

Appendix 4: Open Art Box CIC

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Version	Issue Date	Changes
1.0	NA	First Draft (BE)

Reference	6072		
Name of Organisation	Open Art Box CIC		
Organisation Type	Community Interest Company		
Ward	Wilbury		
Project Type	To enhance and improve the wellbeing of residents living with Dementia, through art workshops.		
Green option considered?	/		
NHC Councillor involvement that may constitute a conflict of interest	None that we know of		
Previous financial support within six years	Yes – They received £2,500 in 2021 from the Letchworth Community Fund towards home art workshop packs, for residents living with Dementia. They received £3,505 in 2022 from Health Protection Board funding which was to help groups during Covid, this went towards home art workshop packs for residents living with Dementia.		
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	No	Accounts
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes	Yes
Total applied for	£1,440	Total project cost	£1,800
Officer Summary			
<p>Open Art Box CIC (OAB) promotes the participation in the visual arts to enhance and improve the wellbeing of those affected by dementia in Hertfordshire.</p> <p>They are applying for funding to deliver art workshop sessions at Tabor Court from October to March 2025. The workshop sessions will take place fortnightly on a Tuesday morning 10am-12.20pm in a space within the communal area at Tabor Court.</p> <p>The workshops are designed to incorporate the needs of the participants by providing a creative stimulus and a variety of themed art activities that are engaging and challenging. Visual interpretations are brought to the sessions such as art post cards, books, printed images and objects to allow conversation about the activity. This helps support the participants to engage with the group and encourage ideas for them to use.</p> <p>Since an initial trial art workshop two years ago at Tabor Court, OAB have been regularly running art workshops for the residents of Tabor Court. The participants have engaged with all aspects of visual creativity and have displayed their artwork around the building as a result.</p> <p>The art workshops are an enjoyable experience, offering conversations, laughter and creativity in a safe and friendly environment. Feedback is always positive, and participants are thankful for the time they have had in the session, and they always want more.</p> <p>Currently 10 residents have been attending the workshop sessions, further promotion will be done to encourage more residents to come along. It is envisaged up to 15 participants living at Tabor Court will attend the art sessions. This number is due to the size of space available to run the workshops.</p>			

*Funding will only be released on receipt and approval of all supporting documentation

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OAB will buy good quality art materials from local businesses to use in the sessions, in the past they have used Tim's Art Supplies in Letchworth.

Breakdown of costs

Delivering 12 sessions - includes preparation, planning, travel and delivery - £ 120 per session, total is 1,440.

Material costs for 12 sessions, £30 per session, total is £360.

Open Art Box are contributing £360 through fundraising and donations.