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Oakley allotment group	Oakley community is great because everyone works together and there is a very strong community feel in the area lots of strong community minded people who work hard for the best for the whole community.	<p>Our group feel strongly that giving families the opportunity to learn how to grow vegetables and fruit and also give families access to an area where they can grow produce if they live in a flat.</p> <p>Working together as a community for the benefit of the community is what we strive to do .</p>	Improving this allotment and making the area accessible to the whole community giving families a safe environment for their children will encourage use of this facility	<p>The aim of this project is to give families the opportunity to grow vegetables and fruit that will be used to benefit the community with produce being donated to local community projects that are all ready running in the local area the cornerstones centre run a soup lunch that will benefit from free produce and also the local school and children's centre will also be able to use the produce.</p> <p>We have a large group of families that are working with the project and lots of the families live in flats which mean they don't have access to gardens.</p> <p>We will use the money to purchase fencing, tools and seeds to help local residents get more involved in the allotment.</p>
The Indian Association Cheltenham	The Indian people arrived in Cheltenham in the 50s and 60s from India and Africa and are now well settled in Cheltenham, there are now family of first to fourth generations living in Cheltenham, and are making a good contribution to the economy of Gloucestershire. We have a building in Swindon Road called the Hindu Community Centre. The Building contains a recreation rooms and a Hindu Temple upstairs This place is used to celebrate Hindu Cultural and religious festivals. The members are very proud of the building.	<p>Our group care about the wellbeing of the increasing elderly generation as well as the opportunities for younger generation for education and employment and recreation.</p> <p>I would like the younger generation to retain our culture, language and religion.</p>	<p>Our group is already contributing to build a better community by arranging visits to our Community Centre and Temple, Schools and colleges use our Temple as part of religious education.</p> <p>We are known to other volunteer groups and seek their help when required.</p> <p>We will try to take more active role in wider activities</p>	We will use the grant to buy IT equipment
4th Cheltenham Boys Brigade Co	A lot of good things happen which you never get to hear about. Families are diverse and a lot of events and groups meet and do great stuff. There is a lot of hidden talent and a sense of community. People help each other out.	Safety of our members. That our boys make good choices in their lives. That they are given opportunities to try out and develop their skills. Support those who need a bit of helpplay an active role within our community	We can all do more. We try to do as much as we can but we don't always hear if an event is going on until its being advertised. Groups should all work together more to support one another.	<p>We have now got all our boys in uniform but we do not have our own flag (colour) which means at events we have to borrow a different company's flag or go without.</p> <p>We will use the grant to purchase our own flag and also to buy sports equipment such as badminton rackets and a table-tennis table</p>

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<p>The Rock; Scooter And Skate (SAS)</p>	<p>At the start of December 2012, The Rock SAS team asked the young people to answer a few questions about SAS and their community. When asked what is great about their community, it was apparent that SAS was the main if not some of there responses when asked about why SAS is great;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAS is fun and worth the money (£1 entry fee) • It is a fun club and it is great • You can ride a scooter • You get to hang out with friends and meet new people • The ramps • Its really fun and the members are nice • It's a great place to learn new tricks • It's a good place to ride and its useful when it rains also it's the only indoor skate park in Cheltenham. • The staff are excellent • Its good because there is videos on the wall when we skate 	<p>To have a safe place to scoot/skate indoors (meaning it can be used all year round).</p> <p>A place which is enabled young people of mix scooter/skateboarding abilities to make new friends and learn new tricks.</p> <p>Direct answers from the consultation as to what they care about most (in relation to SAS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is safe - The ramps cuz it is somewhere we can chill. - Meeting other scooters (people) because they will be people we know - Ramps which are fun to go on - Bigger ramps so you can get more air out of you tricks - I like the staff because they take care of the ramps 	<p>When the young people were asked if they could help build a better community, it received a mix response (all positive). Here are the answers they gave:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Let more young people know about the facility (within the community) - I would like to help not sure how - Make a bigger place and then split it in half and one side for good people and one side for beginners. - Let more people know - Handouts <p>Any other popular suggestion is to host a competition, this was something The Rock tried to organise with the Montpellier Fiesta, but due to weather conditions it had to be cancelled.</p> <p>Most recently the young people have been asking for a trip to another skate facility (which is outside of the county). However this would be a cost which many of them can-not afford.</p> <p>If a trip could be organised they voted to go to Corby, which is the other side of Birmingham or Motion, which is in Bristol.</p>	<p>The young people who attend SAS have taken real ownership of SAS because it is for them and about them. One of their requests is for a trip to a skate park outside of the county. As an organisation we want the young people to believe that they have a voice in what happens in their community and that it is listened to.</p> <p>By listening to the young peoples request for a trip with SAS it will in turn empower the youth of the community to feel listened to as individuals and as a group.</p> <p>To open this opportunity up to other young people in the community, the young people will create posters to advertise the trip. This in turn will increase the knowledge of SAS amongst other young people in the community, many of whom might not have known this service existed for them.</p>

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Hatherley & Reddings Cricket Club	<p>We are a thriving community based cricket club with a very strong youth section and recently started disabled team.</p> <p>We also encourage wider participation in the community by hosting an archery club, War-gamers, a local ladies craft club and several men's and ladies skittles teams!</p>	<p>We care about getting people active in sport and looking after the environment!</p> <p>We have two very well maintained grounds and try to be as green as possible!</p> <p>A Neighbourhood in Bloom group was set up years ago to brighten the Pavilion and goes from strength to strength!</p>	<p>Our project for next year is to expand on our planting in hanging baskets and containers to creating a wildflower meadow area!</p>	<p>To purchase a couple of planting containers previously loaned to us from the "Cheltenham in Bloom " group!</p> <p>These items help bring a dash of colour and sensory pleasure to an otherwise fairly bland Cotswold stone building!</p>
Oakley Resident's Association and Oakley Regeneration Partnership	<p>This is a very friendly place to live with a stable community, where neighbours look out for one another and care about the community in which they live.</p> <p>There are a number of agencies and centres with excellent services on offer, well supported by key volunteers from within the community, who are often encouraged to gain confidence and satisfaction from these activities.</p>	<p>To give residents a voice about their accommodation, local services and the neighbourhood where they live</p> <p>To promote community cohesion</p> <p>To make the community a better place to live</p>	<p>Work in conjunction with other agencies in the area to build appropriate services and promote community engagement</p> <p>Arrange events, meetings and social opportunities where residents can identify common concerns, interests and goals</p> <p>Encourage more residents to help with activities and events.</p> <p>Build confidence by encouraging more residents to become involved in local decision making, and signposting to services</p>	<p>We would use this grant to put together a community event aimed at bringing all sections of the community together, young and old, able bodied and disabled to participate in 2 days of fun team building activities open to all across Oakley ward.</p> <p>Groups would be able to make up their own teams and take part in activities focusing on a range of different skills (not necessarily sporting) in an event based on last year's Olympics.</p> <p>This event would draw on the legacy of the London 2012 Olympics, by holding activities over the May Day Bank holiday weekend</p> <p>There would not be an emphasis on sporting excellence, but rather on taking part and inclusiveness</p>
Nowans Community Trust	<p>It is about empowering and supporting African communities living in Cheltenham.</p>	<p>Education, sustainable communities, general welfare, women and children, mental health and wellbeing etc.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>To help us produce publicity material for our work in Cheltenham and pay for venue hire for the events we wish to hold.</p>
Springbank Art Club	<p>The community spirit and the numbers who attend the two art groups. The attendees are from all walks of life and all ages both experienced and complete novices</p>	<p>To use my skills to enthuse and invigorate community members particularly in relation to painting, drawing and sculpture</p>	<p>Yes, we can offer more classes to more people if we can offer them free by providing the raw materials ie canvases, paint and brushes at no cost.</p>	<p>I would provide more courses for amore willing participants in Springbank. I already provide 2 classes per week at Springbank Community Resource Centre; one for pensioners and another for all comers and convalescents</p>

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<p>Friends of Cheltenham Walk Park Association</p>	<p>People are willing to get together and support one another!!</p> <p>Local residents care about the area - they pick up litter and dispose of it and they really appreciate open space where they can walk their pets, have a chat with neighbours and enjoy the birds, nature and their surroundings.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The quantity of litter around the roads, outside Arle Stores and parks 2. Poor street lighting - elderly people are walking in the roads to avoid falling over uneven pavements - they cannot see if their neighbours are ok - can't see! 3. The barriers to prevent motor bikes and quad bikes from tearing up and down lanes over the River Chelt where people walk animals, children and elderly people stroll. 4. Thoughtless people parking on double yellow lines and in places that inhibit a clear view of traffic when exiting homes. 	<p>Yes definitely!!!!</p>	<p>To install 2 community notice-boards to inform local people about what is happening or needed - as many do not have the Internet or access to emails!!</p> <p>To pay for more benches in our Nature Reserve so people have somewhere to meet sit and enjoy the open spaces and wildlife that is returning to the area.</p>
<p>Charlton Kings in Bloom</p>	<p>People always refer to Charlton Kings as a village. For us, that means a community that is inclusive, a healthy cross-section. We feel lucky that we still have a post office, shops, a library, and we are prepared to fight to keep them. It means in turn that the people in the area make more journeys by foot . When this happens people meet and talk more.</p>	<p>We care about being part of a thriving community, somewhere that we enjoy living, that is a pleasure to come home to. We are proud of where we live: we have such good feedback from all ages, from such a cross-section of the parish, that we are convinced that the environment has a tremendous effect on the wellbeing of the people here. We all feel that by being inclusive, and involving anyone we can, people are meeting who may not otherwise do so, and that this builds a stronger community. We care about promoting a feeling of belonging, of ownership of our surroundings.</p>	<p>Simply, more involvement. We already involve the local nursery schools in our annual gardening competition. Last year's meadow planting saw volunteers clearing the area to be sown, in the rain (it's always raining when we do this!). The area near the rill in the centre of the village is now used more (we've seen people having picnics there n summer). We have now purchased planters which we have given to local businesses to look after, and we intend to plant them up. We also need to renew our liability insurance to cover the planters (£134 at last renewal).</p>	<p>We would use approximately £134 to cover the liability insurance cover that we need. We would then plan planting schemes for the planters around the village, and bulk-purchase the plants that we need.(the planters would need to be replanted twice over the course of the year). We are organising dates for replanting so that we can publicise them and involve as many people as possible.</p>

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Fair Shares Sew and sew	<p>The ABCD approach is strengths based and local people have many strengths and skills which are not always recognised and accessed. People care about their local area, their cultural heritage but sometimes need an opportunity to demonstrate and celebrate the strengths and skills they can bring to the community, and identify future activities they can be involved with.</p>	<p>Supporting people to engage with activities within their community and supporting people to help each other. To help people to help each other using people's time and skills to help build social interaction, connections, address isolation and help build resilient communities.</p>	<p>The group would build links between people who have may have experienced difficulties such as language barriers, mental or physical health problems, to help them to become more active and involved in their community. Activities could include learning simple sewing skills, sewing patchwork and identify other skills. the aim would be to engage the participants in conversations leading to discussions about what skills they have what they would like to become involved with. the aim is to develop self led groups using volunteers time</p>	<p>Fair Shares has already developed links with organisations and individuals who would like to participate in a wider range of community activities. Volunteers from Milsom St Day centre, Stonham Housing and other Fair Shares members would meet to peruse craft related activities. these provide an opportunity to talk together about what they value in the community, what skills and knowledge they have and how they would contribute to making a difference within the community. The group would also provide an opportunity to identify community connectors and to consult on the Big Local</p>

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<p>Fair Shares Time bank - Celebration of International Womens Day</p>	<p>The area is part of the ABCD Community of practice learning site which extends from Gardners Lane to Tewkesbury Road and along the Lower High Street. The area is diverse with residents from different ethnic, cultural and social background with a lively community. The ABCD approach is strengths based and local people have many strengths and skills which are not always recognised and accessed. People care about their local area, their cultural heritage but sometimes need an opportunity to demonstrate and celebrate the strengths and skills they can bring to the community, and identify future activities they can be involved with.</p>	<p>Would like to engage more people from different cultural backgrounds and heritages and share aspects of their culture, to engage with them and recognise the voluntary work they do within that community and also to raise their profile within a wider community . It is an opportunity to identify additional support they may need and can offer and be a valued part of the wider community.</p>	<p>The group can help to develop a positive image of the diversity of the area, could become more engaged in wider community activities. However they need an opportunity to explore what and how that might develop.. Using the ABCD approach, identify the strengths that the community has.</p>	<p>We plan to hold an event on 9 March to celebrate International Womens Day (8 March). The event would be held at Gardners Lane Children's centre and working with members of Sahara Saheli and other communities to bring together women from 5 different cultures: Polish, Thai, Bangladeshi, Chinese and British. The event will focus around sharing food and other aspects of heritage, but will be an opportunity for some consultation to identify what additional activities and events they would be interested in becoming involved with and how they can become more involved in the wider community and become active volunteers. Through the process of developing the event it is hoped to identify 'Community Connectors' who are linked with other people in the community and help inform the Big Local developments within the area.</p>
<p>Cheltenham West End Partnership</p>	<p>The diversity of people from different backgrounds. The wealth of facilities because it is close to shops, cafes, pubs, town centre services. Good public transport links to other parts of town. Good green spaces, such as Winston Churchill Gardens, the Honeybourne Line, Jenner Gardens and St Mary's churchyard.</p>	<p>Lack of coordinated support for people living in private rented accommodation. Alcohol and drug misuse. Cleanliness of the local area. People treating others with respect, particularly in shared spaces.</p>	<p>We could provide more social activities to allow people to get together informally. We could coordinate some input into green spaces to get residents involved in making them cleaner and more attractive.</p>	<p>Cheltenham West End partnership coordinates the town centre Neighbourhood Coordination Group. This group works with partners and local residents to identify local issues and then carry out actions as solutions to the issues. One of the current action groups is working with the Friends of St Mary's Church to identify improvements to the churchyard and raise money to make the improvements. We are very keen that some of the actions to improve the churchyard involve local residents including school children. The first idea we have had for this is to plant bulbs to provide flowers throughout the year. We would use this grant to purchase bulbs and equipment such as gloves and trowels.</p>

Applications to be reviewed

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Vision 21	<p>It is a vibrant town with plenty of activities for people to participate in.</p> <p>We attract people from all walks of life to volunteer for us or to undertake general environmental protection activities, i.e. recycle more, use less energy or produce less waste.</p>	<p>Environmental protection, particularly climate change.</p> <p>Building safer more resilient communities.</p>	<p>Yes. Many people are already aware of what they can do to protect the environment, but there is a general inertia. We want to encourage more people to recycle more, conserve energy and produce less waste. To do this, we need to improve our level of communication.</p>	<p>Vision 21 produces a regular newsletter that members of the public can subscribe free of charge to. We wish to improve the layout of the newsletter and so improve our communications with the public</p> <p>We would investigate types of computer package needed to improve the appearance of our free newsletter and create a better link between our newsletter and our web site. Once we have found it, we will acquire it and use it for training staff/volunteers that work on our newsletter. As a result, we hope to recruit new members and encourage more people to participate in safeguarding their environment.</p>
The Montpellier Association	<p>We All Work Together To Raise The Profile Of The Area As A Social /Recreational/Eating And Shopping Experience</p>	<p>Promoting The Area /Promoting Cheltenham / Working Together</p>	<p>Work Closely With CBC And The Chamber Of Commerce</p>	<p>Link All Our Websites With CBC/Tourist Board Etc</p>