

South Hinksey Parish Council

Grant Application Form

Name of organisation	Oxfordshire South & Vale Citizens Advice
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Title of project	Grant Aid
Amount requested	<p>Due to the unprecedented demands on our service in the current cost of living crisis we would appreciate it if you could consider increasing the grant value by 20% to £240.</p> <p>Contrary to popular misconception Citizens Advice is not funded by government nor the national Citizens Advice charity. In fact, we receive no core funding from these sources. We rely entirely on funding from local councils, contracts for specialist services, charitable trusts and donations.</p>
Date of application	16/11/2022

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<p>Details of project including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• how project will benefit the parish or parishioners• project timetable• when funds are needed• other sources of funding explored• breakdown of costings <p>Continue on separate sheet if necessary</p>	<p>During 21-22, in your parish we advised 8 clients. Cases are becoming more complex and our trained Volunteers dealt with 37 individual issues. We provide practical, measurable and tangible support for those most in need in our community. Last year we helped 88% of our clients find a way forward, but we must do more to effectively meet this crisis head on.</p> <p>Across our two districts (South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse) we deal with the most vulnerable people in our community, 4% of clients are disabled and approximately 40% have a long-term health condition. While support around benefits is still the main issues clients approach us for, we have seen a 119% increase in clients coming to us with a financial crisis issue. (Data taken from Jan – Jun 20/21 compared with Jan-June 21/22)</p> <p>We are currently the front line in helping people navigate the cost-of-living crisis. People can access support Monday to Friday 9:00 – 5:00, via telephone, webchat, emails, or appointments, and we have a website providing 24/7 access to information. We continue to work hard to find ways we can increase our capacity to help us meet the growing demand and make sure people have access to the support they need.</p> <p>Funding from District Councils only represents about 40% of our income, so your continued support is vital to ensure we meet the growing demand on our services. We run a very lean organisation and are powered by our Volunteers workforce.</p> <p>We are seeking a grant to contribute to the costs of recruiting, training, supporting and supervising the volunteers. While volunteers provide the backbone of our advice service, we are working in an environment of reducing council funding and increasing demand. It costs approximately £1200 to take a person from expressing initial interest to a fully trained adviser.</p>
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Declaration

I have read and understood the South Hinksey Parish Council grants policy and agree to abide by the conditions outlined.

Signature: 

Position: Chief Officer

Date: 16/11/2022