

## COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME - ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION DETAILS		
<b>Ref No:</b> CGS/49/14	<b>Grant Request:</b> £5,000	<b>Total Project Cost:</b> £14,991
<b>Project Title:</b> TD1 Radio FM		
<b>Brief Summary:</b> Development of a local community radio which has been operating informally over the internet since 2008. The organisation has been successful in obtaining a Community Radio Licence which will enable it to broadcast over FM airwaves to a much wider audience across the Scottish Borders. Following negotiation of suitable premises, it now requires to obtain the necessary broadcasting equipment to commence operations in February 2015. The grant will contribute towards the cost of electrical work and a transmitter package.		
<b>Match-Funding From Other Sources:</b>	Awards for All (£9,991 – in progress)	
<b>Contribution by Organisation:</b>	Under the rules of the scheme, a minimum 10% is required for requests over £500 which can be cash or in-kind. The organisation will meet the minimum requirement in match-funding from an external source but will also contribute a large amount of in-kind volunteer time in the delivery of daily broadcasts	
ORGANISATION DETAILS		
<b>Name of Organisation:</b> Borders Community Radio & Media Ltd		
<b>Type of Organisation:</b> Company Limited by Guarantee		
<b>SBC Members/Officers who are members of organisation:</b>	Nil	
The following information has been received and checked by an Officer as correct:-		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signed and dated Constitution ( <i>all organisations</i> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Bank Statement less than 3 months old ( <i>all organisations</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Independently approved annuals accounts ( <i>all organisations over a year old</i> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Estimate of Income/Expenditure for first 12 months ( <i>newly formed organisations only</i> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quotations/Estimates ( <i>project grants only</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Support ( <i>project/support involving children or vulnerable adults only</i> )		
<b>SBC Grants Received in last 2 years:</b> Nil		
ASSESSMENT		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The organisation has been not been in receipt of any funding from Scottish Borders Council in the past</li> <li>2. The organisation is properly set up and appears to be operating in line with its Constitution</li> <li>3. The organisation was formerly constituted as TD1 Radio but in line with the requirements of Ofcom, this constituted body was dissolved and a company formerly set up in 2012 under the new name of Borders Community Radio &amp; Media Ltd. The new company has been dormant until recently and at present is unable to produce annual accounts. The organisation has, however, submitted an estimate of income and expenditure to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015 estimating income of £22,791 and expenditure of £22,425</li> <li>4. The company of Borders Community Radio &amp; Media Ltd trades under the name of TD1 Radio which is the name of the radio station</li> <li>5. The organisation has no savings at present and the application is eligible for support</li> <li>6. The organisation has submitted quotations which appear to be in order and support the costs requested</li> <li>7. The application demonstrates a need for the project as to date TD1 Radio has been broadcasting to</li> </ol>		

- a limited audience across the internet. Its volunteers have developed valuable broadcasting experience and now wish to expand the community radio across FM airwaves in order to reach a much wider audience and provide more community benefit
8. Expansion of the community radio will enable it to reach those who are particularly socially isolated due to location, mobility issues, lack of transport etc and who do not have access to the internet
  9. TDI Radio provides information on local news stories, weather updates, topics of local interest as well as promotion for local groups, businesses, events and other activities. Under the terms of the Ofcom licence, TD1 Radio will broadcast daily for a minimum of 10 hours
  10. The radio will operate from a venue at Galashiels Golf Club which has been leased over to the organisation for a period of 5 years. The lease commenced on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014
  11. The organisation has obtained Planning Permission for the installation of radio antenna on the roof of the building. Planning Permission was agreed on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014
  12. The project meets the scheme outcome 'communities have more access to better quality local services or activities' which links to the SOA outcomes:-
    - Growing the economy
    - Reducing Inequality
    - Maximising the impact of the low carbon economy
  13. The project meets the Corporate Plan priorities:-
    - Encourage** sustainable economic growth
    - Improve attainment and achievement levels** for all our children and young people, both within and outwith the formal curriculum
    - Provide high quality support, care and protection** to children, young people, adults, families and older people
    - Build the capacity and resilience** of our communities and voluntary sector
    - Maintain and improve** our high quality environment
    - Develop our workforce**
    - Develop our assets and resources**
    - Ensure** excellent, adaptable, collaborative and accessible public services
  14. The organisation has demonstrated the support and involvement of the wider community through public meetings which have been held regarding the development of the project and online surveys requesting the views of listeners and ideas as to how the current service could be improved. Both methods of consultation were well supported and offered valuable feedback
  15. The organisation has applied to Awards for All for the remaining funding for the project and has met the external funding requirements of the scheme
  16. Membership of the organisation is open to anyone who supports the aims of the organisation and it appears committed to equal opportunities although it does not have its own Equalities Policy. An EIA scoping assessment has been carried out and it is considered that a full EIA assessment is not required as the organisation has provided a statement stating its commitment to ensuring all sections of the community are welcomed into the organisation. One volunteer is partially sighted and the organisation has installed a special unit to enable this person to operate controls independently. The studio will be situated on ground floor accommodation which is accessible to all and the organisation ensures broadcasts cover a broad range of topics which appeal to different sections of the community. It is however recommended by the SBC Equality & Diversity Officer that all organisations applying for funding should be asked to produce their own Equal Opportunities Policy and this advice will be passed on to the organisation.

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Recommend to approve to the value of £5,000, conditional on match-funding being achieved for the project.

**Assessment Criteria**

- *Grants received before*
- *How group has made use of previous grants*
- *How group is set up and managed*
- *Finances and financial need for funding*
- *Need/demand for project/activity*
- *How well the project meets the Community Grant Scheme outcomes (Communities have more access to better quality local services of activities; Communities have more access to better quality environment; Communities have more pride in their community; Communities have more access to better quality advice and information; More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty)*
- *Support and involvement of wider community*
- *Efforts to secure other sources of funding*
- *How group has taken account of equal opportunities*