

**Performing Arts Grant application**

**February 2025**

The South Oxfordshire District Council Performing Arts Grant Fund aims to support community and voluntary sector performing arts groups within the district. This scheme is designed to enhance the cultural landscape by providing financial assistance to projects that demonstrate a significant community impact, meet identified needs, and ensure broad reach, engagement, and access to the performing arts in South Oxfordshire.

The Performing Arts Grants Scheme aligns with the South Oxfordshire District Council's Corporate Plan by fostering the following objectives:

* **Enhance community well-being:** Foster mental, emotional, and physical well-being through accessible performing arts initiatives that bring people together.
* **Support voluntary and community groups:** Strengthen local voluntary, non-profit, and grassroots organisations involved in the performing arts, empowering them to deliver impactful projects.
* **Promote sustainability:** Encourage environmentally sustainable practices within the performing arts, from production to performance, minimizing environmental impact.
* **Encourage inclusivity:** Provide opportunities for diverse groups to participate in and access the performing arts, ensuring inclusivity across all demographics, including marginalised or underrepresented communities.
* **Build local capacity:** Provide resources and support to develop skills, talent, and infrastructure within the local performing arts community.

**Funding Priorities**

Funding will be awarded to projects that align with the following community values and priorities, fostering a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable performing arts scene in South Oxfordshire:

* Increase the range of arts opportunities available to local communities.
* Support inclusive practice and celebrate diversity.
* Develop local artistic talent.
* Promote innovation and excellence.
* Develop new audiences and participants in performing arts initiatives.

**Requirements**

When filling out this form, ensure that you refer to the **Performing Arts Grants Guidance Notes** for details on the information requirements.

Please ensure you read **Performing Arts Grants Guidance Notes and data processing** prior to applying for this grant funding**.**

Please read and complete all questions within the application form fully and where indicated, submit copies of the documentation required to support your application.

The councils Arts Development Officer is able to offer further advice and support and can be reached by email at: [performingartsgrants@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:performingartsgrants@southandvale.gov.uk)

Once complete, please return your completed application form, with all necessary supporting evidence to; [performingartsgrants@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:performingartsgrants@southandvale.gov.uk)

The scheme will be open on Monday 3rd February 2025 and close on 3rd March 2025.

**The deadline for applications is 12noon on Monday 3rd March**. Grants will be awarded and applicants will be notified after Monday March 10th 2025.

**Performing arts funding application form**

1. **ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION**

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| Date of application: | |  | |
| Name of organisation: | |  | |
| Address of organisation: | |  | |
| Organisation’s legal status (e.g., Charity, Not-for-Profit Company, Limited Company) | |  | |
| Company registration number or charity number: | |  | |
| Authorised contact Name: | |  | |
| Position in the organisation: | |  | |
| Email address: | |  | |
| Telephone/mobile number: | |  | |
| Brief Description of Your Organisation's Services/Activities:: | |  | |
| Please provide details about the goods or services you charge for, including details of any local private sector businesses/organisations you are aware of, who offer the same chargeable services? |  | |

1. **ELIGIBILITY**

The questions below establish if you/ your project is eligible for this grant. These will be scored on a pass or fail basis. **Answering “no” to any of the below may make you ineligible for a grant under the terms of this scheme**. If you need any assistance or clarification please email [performingartsgrants@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:performingartsgrants@southandvale.gov.uk)

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| **Eligibility** | **Yes/ No** |
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| 1. Does your project or activity take place within the South Oxfordshire district AND for the benefit residents of South Oxfordshire? |  |
| 1. Does your organisation type meet the eligibility criteria outlined on P.9 of the guidance notes below? |  |
| 1. Do you have £5 million worth of public liability insurance? |  |
| 1. Do you have a Constitution or Articles of Association? |  |
| 1. Do you have a bank account in the organisation's name you are applying on behalf of? |  |
| 1. Does your project have the necessary consents to take place (e.g. planning permission, listed building consent, environment agency licenses, PRS licence etc)? |  |

1. **ABOUT YOUR PROJECT**

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| 1. Project title: |  |
| 1. **Proposed Project Description:** Maximum of words : 300 |  |
| 1. What do you anticipate the total expenditure for the project to be? | Indicate a breakdown of costs in the rows below;   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Item | £ incl VAT | £ excluding VAT | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | | **Totals** |  |  | |
| 1. Is your organisation VAT registered ? | Yes  No |
| 1. Funding Requested from the Performing Arts Fund: | £\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 1. Are you requesting other funding / expecting income for this project? |  |
| 1. If yes, how will this shortfall be met?: please indicate other funding, estimated income/ ticket sales etc | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Funding/ income | £ | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | | **Totals** |  | |
| 1. Proposed project start date: please be aware we are not able to award funds retrospectively for costs already incurred. |  |
| 1. Estimated project completion date: |  |

1. **About the impact of your project**

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| 1. How have you identified the need for this project? |  |
| 1. How many people will directly benefit from your project? |  |
| 1. What are the anticipated benefits for this project? | * Mental well-being * Physical well-being * Reduced loneliness * Social cohesion * New skills * Trained volunteers * More people involved in the performing arts |
| 1. Which age group will benefit from this project/ activity? | * 0-14 years * 15-24 years * 25-64 years * 65 years and over * Open to all |
| 1. How will the project increase and/or diversify usage/ audience or participant numbers in the Performing Arts ? |  |
| 1. Are you collaborating or working in partnership with another organisation or group (ie another performing arts group, school or community group) ? |  |
| 1. How will this project support the financial sustainability of your organisation? |  |
| 1. Please describe how your project seeks to minimise energy use and carbon emissions? |  |

1. **DECLAIRATION**

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| Has your organisation received any Minimal Financial Assistance (MFA) in this financial year and/or the previous two financial years (since April 2022)?   * Yes * No   If Yes, please complete the table below:   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Amount of financialassistancereceived | Date received | Organisation providing assistance | Nature of assistance | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |   I declare that the information given on this application form and supporting documentation is accurate.  Name of applicant:  Signature of applicant duly authorised to sign on behalf of Organisation:  Position of the applicant in the Organisation: |