

**GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

**For Applications for the Financial Year**

**April 1st 2024 – March 31st 2025**

**Part 1: Your Details**

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| **Your Name: Tessa Oram** |

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| **Name of Organisation:**  Root and Branch Out CIC |

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| **Telephone: 07929989432 E-Mail: rootandbranchout@gmail.com** |

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| **Address:**  **(this is our business address only; all of our work takes place in Oakham)**  Freedom Farm  1a Back Lane  Belton In Rutland |

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| **If you are applying on behalf of a community or voluntary group, please give its name and address**  Root-and-Branch out CIC  details as above |

**Part 2: A Description of your idea**

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| **What do you want to do?**  We would like to organise a May Fayre Dance, as a twin to the very popular November Lantern Walk, to enjoy the start of spring with a daytime celebration and to provide a free community focal point. We will use Oakham Castle as our venue and the event will run from 10.30-12.30pm. Our event will be open to all - and will be very family friendly. We will include attractions such as ‘have a go’ Morris Dancing, traditional maypole dancing, live music and country seasonal crafts. We will be inviting people to come dressed in green and white!  More information is available here :  [www.rootandbranchout.co.uk/mayfayredance](http://www.rootandbranchout.co.uk/mayfayredance). |

**Part 3: Your Community**

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| **Who would benefit from your project?**  This project will be a way of bringing together the community of Oakham, and especially families. It will also be a chance for families to mix, have opportunity for creativity and be part of something bigger than themselves. Our focus as an organisation is to connect with nature for wellbeing, relief of stress and anxiety and also physical activity, all of which will be embedded in the event. We hope it will benefit those who are new to the town, who are lonely, bored or isolated, who are looking for things to do as a family and for those who want a reason to celebrate with others!  It will also benefit Oakham town, as a free event for visitors, and onlookers to be part of. It will bring a sense of fun and occasion to the streets and will be a talking point in schools and amongst voluntary organisations who will be invited to participate. |

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| **What difference will your project make?**  This project will make a difference to families who are isolated and not sure how to get involved with community events. It is a low-level entry project with all the materials, expertise and resources provided, and a team of experienced teachers delivering and ensuring easy, safe participation for all.  The project will also make a difference to the feel of Oakham, giving people who participate a sense of ownership, pride and belonging to the town where they live. |

**Part 4: Monitoring**

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| **How will you monitor the project once it has started?**  We will keep records of those participating and ensure that we have conversations with them to evaluate the effectiveness of the project as we develop it. We have a focus/planning group who will be looking for feedback from all those involved and will learn from what is said.  We will record numbers, and levels of participation.  We will send a survey afterwards to get a sense of how people found their involvement with the event. |

**Part 5: Funding**

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| **What is the total cost of your project?** (Please remember to enclose two quotes if applicable)  **£ 300** |

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| **How much money are you applying for?**  **£ 300** |

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| **Have you applied for funding from anywhere else? Please give details**  No |

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| **Please give an approximate breakdown, if applicable, of how you expect to spend the money:**  resources - £150  publicity - £100  refreshments - £50 |

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| **If your application is unsuccessful, are funds available to ensure your project goes ahead? If yes, please give details:**  This project is very much dependent on funding for its success, and to ensure the greatest involvement and access for Oakham families. |

Signature:\_\_\_\_Tessa Oram\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_25th March 2025

Note: Please remember to supply the most recent set of accounts, if applicable, of your organisation.

Please return this form to: Town Clerk

Oakham Town Council

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