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Meeting

Date: Thursday, 23 September 2021

Time: 6pm

Location: Via Microsoft Teams

SUPPLEMENTARY PAPER

11.	Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund update / applications: (Pages 3 - 8) (e) Selkirk Baptist Church (copy attached)
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Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund - Assessment Form

For the purpose of assessment, projects have been ranked high, medium or low to reflect how strongly the application meets the criteria of the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund.

High – a strong demonstration of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Medium – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

1. Applicant Details:

Organisation name	Selkirk Baptist Church					
Organisation structure	Constituted group					
Application reference	BBBB-EIL-04 Selkirk Baptist Church					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & Culture	Environment	Community Capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
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Project start date	Nov 21			Project end date	May 22	

2. Organisation’s finances:

End of year balance	£
Current bank balance	£26,6957.88
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£10,000
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£ 25,6957.88 Money restricted to purchase a property and to employ a Pastor. Money generated from sale of Manse building and not having a youth pastor in post for two years and no Pastor in position for 12 months.

Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

High

Medium

Low

Comment:

Selkirk Baptist Church (SBC) have a large garden space to the side and back of their premises in the centre of Selkirk. The group wish to improve this area so that they are able to provide a safe and comfortable area where members of the Selkirk community are able to visit and enjoy. SBC hope the space will encourage people to bring their own picnic and coffee allowing them the opportunity to sit and enjoy the garden.

It is intended that the garden would be open for everyone between 9am – 1130am and 3pm – 5pm Monday to Friday along with Saturday mornings from 10am until 1pm. It is the church intentions to increase the hours that the space would be open and this would be dependent on recruiting more volunteers and also demand to use the garden area.

A few volunteers have started to work in the garden to prepare the soil and this has helped these individuals to feel connected again with one another and also has allowed individuals to have a routine. The church currently have 14 volunteers, all of whom are keen to continue to be involved in this project.

The garden area is currently overgrown and isn't suitable for either working in or being able to relax. The church are looking to appoint a gardener for 4 hours per week for a 6 month period to help maintain the garden and work with volunteers and other community groups.

Other items that the group wish to purchase include;

- Garden Shed
- Garden equipment
- Garden Furniture
- Paint for fences and surroundings
- Decking

(a full breakdown of costs can be found under this assessment)

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

High

Medium

Low

Comment:

The developed garden will look to encourage those that are isolated to have a safe place to meet others. The church have identified that many individuals live in flats, or houses without open space to sit in. The garden will provide an opportunity for social interaction with young and old alike. Having open space where people can come and chat will reduce social isolation and loneliness.

The garden will be accessible for everyone and will allow individuals the opportunity to 'potter' in a garden.

The church hope that young and old members of the community will use this space and they aim to create a universal space where generations can mix and enjoy the space together.

The church would also like to continue to develop the garden and would look to employ an individual to help support to maintain the garden and to work alongside volunteers and members of the public. To support this the Church are looking to appoint a gardener for 4 hours per week for 12 months at £12p/h

The church wish for this space to be open for everyone within the community but they are aware of some specific groups that they aim to target or have expressed an interest in using this space;

- It is hoped that the young mums and toddlers group will use this space while the children are in nursery.
- Some older adults have enquired about the re-starting of the coffee connections group, which has been stopped for a number of years but the Church are aware of the need for older adults to integrate and meet each other in the community and will explore the re-starting of this group and their involvement within the garden.

The church are hopeful of recruiting more volunteers that would allow them to be accessible over lunch time and they are making connections with the local schools and youth projects to promote the space. A number of young people attend the church and they have indicated that they would like to use the garden area for social activities.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

High

Medium

Low

Comment:

The garden project will look to reduce social isolation by allowing an opportunity for people to chat and receive low key emotional support. As the space is open and free to access it is hoped that it will encourage the development of friendships and an opportunity for individuals to re-engage with friends.

It is also hoped that the garden will allow individuals to learn new skills either from specific group work activities or just by volunteering and helping out in the garden.

Volunteers have started some work in the garden already and it has shown the relationships have been formed by those volunteering and also improved mental well-being as it has given individuals a purpose and a structure to their day plus the opportunity to speak to others.

Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£7,709.59
10% organisation contribution	£912.62
Request to BBBB	£6,796.97

Item of expenditure	Cost
Itemised costings below*	£
	£
	£
	£
	£

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
	£	
	£	
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
		£

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund
Comments	Application demonstrates how a developed garden area will support people's mental wellbeing. The new community space will be accessible for all and hours open will increase if demand is high.
Additional terms and conditions required	<p>the applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance</p> <p>it would be useful for the group to report on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of visitors/groups that have used the garden space • Feedback from users of the space • Number of volunteers involved in the project.

Costings

Garden Shed erected Robertsons Timber St Boswells	£670.00
Strimmer Kärcher LTR 14443120 18V 300mm Cordless Grass trimmer DIY at B&Q	£129.00
3 x 3.1 meters decking kit – x2 quote from deckingsupplies.co.uk	£515.00 £515.00
1 x decking kit with a pergola - edecks.co.uk	£697.00

Garden furniture

Bahama Metal 6 seater Dining set with Parasol DIY at B&Q	£190
Buy Charles Taylor: Four Seat Round Set with Cushions at Home Bargains	£429.99
Buy Charles Taylor Wooden Four Seat Rectangular Garden Furniture Set with Parasol & 4 Seat Cushions at Home Bargains	£599.99
Buy 7 Position Folding Garden Chair - Grey at Home Bargains x 10	£24.99 £250

Paint for fences and surroundings Ronseal One coat fence life Red cedar Matt Fence & shed Treatment 12L DIY at B&Q 9 x 12 ltrs @ £14.00	£126.00
Raised flower beds buy from community/ men's shed donation	£ 200.00
Children's out door toys	
Buy Chad Valley Sand and Water Table Sand and water tables Argos	£25.00
Gazebo x 2	
Casaria Garden Gazebo 3x4m Stable Water-repellent Robust Metal Side Walls Pavilion Topas Marquee Party Tent Outdoor : Amazon.co.uk: Garden & Outdoors	
£259.95	£520.00
Plants – variety	£200.00
Water feature x 2 approx.	
Solar Powered Garden Water Feature Outdoor Pagoda Cascade Fountain 5050642019873 eBay	
	£169.99
	£169.99
On-going garden maintenance 4 hours a week for 6 months £15.00 PH	£1,560