <p>Beneficial Effects Beyond the Project Period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Informs the development of sustainable, ongoing youth programs based on consultation findings.Introduces new outdoor play sessions that will continue after the event. <p>Innovative Approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Direct involvement of young people in the planning process ensures activities are relevant and engaging.Offers diverse activities like African drumming, graffiti arts, and circus workshops, providing new cultural and creative experiences. <p>Develops Community Support Networks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fosters collaboration among various agencies and stakeholders, including local councils and educational institutions.Strengthens community resilience and interconnectedness. <p>Matching Funding from Other Sources (TBD):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Contributions from Gloucestershire County Council and Stroud District Council in negotiation. <p>Involves Two or More Agencies Working in Partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Collaboration with multiple stakeholders including local councils, educational institutions, and community groups.
<p>How will your project help to reduce CO₂ emissions? <i>(See guidance notes)</i></p>	<p>The event is designed for local residents, reducing the necessity for long-distance travel. By encouraging walking, cycling, and the use of public transport, the event minimizes carbon emissions associated with motorised transport.</p>

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	<p>On going localised events in community hubs promotes the use of sustainable transport options.</p> <p>TOTCH also utilises food waste streams and through their food coordinator works to build relationships with local suppliers and growers building a less wasteful and carbon heavy local food provision.</p>
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I have attached a copy of our latest accounts, including a breakdown of salary costs	Y
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Grant fund applied to	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Community Support fund <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Culture fund <input type="checkbox"/> Carbon Reduction fund		
Overall purpose of grant	<p>For the last 2 years we have provided a warm space on Christmas day with a meal and festive activities to benefit people who are struggling on low incomes, those who are isolated and lonely, those struggling with Mental Health issues and others who wish to contribute to building community. Christmas 2023 proved to be a great success serving over 200 people, mainly Stroud Town residents. We operated in 3 venues so that people were able to keep very local if they wanted. We had a series of volunteer drivers who were able to offer transport to bring people to the venues, and also to deliver meals to those who wanted to eat at home. With over 40 people included in helping to make the event happen (from decoration making to food preparation, entertainment, driving etc), we have a huge volunteer and logistics management task. The main coordinator has stepped back from this task and so we need to employ someone to undertake this role this year. Some of the funding will be required to pay for this new role. We envisage this will eventually become part of the task of a volunteer coordinator role that we are seeking separate funding for, but that will not be operational for some time yet.</p>		
Amount applied for	£1,500		
How do you intend to spend the grant if successful?	Purpose	Total spend	Spend from this grant
	Cost of venues (heat light cooking etc) For	£640	£400

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(e.g. equipment, materials, staff expenses, training, room hire etc.)	the preparation and the day		
	Staff costs	£2080	£600
	Decorations and gifts	£350	£150
	Food	£900	£350
How will the balance be funded?	From grants applied for see below, and		
Give details of other applications for funding for this project. <i>*If you have not yet received a decision on other applications, please give the date when the decision is expected</i>	Source	Amount applied for	Amount awarded*
	Stroud District Council	£1,000	
	The Rousing Trust via The Long Table	£1,200	
	Donations on the day	£300	
If the grant is for an event when will it take place?		25.12.2024	
How will your project meet the criteria for this grant fund? <i>(See guidance notes)</i>	<p>This project helps people who would otherwise be isolated, lonely, depressed, cold or hungry on Christmas Day. In the last 2 years when we ran the event we have been able to use this as an opportunity to sign-post people in need towards the help and support that the community hubs can offer. We have been able to sign post towards housing and benefits advice. This has also been a vehicle to draw people towards regular use of community cafes and towards skills developing volunteering. We have worked in partnership with Community Hubs, The Long Table, The Foodbank, social prescribers and the Town and District Councils.</p> <p>All three venues have been within the Parish boundary and most of the people who benefit are from within the town. A few people have attended from outside the town and the District Council are also funders for this project.</p> <p>The aim of the project is to build community such that those people in need are also contributors to the event, helping with</p>		

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	preparations, cooking, serving clearing up etc. So of the 40 plus volunteers many of those people would also be categorised as in need.
How will your project help to reduce CO₂ emissions? <i>(See guidance notes)</i>	We aim to use as much surplus food at the events as possible. We are also only heating 3 venues for the day rather than all the individual homes of the 200 plus attendees.
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