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**Tweeddale
Area Partnership**

Our Scottish Borders
Your community

Special Meeting

Date: Monday, 27 September 2021
Time: 9.00 am
Location: Via Microsoft Teams

AGENDA

1.	Welcome
2.	Apologies for Absence
3.	Community Fund Assessment Panel Recommendations (Pages 3 - 4) (Copy attached).
4.	Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund Applications:
	(a) Tweed Valley Tourism Bid (Pages 5 - 8) Consider application. (Copy attached).
	(b) P.H.D Fundamentals (Pages 9 - 12) Consider application. (Copy attached).

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Community Fund Assessment Panel for Tweeddale Area Partnership:

Recommendations from meeting, 5pm on Tuesday 14th September

CF2122-TW-06 Carlops Community Apiary - £1367.00

Aims of the project;

Sustainable West Linton and District (SWLD) aims to work with West Linton and District Beekeepers' Association (WLDBKA) to establish a community apiary on land in Carlops to

- Establish a focus for demonstrating beekeeping
- Act as a centre for training local beekeepers who will be encouraged to sit exams in beekeeping through the Scottish Beekeeping Association
- Work with WLDBKA's queen rearing programme to breed indigenous bees to provide bees to local beekeepers.

Comments

The project objectives could make some difference to the community as a whole, not just to those who keep bees already. The resources for the project are to be locally sourced, with some items contributed in kind. However, the application is unclear in these areas

- How many people are committed to programme? And what is the need within the community
- How many training/ educational classes does the group hope to provide within a year?
- What steps will be taken to raise 'general interest in bee welfare and the need for pollinators'?

Recommendation

The Panel feel that they don't have all the information required to provide an accurate assessment and would like to follow up with the group. Therefore the **panel recommend that this application is deferred until the Area Partnership meeting in November**. This would allow time for sufficient follow up questions.

CF2122-TW-04 Tweedsmuir Super-Fast Broadband - £3341.70

Aims of the project;

- To address the on-going problem of slow broadband speeds in the Tweedsmuir Area (c.80 households) caused by the withdrawal of Openreach from a fully funded superfast installation project. This is now delayed until 2024-25.
- To install and manage a satellite system to provide superfast broadband connection in Tweedsmuir Village Hall.
- To offer superfast broadband access to both individuals and groups. Individuals could book the Hall for office type space for work or study at subsidised rates through the day. Groups could use it for hybrid meetings and enjoy more social events in the evening (using the new media system to show films, provide music etc.)

Comments;

This project offers a pragmatic solution for an ongoing connectivity problem. The Village Hall Committee has been effective, firstly in obtaining funding for the Openreach contract and then, after Openreach pulled out, in using 4G for hybrid meetings in the Hall (with varying success). There was some uncertainty about how many households would take advantage of the provision in the Hall.

Recommendation

To fund the installation and set-up of this project, plus rental of service for one year. Funding for subsequent years will be considered based on records of bookings and feedback from users.

Note;

Hardware: £439

1 yr Service: £1068

Installation on Hall: £250

Shipping costs - £54

Total: £1,811

Total proposal from assessment panel to Tweeddale Community Fund; £1629.90

2021/2022 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	Tweed Valley Tourism BID					
Organisation structure	Not for profit company					
Application reference	BBBB – TW - 08					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Project start date	27 th September 2021			Project end date	4 th October 2021	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£13,838.72
Current bank balance	£21,847.29
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£4,159.79
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£17,687.50

3. 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:

Tweed Valley Tourism (TVT) plan to provide a free shuttle bus service for the local community and visitors during the Enduro World Series Tweed Valley mountain biking event, which takes place over the weekend of 2nd & 3rd October 2021. The site of the event village has been moved from the town centre to a venue that is approx 1.5 miles away from the centre of Innerleithen. Four 16-seater buses will run continuously between 9am and 4pm to the Enduro event and three buses from 5pm to midnight for the evening

entertainment. The group also plan to have a minibus which can be accessed by wheelchair users and those with mobility difficulties available on request.

Given the new location, there is a danger that the event will not be as accessible to visitors, or bring as much economic benefit to local businesses. The purpose of the free shuttle bus will be to encourage and enable the community to engage with the event and also for visitors to travel to and from town centres throughout the Tweed Valley. The group suggest it is essential to help local residents and visitors to attend this major international event.

The free shuttle service will operate between Innerleithen, Peebles, Walkerburn and Clovenfords, encouraging the wider community to engage with the event as well as visitors who are staying further away. The shuttle service will also help reduce the number of vehicles on roads in and around the event village, as well as reduce overall pressure on parking.

The shuttle service will provide on-board information on the local area (including a free visitor map developed by the Tourism BID) and be branded with the Go Tweed Valley livery, so acting as a highly visible promotion of the area and more than 100 tourism businesses represented by the Tourism BID.

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:

1. Local communities

The provision of a free shuttle service will enable communities throughout the Tweed Valley to access and be part of the event. One of the first major events to go ahead following the pandemic, the Enduro World Series has a broad appeal with an assortment of entertainment on offer, including live music, fringe events, films, and local food and drink, as well as the riding itself.

2. Visitors

By making it easier for visitors to get to and from the event with pick-up and drop-off points in Innerleithen, Peebles, Walkerburn, and Clovenfords, it will encourage them to use local services and businesses instead of being 'stuck' at an out-of-town race venue.

3. Local businesses

Having an easily accessible and regular shuttle service will ease and encourage the flow of people around the valley. And by promoting local businesses that do not have a presence at the race village, we will be able to spread the economic benefit of the event - bringing a welcome boost to businesses that have been severely impacted by the pandemic just as we head into the 'off-season'.

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

High

Medium

Low

Comment:

Provision of a free shuttle service will spread the positive economic impact of the event further around the Tweed Valley. As well as facilitating increased spend with local businesses, TVT will also expose new visitors to the many other attractions and activities the Tweed Valley has to offer thanks to the on-board information.

This will help businesses recover from the pandemic in the immediate term during the event itself, it may also have a ripple effect that will see some visitors return to the Tweed Valley independently.

The event will also actively engage the community with the festival element building community spirit by bringing different elements of the community together (live local bands, local food suppliers, kids activities, film etc).

The free shuttle service will also have a vital role to play in terms of visitor management (with congestion having become a major issue in and around Innerleithen since the pandemic).

This event itself is run by an Innerleithen-based business (the Enduro World Series) that is actively reaching out to work with and engage with the local community. It is because of this inclusive approach that there is a golden opportunity to foster good relations going forward (particularly important given that the event will be a fixture in the area for the next five years).

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£8,962.00
10% organisation contribution	£896.20
Request to BBBB	£8065.80

Item of expenditure	Cost
Minibuses and driver hire	£6,720.00
Pick up/drop off signage	£529.20
Magnetic Van livery	£892.80
Advertising and marketing	£500.00
Staff costs	£500.00

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
March 2020	STP Business Support Grant	£8,000
May 2020	SBC Business Continuation Grant	£15,000
July 2020	Sosep Feasibility Study Innerleithen Visitors Services	£10,000
Aug 2020	STP Recovery Grant for Events/Marketing	£7,250
Sept 2020	Visit Scotland Destination Fund	£6,000
Feb 2021	Nature Scot Camperstop Project	£7,400
May 2021	Scotland Loves Local Map	£2,500
May 2021	SBC Community Fund – Lade trail Project	£13,700

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application scores medium as it will allow access to a local sporting event • Provides transport and reduces barriers to anyone wishing to attend the event • Supports a local festival and aims to encourage individuals to stay local
Additional terms and conditions required	<p>the applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance</p> <p>All staff costs must meet the National Living Wage</p> <p>Recommendations to evaluate impact:</p> <p>If successful, we recommend the applicant include in their funding evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals access the free shuttle bus • Anecdotal feedback as to the benefit of providing a free shuttle bus

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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	P.H.D FUNdamentals					
Organisation structure	SCIO					
Application reference	BBBB-TW-9					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Project start date	November 21			Project end date	April 22	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£7,039.55
Current bank balance	£11,023.29
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£2,000
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	<p>£7,477.90</p> <p>There are funds in the groups account to cover the cost of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • equipment insurance and maintenance • renewal of first aid certification for coaches and volunteers • Club Membership to British Gymnastics including insurance for public liability • Young Coaches Programme, training replacement coaches (some of our young coaches have moved on to Further Education and moved away from Peebles) • small reserve in case of future restrictions or unplanned expenses, maintenance of equipment etc. <p>Current balance has outstanding bills of £2430 for British Gymnastics memberships,</p>

	£1083.90 for hall hire for August and £634 entry into GymFest in November 2021, £400 bus hire (TBC), £500 for funded spaces, £320 for coach education left from Arnold Clark Grant.
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3. 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

P.H.D Fundamentals are looking to run a new programme called 'Bounce Back'.

Bounce Back will be an approach that looks to encourage children back into active sport.

The group are looking to purchase 2 new trampolines along with safety mats and offer 20 funded spaces onto this programme for a 6 month period. It is hoped that the group can apply to other funders so that they are able to continue to fund places that wish to continue in this sport.

Bounce Back would look to offer trampolining to children returning to gymnastics after the pandemic which would support them to rapidly build back their skills and strength. Bounce Back will also be open to new participants and trampolining is a fun way to introduce children to both gymnastics and trampolining.

P.H.D FUNdamentals plan to increase their coaching team, to offer more sessions. Current classes also have to be adjusted to cater for Covid guidelines, which reduces the number of young people that can currently participate at one time. Additional trampolines would allow the group to engage with more young people during a session in a Covid safe way. The additional of 2 new trampolines would increase capacity to between 16 and 24 individuals per session. Currently only 10 individuals can be involved in a session.

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

High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

The club will work with local charities that they have successfully collaborated within in the past, including Peebleshire youth trust (PYT) and Borders Additional Needs Group (BANG) to offer 20 funded spaces to targeted individuals.

Young people identified through partners, will be offered spaces and supported to join the Bounce Back sessions. There would be no way to identify who received funded spaces and by offering a new session for everyone the group would allow access for all.

The group have previously offered PYT two free trampoline blocks in the past that have proved popular. Barriers to ongoing participation included cost and current gymnastic classes being full. Support from BBBB would create a new programme of activity with a focus on trampolining and would allow for 20 funded spaces to be offered to targeted young people. Additional trampolines also allow an increase in number of participants that can access a session at any one time.

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Expected <u>impact</u> of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic		
High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>Funding would allow for the increase in the number of funded spaces available and would build upon effective partnership working with local partners including PYT and social work. In increasing the number of trampolines available this will increase the number of shots and active minutes that each member in the class has on a trampoline. Currently sessions are restricted to 10 individuals which is 6 below the guidelines allow for more active time on the trampolines however, with two more trampolines the active minutes and coaching time would increase as children rotate around the trampolines.</p> <p>Demand to join gymnastics groups is high and the group started 3 new classes in November last year for gymnastics. As a club they have over 250 members.</p> <p>Securing funding for trampolines would increase the number of minutes that young people will be 'active'. Funded spaces will allow young people the opportunity to try and sport where costs and waiting lists may have been a barrier to participation previously.</p>		

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£15,698.40
10% organisation contribution	£1,569.84
Request to BBBB	£14,128.59

Item of expenditure	Cost
2 x trampoline and 2 pairs of lifting rollers for storage and transport	£12,000
2 x end decks (safety mats at end)	£1,718.40
20 Funded spaces for six months	£1,980
	£
	£

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	<p>the application scores highly because;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it encourages physical activity in young people • increases the number of active hours within a class session • reduces the barriers to participation by allowing funded spaces • demonstrates positive partnership working
Additional terms and conditions required	<p>the applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance;</p> <p>Recommendations to evaluate impact:</p> <p>If successful, we recommend the applicant include in their funding evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals that have accessed funding spots • The progression routes of those that have participated in Bounce Back • Number of young people able to attend sessions due to the increase in trampolines available