

MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations

Please note that this application will not be considered unless it is accompanied by a copy of the latest set of annual accounts showing the organisations income, expenditure and level of balances.

If the organisation does not prepare annual accounts, copies of the bank statements covering the previous six months must be enclosed.

1.	Name of Organisation	Melbourn Area Youth Development (MAYD)
2.	Name, Address, and Status of Contact	John Travis Parish Councillor
3.	Telephone Number of Contact	
4.	Is the organisation a Registered Charity?	No
5.	Amount of grant requested	£6,500.00
6.	For what purpose of project is the grant requested.	Support to Youth Services in Melbourn and surrounding communities 2024/2025
7.	What will be the total cost of the above project?	See Cash Flow Spreadsheet
8.	If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?	See Cash Flow Spreadsheet
9.	Have you applied for grant for the same project to another organisation?	Other funding is being explored via County Youth Services and

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	If so, which organisation and how much?	through support from other participating councils.
10.	Are 3 rd parties necessary to deliver your project? If yes, please list them.	Yes 1. Connections Bus Project 2. Mix Music
11.	Who will benefit from the project?	Yong people of Melbourn and surrounding Area
12.	Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners?	90%

You may use a separate sheet of paper to submit any other information which you feel will support this application, please keep this information to 1 page.

Have you previously received a grant from MPC? Yes

If yes, please give date. 2023

If yes and within the previous 12 months, please confirm that the grant has been spent and provide a brief report.

Signed... Date.....29 April 2024

3rd parties

I/we have been fully consulted about the role attributed to us in this proposal and agree to carry it out.

Name: Jason Coulman

Organisation: Mix Music

Name: Alan Webb

Organisation: Connections Bus

Melbourn Area Youth Development (MAYD)

Synopsis: MAYD has had the best year of service delivery to young people since before the pandemic. It requires financial support to allow consolidation of what has already been achieved, together with the development of some further options to keep interest alive.

Summary Case: MAYD is being delivered through two different but complementary platforms –

(A) **The Connections Bus** – A specialised Double Decker Bus vehicle with weekly visits to the Village (parking on the MVC site) carrying a mobile Youth Club. On board are Youth Workers, food and soft drinks, music, games and a place to relax. This has been very successful and is excellent value, costing less than half the prior youth worker contract arrangement via Groundwork East.

Funding is required to ensure this base contract can be sustained through the next year.

(B) **Mix Music** – A volunteer-led initiative run from the Pavilion by Jay Coulman, providing an opportunity for young people to socialise and have fun through the medium of music, learning DJ skills in a workshop training environment. This has proven attractive to a wide and mixed range of young people, male and female in a spectrum of ages, some with socialisation and other needs that are supported very effectively in this environment. Music is supplemented by a range of other creative activities.

Mix Music is now incorporated as a CIC and is seeking funding independently. Discussions have taken place with County Youth Services who are very supportive and are now actively working with both MAYD and Mix Music.

However, funding is requested through this application to (1) cater better for the demands of the present services and provide support to a younger cohort, and (2) In parallel to this to offer more challenging opportunities to those who have developed to a point where they might otherwise become disinterested.

The following items/costs have been identified to address Mix Music objectives:

	£ (excl. VAT)
Controller)	
Computer)	
Stream Deck)	2,830
Amplifier)	
Webcam)	
Digital Gaming Table	750
External Studio Visit	900
Event and other costs	1,000
Total Mix Music	5,480

Key points:

- Mix Music is being delivered by volunteers entirely free of expenses other than those described in the application
- Mix Music makes use of the Pavilion which is underutilised except for sports. Some of the funds being requested will also be used to provide training in suitable outside facilities.
- The creation of a Mix Music CIC shows the degree to which this is a serious undertaking and that future expenses can be mitigated by using the CIC as a basis for obtaining grants
- Equipment would be purchased by the MPC and gifted to the CIC with a formal agreement that this would be returned to the MPC should the CIC be wound up.
- The social benefits of Mix Music are clear. The investment aims to broaden the reach of a successful project to more people.
- The progressive spend of these funds will be monitored and approved through the MAYD Joint Committee, allowing report back and scrutiny by the Full Council on a monthly or other basis.
- The request for £6,500 from the Community Grant fund will jointly fund both Mix Music and the Connections Bus projects for the next year.

REPORT on Community Benefit Grant – In support of DJ Workshops

Original Proposal

DJ 'Workshops' - £2,000 as match funding for a SCDC Community Chest Grant towards the purchase of equipment to enable delivery of DJ Workshops. The expert support is to be given free of charge (see Jason Coulman proposal document). The Community Chest Grant application would be made on behalf of the Melbourn Parish Council.

The workshops will include teaching 11 to 16-year olds new skills, how to be a DJ, what it takes to be a DJ, how to blend tracks, how to use the equipment, what the equipment does and why so that they could potentially become a DJ one day, although the process is in itself very enjoyable and plugs into basic youth interests.

The goal will be to provide a taster into music and production outside of a school setting and to support the youth provision in Melbourn and surrounding area.

The proposal is to use the Pavilion as the venue and to store equipment on site using the secure steel shed storage facility.

Outcome

It transpired that MAYD as a body are not eligible for a SCDC Community Chest Grant. However, through savings from an unexpected delay in the start date for the Connections Bus linked with clever purchasing decisions with equipment acquisition, it has been possible to commence the DJ Workshops as originally planned.

A taster session was held at the Hub where the initial interest was sparked and a group of young people formally signed up after a brilliant demonstration of what could be experienced.

Workshops have been running every Monday evening at the pavilion since September with good and growing attendance (8 to 12 young people + at least two DBS-checked supervisors). It attracts (as was hoped) a wide age range of both boys and girls and there is a definite 'club' culture developing - a Christmas Party event is being planned.

Sincere thanks are due to Jay Coulman and *Mix Music* for offering this excellent free youth opportunity that merges a key interest for young people with a safe space to socialise and develop confidence.

This was grant money well spent.

John Travis/Chair MAYD Joint Committee

MAYD accounts at 27 March 2024

01/04/2022	£15,411.54	Balance b/fwd at 1st April 2022	
17/11/2022	£1,941.00	Medlreth PC - MAYD contribution 2022	
28/11/2022	£3,000.00	Melbourn PC - Community Benefit Grant award	
30/11/2022	-£8,171.00	Groundworths Summer Provision	
16/01/2023	£6,000.00	Melbourn PC Contributions	
08/12/2022	£250.00	Shepreth Contribution to MAYD	
25/04/2023	-£9,907.00	Groundwork East - winter provision	
31/05/2023	£2,000.00	Melbourn PC - Community Benefit Grant award for DJ Workshops	MM
13/06/2023	-£750.00	Introduction to DJ Workshop & Tutor training	MM
06/06/2023	-£134.83	Mix Music T-Shirts	MM
30/06/2023	-£225.00	Mix Music Banner	MM
13/06/2023	-£24.41	Mix Music Leaflets for Fete	MM
01/08/2023	-£263.33	Pioneer Headphones	MM
01/08/2023	-£380.00	Subwoofer, Booth & Flightcase	MM
01/08/2023	-£149.99	Smart TV	MM
01/08/2023	-£41.66	Floor Fan	MM
01/08/2023	-£12.67	DBS Check	MM
02/08/2023	-£41.12	Step stool	MM
02/08/2023	-£98.19	Microphone system	MM
02/08/2023	-£179.93	USB's, extension leads, tv stand, keyboard & mouse	MM
02/08/2023	-£25.39	Whiteboard	MM
02/08/2023	-£3.90	Delivery	MM
07/08/2023	-£102.88	Cable covers	MM
07/08/2023	-£49.00	DBS Check	MM
07/08/2023	-£1,940.00	Speakers	MM
09/08/2023	-£74.97	Storage Bozes	MM
08/09/2023	£35.00	Speaker Refund	MM
29/09/2023	-£12.67	DBS Check	MM
29/09/2023	-£22.45	Replacement Mic	MM
31/10/2023	-£648.00	The Connections Bus	
28/11/2023	-£44.56	Pizza for Mix Music	MM
20/12/2024	-£2,168.00	The Connections Bus	
26/01/2024	-£63.82	Food and drink for Mix Music Christmas party	MM
28/02/2024	-£1,296.00	The Connections Bus	
26/03/2024	-£972.00	The Connections Bus	
27/03/2024	£6,500.00	Melbourn PC 23/24 Contribution	

£7,334.77 Balance at 31 March 2024 (agreed to Edge MAYD Reserve)

Items not yet paid/received:

Precept	£6,500.00	2024/25
	£6,500.00	

£13,834.77 Forecast balance

Breakdown of balance at 30 June 2023

Ringfenced	£141.62	MM Food was donated to Groundworks
Ringfenced	£658.10	MM Equipment 4K agreed remaining balance Ringfenced for DBS
General	£13,035.05	

£13,834.77

MAYD CASHFLOW

April 24 - March 25

	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
Opening Reserve	7,334.77	12,573.30	12,449.31	11,249.31	8,781.31	8,581.31	8,381.31	5,913.31	5,713.31	3,245.31	3,045.31	1,225.31	7,334.77
Precept 24/25	6,500.00												-
The Connections Bus	(972.00)	(1,944.00)		(2,268.00)			(2,268.00)		(2,268.00)		(1,620.00)		-
Other Youth Expenses	(289.47)	(200.00)	(200.00)	(200.00)	(200.00)	(200.00)	(200.00)	(200.00)	(200.00)	(200.00)	(200.00)	(200.00)	-
Mix Music Events/Other Costs			(1,000.00)										-
Contribution for Mix Music		(4,480)											-
Community Grant Application		6,500.00											6,500.00
Cash inflow/(Outflow)	5,238.53	- 123.99	- 1,200.00	- 2,468.00	- 200.00	- 200.00	- 2,468.00	- 200.00	- 2,468.00	- 200.00	- 1,820.00	- 200.00	- 6,309.46
Closing Reserve	12,573.30	12,449.31	11,249.31	8,781.31	8,581.31	8,381.31	5,913.31	5,713.31	3,245.31	3,045.31	1,225.31	1,025.31	1,025.31



Prepared By:
JASON COULMAN

UPDATED PROPOSAL



UPDATE

ON MIX MUSIC

Mix music Sessions have been running at the Melbourn Pavillion since October 2023. We have 3 dedicated adult volunteers and a group of children that attend every week.

The objective of the community DJ workshops is to equip young participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to explore DJing as both a hobby and a potential career path.

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

By providing these sessions we have:

- Empowered the youth through creative expression and artistic exploration.
- Provided them with a sense of belonging and community engagement.
- Provided opportunities for skill development and personal growth. One of our youth recently applied for a college course in music production and has been accepted with no GCSE grade dependents by using Mix music sessions as a demonstration of ability.



SESSIONS SO FAR

1. Introduction to DJ equipment.
2. Beatmatching and mixing techniques: Beatmatching, tempo control, cueing and seamless transitions between tracks.
3. Music Theory and selections: Exploring different Genre's and playlists.
4. Understanding stage names and making a stage name.
5. Branding and logo: Exploring branding and designing using the stage name to create a logo.
6. Performance and presentation skills: Use of microphone, confidence building.
7. Guest speaker: Grime MC discussing the use of lyrics and showcasing how a DJ works with MC's and other artists.
8. Christmas party in which they were able to showcase skills learnt so far to family and friends.





Future Plans

We have set up a Community Interest Company (Mix Music DJ (South Cambs) C.I.C - Registered number: 15489913)

We have opened up shorter sessions for year 5 & 6 for the spring / summer term . The plan being these will be shorter sessions and the year 6's may then move into the later sessions upon moving into year 7. Ensuring a continuous stream of 11 - 16 year olds which is the age group we have currently been supporting. We are also looking at Sen friendly sessions.

We would like to have a dedicated space which is set up as a studio and do an event to generate more interest.

We have also built a purpose built studio which we would like to utilise as a venue for streaming and creating a community platform, to generate income to support our future plans.

We are looking to get more guest speakers to attend and showcase different talent. This will be achieved by networking and marketing the CIC.

We want to work with the children showing them branding and business by creating merchandise and marketing.

We want to take them on trips to other studios and music production workshops and songwriting skills.

None of this is possible without funding.

We would also like to request that the Parish Council gift the current equipment to the C.I.C. in lieu of the time spent running the sessions and the continued community support we will provide.

We are requesting that an agreement is made that should for any reason the C.I.C cease trading the equipment gifted will be given back to the Parish Council.



Dedicated Space

We would like a dedicated space to hold sessions ideally closer to other facilities This is to be discussed for the future.

Additional Equipment to set up a local studio stream which will generate income for the CIC to spend on local community projects focusing on the youth.

Controller	£2,049.00
Computer	£550.00
Stream Deck	£150.00
Amplifier	£509.00
Webcam	£138.00
Total	£3,396.00



A studio visit

Cost of visit	£500.00
Minibus	£480.00

Guest speakers

Fund to be used to get guests to the sessions	£1000.00 to be used over the year
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Local event / volunteer support

Graffiti Artist	£450 TBC
BBQ/Food & drink	£500.00



Branding Equipment

Cricut Machine	£499.00
Vinyl & materials	£250.00
Clothes and Merch	£248.00

General running Costs

Funds for volunteers and general costs	TBC
Marketing and promotion - outsource	TBC