

Dear Councillor

Today we are opening the bidding process for the Youth Opportunity Fund so voluntary and community-based organisations can apply for funding from the £1m fund agreed by councillors. Grants of up to £70k will be awarded.

The application form and guidelines for funding applications are now on the county council's website [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/youthopportunity](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/youthopportunity)

I have attached the text of a message that you could send to community organisations in your division to encourage them to consider applying. This can also be adapted for councillor newsletters.

I have also attached an electronic flyer that can be sent to community groups, and could be printed out as a small poster to be put in community spaces such as parish noticeboards.

We will be sending this information in a general parish mailing and to members of the Oxfordshire Youth network, which has helped with the bidding process.

Next week we start a media and social media campaign that will highlight examples of existing community-based youth provision, and encourage communities across Oxfordshire to apply.

Please let me know if you have any questions on the Youth Opportunity Fund, or suggestions about ways to ensure as many applications as possible.

Best wishes,

Councillor Mark Gray

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