

2019/2020 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Tweeddale

Ref. No.: TCC/SS

Organisation Name: Tweedsmuir Community Company

Funding Requested: £6,750

| ABOUT THE GROUP | | | |
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| Organisation Structure | Community Company | | |
| Annual Accounts Balance | £7,290.14 (unrestricted & available) | | |
| Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? £25,735.30 – Scottish Government Strengthening Communities Fund £4,966.72 – Development Fund Total = £30,702.02 | | | |
| Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years? x Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| Fund | Financial Year | Amount (£) | What used for? |
| SBC Access Team | Current | £1,000 | (Materials & labour contribution) |
| SBC Community Grants | 2017 | £4,656 | Phase 1 Professional Fees |
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| ABOUT THE PROJECT | |
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| Project Brief Project Start Date: Sept 2019 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To design, production and erection of a series of 5 Interpretation Boards to be installed on site at the Crook Inn, Tweedsmuir. Development and promotion of 4 heritage talks/events which will be promoted in a printed programme and delivered by inspiring speakers from the community, visitors and enthusiasts. These will take place in 2019/20 at Tweedsmuir Village Hall <p>This application is part of a larger application to National Lottery Heritage Fund for £67,500 and the Community Fund award will only be awarded on the basis of NLHF application being successful.</p> |

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| Total Expenditure (£) | £67,500 | | |
| Community Fund Request (£) | £6,750 | | |
| 10% Match-funding | £750 | | |
| Any Other Contribution? | | | |
| Other Funding Sources | Amount (£) | At what stage? | |
| | NLHF | £67,500 | Submitted |
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| Community Fund Outcomes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities x Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community x Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty | | |

| ASSESSMENT | |
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| What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity? | <p>Local Working Groups have been set up – Heritage & Landscape, Walking & Cycling and Marketing & Promotion.</p> <p>Independent market studies by Jura Consultants have also identified there is a need to attract passing trade and visitors by making the most of the heritage assets and opportunities for walking and cycling.</p> |
| What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme? | <p>Interpretation Boards will make more people aware of the walks, cycle routes and heritage of Tweedsmuir and the Upper Tweed.</p> <p>Heritage will be better explained and the series of talks will increase understanding of the rich history of the area to the present day.</p> <p>More visitors will be attracted to Tweedsmuir to walk, cycle discover heritage sites and use the facilities at the Crook.</p> <p>Attracting more visitors will make operation of the new café and community facilities more sustainable.</p> |
| What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity? | Local people are involved in the working groups. Young people will be invited to join in from Peebles High School, Venture Scotland and Borders Bothies Association and the Royal Highland Education Trust. |
| What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity? | There are currently applications submitted to NLHF, plus a confirmed contribution from SBC Access Team |

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| <p>What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?</p> | <p>The Community Heritage Office (potentially funded by NLHF) will be responsible for organizing ongoing maintenance.</p> <p>The walks and signage will be maintained by volunteers from the walking and cycling group and use of equipment and services of a local contractor.</p> |
| <p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?</p> | <p>Yes</p> |

SBC OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Recommend to approve to the value of £ 6,750

Additional Terms and Conditions:

This application is part of a larger application to National Lottery Heritage Fund for £67,500 and therefore this award will be dependent on that being approved.

Tweedsmuir Community Company will use the SBC logo on any marketing & promotional material.

As part of the monitoring and evaluation process of the Community Fund Grant, Tweedsmuir Community Company will attend a future Tweeddale Area Partnership to inform the Partnership of the impact the grant has made within the Tweedsmuir community.