

The City Bridge Trust

Investing In Londoners: Application for a grant



About your organisation

Name of your organisation: Oasis Children's Venture	
If your organisation is part of a larger organisation, what is its name? N/A	
In which London Borough is your organisation based? Lambeth	
Contact person: Ms Joanne Brown	Position: Director
Website: http://oasisplay.org.uk/	
Legal status of organisation: First Contact	Charity, Charitable Incorporated Company or company number: 1019626
When was your organisation established? 03/01/1973	

Grant Request

Under which of City Bridge Trust's programmes are you applying? Improving London's Environment
Which of the programme outcome(s) does your application aim to achieve? More people reporting improved wellbeing through greater use of open spaces and through growing and greening initiatives More Londoners with a greater knowledge and understanding of the 'green' environment and biodiversity
Please describe the purpose of your funding request in one sentence. Funding for 'Green Prescription' a project supporting deprived local people in Larkhall/Stockwell to access outdoor learning, food growing and healthy eating supporting 430 users regularly.
When will the funding be required? 01/06/2017
How much funding are you requesting? Year 1: £45,298 Year 2: £44,639 Year 3: £45,498 Total: £135,435

Aims of your organisation:

Oasis Children's Venture runs facilities for children/young people and their families in Stockwell, a highly deprived part of the capital. We are a community-led organisation, established in 1973 when local parents and residents transformed a derelict green space into a playground with swings, a slide and skateboard ramp. Oasis is about play - freely chosen activities that are challenging and fun - but we are about much more than that: we offer CYP and their families playful and educational activities that are healthy and creative, improving their health, fitness, aspirations and employability; we raise local knowledge of and access to nature, with immense benefits in terms of users' physical/mental wellbeing and the health of the environment; and we promote social cohesion in a fragmented, poverty-stricken area. Through experienced staff, user-led activities and services targeting people of all abilities, we help participants build better futures for themselves through positive play experiences, support and advice, volunteering, accredited training and work experience.

Main activities of your organisation:

Oasis provides three different and locally unique facilities: the Children's Nature Garden, the Karting Project and the Adventure Playground.

The Nature Garden provides free, supervised, inclusive environmental play sessions for children aged 5-12 after school and in the holidays; weekly term time sessions for under-5s and their parent/carers; and community Saturdays. We also encourage young people aged 15-16 to become volunteers.

The Karting Project offers exciting, challenging experiences for 8-18-year-olds of all abilities. It combines the thrill of racing and driving with practical and educational opportunities that broaden users' horizons and boost their employability.

The APG has many exciting structures and places to play, including a zip line, a sand and natural play area, a climbing rock, a football pitch, a BMX track and a forest garden. It provides supervised adventure play sessions for 6-16-year-olds after school, on Saturdays and during the holidays.

In addition, we provide specialist activity sessions for schools, youth groups, private organisations and other agencies.

Number of staff

Full-time:	Part-time:	Management committee members:	Active volunteers:
4	45	8	26

Property occupied by your organisation

Is the main property owned, leased or rented by your organisation?	If leased/rented, how long is the outstanding agreement?
Leased	10 years

Summary of grant request

We are applying under the Improving London's Environment strand to fund the Green Prescription Programme. This includes underwriting a dedicated playworker to support natural play in the Nature Garden environment; a gardener to lead sessions on growing and harvesting food; a community educator to advise 30 youth volunteers aged 14+ and 30 community volunteers (parent/carers and local adults) to aid staff and users (thus gaining skills that will boost their health and employability); our director's time in relation to managing the project and exploring fresh income streams to guarantee its future; plus materials, equipment, evaluation and publicity costs. The produce generated will teach users about the food chain/biodiversity and nutrition/healthy eating.

Over three years, the programme will provide 430 users (250 aged 0-16, 180 adults) with high-quality, experiential outdoor learning. We will work with them to increase their outdoor confidence, appreciation of the natural world, skills, health and wellbeing through learning (eg, horticulture, habitats, growing, biodiversity), developing new life skills (eg, planting and cooking food, food hygiene, wildlife conservation) including accredited qualifications (Natural Thinkers), while also reducing isolation and improving community cohesion. The projects focus on being user-led with volunteer involvement in activities management, will benefit the community we serve and the work we do for them.

On Thursday and Fridays, we will run three-hour after-school sessions with local 6-12-year-olds and morning nursery sessions with under-5s and their parents/carers. We will support youth volunteers to act as "buddies" during sessions and take on apprenticeship roles; alongside community volunteers who will learn conservation techniques and help manage project delivery/evaluation. Green Prescription will also provide Saturday drop-in community days (10am-4pm) with local families and residents, including afternoon specialist workshops (eg carpentry) and community-led sessions incorporating horticultural, food growing and healthy eating guidance, plus seasonal events (four in total, an additional 250 users each) to spread programme benefits throughout the community.

The project will build on our Nature Garden play and forest school provision. By teaching organic growing and improving the confidence of adults to support children to engage with nature during events and workshops, the programme will promote users self-esteem, skills, well-being, knowledge and confidence.

In common with Oasis' existing provision, locals will be involved in the projects management and running. We have a strong volunteer programme, with opportunities for training and supported personal development -- a pathway open to all volunteers. Our aim is to educate users and hand over the growth, care and encouragement of garden biodiversity so they feel ownership of the site and develop it in line with their needs. Oasis celebrates multiculturalism. Our provision welcomes and celebrates diversity: for example, we advertise in the varied languages spoken locally (eg, Urdu, Portuguese) to ensure all residents know what we offer and can access our services.

Our existing provision is supported by 96 volunteers, who support staff in delivering our objectives (our work would be impossible without them). Programme volunteers will help evaluate the service via regular informal consultation (eg, focus groups) and annual satisfaction surveys, and will regularly conduct peer and community interviews. Our existing volunteer children's committee will also feed into service planning.

Oasis is cognisant of the need to battle climate change by reducing our environmental impact (the Nature Garden's existing work is testament to this fact). As we want to improve, we'd welcome the opportunity to benefit from a City Bridge eco-audit or other advice.

If you need any planning or other statutory consents for the project to proceed, what stage have the applications reached?

Do you have a Vulnerable Adults policy? **Yes**

What Quality Marks does your organisation currently hold?

London Youth Quality Mark (Bronze) working towards silver.

Outputs and outcomes

What are the main activities or outputs you want to deliver? Please include no more than 5. By activities or outputs we mean the services, products or facilities you plan to deliver. If you plan to deliver work over more than one year you should include activities over the full grant period requested. Try to be specific.

After-school Environmental Learning Sessions. Thursdays and Fridays (3 hours per session): 104 per annum including food growing, gardening, bio-diversity, cooking, outdoor learning, garden management and natural play.

Under 5's and Parent/Carer Environmental Learning Sessions Thursday and Friday Mornings (3hours per session): 104 per annum including food growing, gardening, bio-diversity, cooking, outdoor learning, garden management and natural play.

Saturday Community Sessions (6 hours per session): 50 per annum including food growing, gardening, bio-diversity, cooking, outdoor learning and specialist workshops (run by staff and volunteers)

Seasonal Community Events: 4 per annum (Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter) including food growing, gardening, bio-diversity, cooking, outdoor learning and specialist workshops (run by staff and volunteers)

Volunteering program for local people involving peer mentors (14+) and local community members in leading and supporting users to engage in all activities, whilst also evaluating and planning provision with the community and staff.

What main differences or outcomes do you hope the activities you have described above will achieve? Please include no more than 5. By differences or outcomes we mean the changes, benefits, learning or other effects that result from the work your project would deliver. These might be for individuals, families, communities or the environment.

Londoners will have improved understanding and appreciation of the environment/local wildlife and develop improved outdoor confidence

Londoners will have improved physical well-being through being next to nature

Children and Young people will better understand the importance of food growing and it's importance to healthy eating

Londoners will have improved emotional well-being and experience reduced isolation through being next to nature

Londoners have increased decision making opportunities through developing and leading environmental activities and being actively involved in project planning and delivery

Do you plan to continue the activity beyond the period for which you are requesting funding? If so, how do you intend to sustain it? If not, what is your exit strategy?

Yes, organic food grown under the project will be prepared for consumption at Oasis' Community Cafe (being funded separately), creating fresh income streams for the programme. In addition, our Director will look to source alternative support in Y2-3 utilising our evaluation and learning from the program to provide a sustainable exit strategy.

Who will benefit?

About your beneficiaries

How many people will benefit directly from the grant per year?

430

In which Greater London borough(s) or areas of London will your beneficiaries live?

Lambeth (80%)

Wandsworth (20%)

What age group(s) will benefit?

All ages

What gender will beneficiaries be?

All

What will the ethnic grouping(s) of the beneficiaries be?

A range of ethnic groups

If Other ethnic group, please give details:

What proportion of the beneficiaries will be disabled people?

11-20%

Funding required for the project

What is the total cost of the proposed activity/project?

Expenditure heading	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Community Education worker 21 hours per week @ Â£14 per hour + oncosts <i>0.6</i>	16,584	16,916	17,254	50,754
Gardener 14 hours per week @ Â£14 per hour + oncosts <i>0.4</i>	11,243	11,467	11,697	34,407
Playworker 14 hours per week @ Â£11 per hour + oncosts <i>0.4</i>	8,168	8,331	8,498	24,997
Director 1 day per week @ Â£36,400 per annum pro rata <i>0.2</i>	8,206	8,370	8,538	25,114
Project evaluation	1,200	1,200	1,200	3,600
Equipment, Materials and Tools	3,750	1,500	1,500	6,750
Publicity and Printing	1,000	1,020	1,040	3,060
Volunteer Training	2,000	2,040	2,081	6,121
Utilities and overheads contribution to nature garden	1,105	1,105	1,105	3,315
TOTAL:	53,256	51,950	52,912	158,117

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IFTE only

What income has already been raised?

Source	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Young Lambeth Co-Op	6,958	6,290	6,374	19,622
Walcott Foundation	1,000	1,020	1,040	3,060
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	7,958	7,310	7,414	22,682

What other funders are currently considering the proposal?

Source	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
N/A	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	0	0	0	0

How much is requested from the Trust?

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Director Management 0.5 day per week @	4,103	4,185	4,269	12,557

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Project evaluation	1,200	1,200	1,200	3,600
Equipment and Materials	2,000	500	500	3,000
Publicity and Printing	1,000	1,020	1,040	3,060
Volunteer training	1,000	1,020	1,040	3,060
	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	45,298	44,369	45,498	135,435

Oasis Childrens Venture Revised Budget Request

Funding required for the project

22.05.17

What is the total cost of the proposed activity/project?

Expenditure heading	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Community Education Worker 10.5hrs pw (£14ph + on costs 10%)	7644	7797	7953	23394
Gardener 14 hrs per week (£14ph + on costs 10%)	11243	11467	11697	34407
Playworker 14 hrs per week (£11ph + on costs 10 %)	8168	8331	8498	24997
Director 0.5hrs per week £36400 pa pro rata	4103	4185	4269	12557
Specialist Workshop leader	3750	3825	3902	11477
Project Evaluation	1200	1200	1200	3600
Equipment, materials and Tools (play sessions)	6000	3000	3000	12000
Publicity and Printing	1000	1020	1040	3060
Volunteer expenses and training	2000	2040	2081	6121
Utilities overheads and repairs	2000	2040	2081	6121
TOTAL:	47108	44905	45721	137734

What income has already been raised?

Source	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Young Lambeth Coop(0.5 gardener 0.5 director)	6914	7052	7193	21159
Walcott Foundation (vol expenses and training)	1000	1020	1040	3060
TOTAL:	7914	8072	8233	24219

What other funders are currently considering the proposal?

Source	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
TOTAL:				

How much is requested from the Trust?

Source	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Community Education Worker 10.5hrs pw (£14ph + on costs 10%)	7644	7797	7953	23394
Gardener 10.5 hrs per week (£14ph + on costs 10%)	8432	8601	8773	25805
Playworker 14 hrs per week (£11ph + on costs 10 %)	8168	8331	8498	24997
Director 0.5hrs per week £36400 pa pro rata	0	0	0	0
Specialist workshop leader	3750	3825	3902	11477

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Publicity and Printing	1000	1020	1040	3060
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Utilities overheads and repairs	2000	2040	2081	6121
TOTAL:	39194	36834	37487	113514

Finance details

Please complete using your most recent audited or independently examined accounts.

Financial year ended:	Month: March	Year: 2016
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Income received from:	£
Voluntary income	561,473
Activities for generating funds	86,955
Investment income	0
Income from charitable activities	47,426
Other sources	5,292
Total Income:	701,146

Expenditure:	£
Charitable activities	676,339
Governance costs	5,400
Cost of generating funds	5,620
Other	0
Total Expenditure:	687,359
Net (deficit)/surplus:	13,787
Other Recognised Gains/(Losses):	0
Net Movement in Funds:	13,787

Asset position at year end	£
Fixed assets	221,694
Investments	0
Net current assets	76,174
Long-term liabilities	0
*Total Assets (A):	297,868

Reserves at year end	£
Restricted funds	36,036
Endowment Funds	0
Unrestricted funds	261,832
*Total Reserves (B):	297,868

*** Please note that total Assets (A) and Total Reserves (B) should be the same.**

Statutory funding

For your most recent financial year, what % of your income was from statutory sources? 1-10%

Organisational changes

Describe any significant changes to your structure, financial position or core activities since the date of your most recent accounts: N/A

Previous funding received

Please list the funding received by your organisation from the following statutory sources during the last THREE years.			
	Year 3 £	Year 2 £	Most recent £
City of London (except City Bridge Trust)	0	0	0
London Local Authorities	52,696	50,061	47,426
London Councils	0	0	0
Health Authorities	0	0	0
Central Government departments	0	0	0
Other statutory bodies	0	0	0

Previous grants received

Please list the grants received by your organisation from charitable trusts and foundations (other than City Bridge Trust) during the last THREE years. List source, years and annual amounts. Please include the 5 largest only.			
Name of Funder	Year 3 £	Year 2 £	Most recent £
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities (NG)	0	75,538	88,409
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities (APG)	70,711	68,212	34,165
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities (INC)	0	0	44,064
BBC Children in Need	44,795	39,344	36,944
Comic Relief	33,006	42,152	8,497

Declaration

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, all the information I have provided in this application form is correct. I fully understand that City Bridge Trust has zero tolerance towards fraud and will seek to prosecute and recover funds in every instance.

Please confirm: Yes Full Name: **Joanne Brown**

Role within **Director**
Organisation: