

2019/2020 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Teviot & Liddesdale

Ref. No.: CF1920/T&L/2

Organisation Name: The Borders Green Team Enterprises (BGT)

Funding Requested: £5,948.20

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	Charitable company limited by guarantee		
Annual Accounts Balance	£51,154		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? £50,000 of funds are ring-fenced to maintain six months basic running costs.			
Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Fund	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What was it used for?
Learning Disability Team annual grant	2019/20	£44,602	£10,600 for rental costs and the remainder for salary costs
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ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project Brief	To purchase new and updated garden machinery to replace BGT's existing equipment which is old and beyond repair. Equipment includes 3 mowers and a ride of mower, a hedge cutter and hedge trimmer and a back pack blower. Service users will be trained to use the new equipment to provide a grass cutting service to organisations in the community.
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	December 2019
Total Expenditure (£)	£5,498.20

Community Fund Request (£)	£4,948.20	
10% Match-funding	£549.80	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
Community Fund Outcomes	<input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input type="checkbox"/> 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	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	The Borders Green Team has a range of gardening maintenance contracts with a number of private, commercial and community organisations including Escape Youth Services and Katherine Elliot Day Centre as well as contracts out with the Teviot & Liddesdale area. If BGT are unable to replace their equipment they will be unable to provide a service within the town and unable to generate income to help maintain their organisation.
What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?	<p>BGT's objective is to provide pre-employment training for individuals with learning and physical disabilities. BGT provides a five day week service and is currently working with 25 people with learning difficulties helping them to expand their skills within the 'Green Team' environment, in particular the use of new equipment. The skills and confidence developed through BGT activities enables service users to have fuller participation in their local community. It helps address stigma and showcases the contributions that people with disabilities make in their communities.</p> <p>BGT is continuing to develop as an independent social enterprise but still receives considerable financial support from SBC Social Work Department to cover core running costs.</p>
What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?	BGT has the support of a number of community groups and businesses in the Locality who would like to see the service continue.
What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?	The primary source of funding for BGT is grant funding. Donations and legacies as well as sales and fundraising help cover core costs. £41,682 was raised in sales of goods and services in 2018/19. Annual costs for the delivery of BGT services are around £100k.

What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?	The new equipment should enable BGT to provide a service in the community for the foreseeable future. If BGT continues to grow, it will consider broadening its remit to include engagement of people with mental health illnesses to fill the additional opportunities that may be created. The skillsets developed by service users has enabled some to secure employment after their placement with BGT has finished.
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Yes
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	N/A

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

This application meets the criteria of the Scottish Borders Council Community Fund and if approved, would be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. A requirement for Public Liability Insurance to be in place up to the value of £5m (with written confirmation from insurance company that this activity is covered within the policy)
2. A requirement for machine insurance to be in place
3. Adequate protocol for a Complaints Procedure
4. On machine purchase, you must ensure you have a designated 'Operator License Holder'
5. A risk assessment is completed and followed for use of the funded equipment
6. Confirmation that all users of the equipment wear the appropriate PPE Safety Equipment (safety goggles, ear defenders etc)
7. Equipment purchased must be available for wider community use and The Borders Green Team Enterprise must ensure that appropriate training and record management is in place for external use of the equipment

Consideration has been given that in order for this group to generate income, enhance provision and secure sustainability, they offer some of their services on a commercial basis. SBC Officers are satisfied that the impact of this provision on the commercial market is extremely low.