

A fund to help local communities set up Big Society plans is launched today, 16 February.

Oxfordshire County Council has today, 16th February, officially launched its Big Society Fund, which will allow local people to bid for start-up funding to help them take responsibility for providing services in their community.

The council is keen to create an environment in which it is as easy as possible for communities to do things for themselves, and the £600,000 Big Society Fund is a part of this.

How can communities use the money?

Communities can make bids for start-up funding for service provision they may wish to undertake in their local area. This could include taking on responsibility for libraries and youth services, day opportunities for older people or even community transport.

The council is keen to work with communities to embrace a new era and a new way of working at a time when there is less money to spend across the public sector throughout the UK. We will require a viable business case from communities, but are determined to work closely with people to advise them on the process of putting together such a document.

Further details on the fund and how to apply are available at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/big society fund

Please email big society fund@oxfordshire.gov.uk if you have any further questions.

Regards

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