

2020/2021 Community Fund: Assessment Form

Locality: Teviot & Liddesdale

Ref. No.: CF2021/T&L/3

Organisation Name: Hawick Community Pump Track (HCPT)

Funding Requested: £9,757.35

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	SCIO		
Annual Accounts Balance	£1,046 (October 2019)		
<p>Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? HCPT has a current bank balance of £17,458.10. Of this, £7,500 is ring fenced for Contractor retention figure due to be paid in February 2021.</p> <p>The group are looking to maintain reserves to cover outgoings this year as fundraising plans and development of a club membership has been hampered due to COVID-19.</p>			
<p>Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What has this been used for?
Outdoor Spaces fund	2020/21	£40,000	Purchase and installation of floodlighting
Small Scheme	2020/21	£970	Lay paving at track entrance
Outdoor Spaces fund	2019/20	£210,000	Construction of pump track
Localities Bid Fund	2017/18	£15,000	Construction of pump track
Total		£265,970	
<p>Have they applied for Common Good Funding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>HCPT received £4,200 in 2017 for full planning and drawings for the pump track.</p>			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project Brief	<p>Following the successful opening of Hawick Community Pump Track, HCPT are looking to enhance the pump track facility and request funding to purchase the following items:</p>

Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five-year floodlight inspection & maintenance @£600 per year + vat - £3,600 • Electronic Footfall counter - £360 • A Philips Heartstart defibrillator - £975 • Purchase and installation of 8 picnic benches £6,400 asap	
Total Expenditure (£)	£10,841.50	
Community Fund Request (£)	£9,757.35	
10% organisation contribution	£1,084.15	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
Community Fund Outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input 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	
T&L Action Plan priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure leisure and culture services are accessible in rural and urban areas and are responsive to the needs of local users • Provide activities and learning opportunities which respond to the needs of children and young people with an emphasis on early intervention and education 	

ASSESSMENT

What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>Maintenance of the pump track floodlights is an SBC Planning requirement to help ensure the safe, trouble free operation of the floodlight system. An annual on-site inspection and maintenance contract has been arranged with the company who designed and installed the floodlights to commence September 2021. HCPT hope to raise enough funds to allow the floodlights to be used during the evenings this winter without any cost to the young people, however, funding for maintenance is still required.</p> <p>Currently there is no way for HCPT to accurately count the number of users of the track. A footfall counter will enable them to keep an accurate record of track usage.</p> <p>There is very limited seating in the vicinity of the pump track and this was flagged up in a recent consultation carried out by HCPT. Due to the number of family members who are bringing young</p>
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	<p>children to use the track, HCPT would like to install seating around the track so that it is more family and visitor friendly.</p>
<p>What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p>	<p>The pump track has attracted a high number of local users as well as visitors. Floodlights enable continued use of the track from the end of October until the end of April from 3.30pm – 10pm, 7 days a week. The floodlights will be in use 45.5 hours/week for 26 weeks. This is 1183 hours of available track time in total. It helps provide opportunity for outdoor physical activity which is supported by the Scottish Borders Physical Activity, Sport and Physical Education Strategy 2011.</p> <p>The electronic footfall counter will enable HCPT to monitor the number of times the track is used daily which will help them to provide an account of total use, average weekly use, peak usage etc. This helps the group understand when the most popular times are and base future activities around this.</p> <p>As described above, the provision of seating will provide family members and other users of the park with somewhere to spectate from. It will be particularly beneficial to those with more limited mobility. It will also encourage people to picnic and stay longer at the facility.</p> <p>The defibrillator enables medical professionals and first-time users alike to treat a cardiac arrest casualty. The purchase would include a carry case, 4 year battery, 1 set of electrode pad, a rescue kit and 8 year warranty. The nearest defib to the track is currently located at the Volunteer/Hawick High School. The defib would be accessible 24/7 to anyone in the vicinity who requires it.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>The pump track was successfully opened earlier this year and has continued to be very popular despite the changing weather. It has also attracted the support of local businesses.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>HCPT's original Community Fund application was for a higher value but following a successful application to Awards for All for a contribution towards the cost of helmets and bike lights, a contribution towards the floodlight electricity and a contribution towards the purchase and installation of three picnic tables, their Community Fund request has been reduced. Awards for All are also funding 3 picnic benches so if HCPT are successful with this application, there will be 11 picnic benches in total.</p> <p>Local businesses have provided financial support to cover the cost of floodlight electricity. The group estimate it will cost around £1.7-2k to run the lights during the winter plus £150 for the licensing software to run the lights and an estimated £150 to replace any electricity cards which are damaged or lost. The group are aiming to generate enough donations and sponsorship to cover the cost of floodlight coverage this winter to provide an outdoor facility that people can continue to use, in alignment with Scottish Government guidance, during Covid-19.</p>
<p>How will the impact and success of the project be measured? What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?</p>	<p>As referenced above, the footfall counter will be able to monitor use of the track which includes evening use to verify the value floodlights provide the project.</p> <p>It is the intention of HCPT to create a club and charge an annual membership which, along with fundraising, will cover running</p>

	<p>costs including Public Liability Insurance (£1.5-2k) and electricity costs for the floodlights. The group also have a long term plan to employ coaches (£2k pp) and hold a stock of communal bikes. Due to COVID these plans are all on hold. Fundraising would also be required to cover the cost of replacing batteries and pads for the defib.</p> <p>HCPT will use the Joseph Rowntree model of Evaluating the Impact of Community Projects to enable them to report back to funders.</p>
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Yes
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	Yes. HCPT has a 30 year lease with SBC for the site and full planning permission for installation of the picnic tables.

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

The application meets the criteria of the community fund.

Additional Terms and Conditions:

- HCPT will be responsible for upkeep and maintenance of the defibrillator.
- HCPT must satisfy SBC Planning and Regulatory conditions for the installation of picnic benches as detailed in their approved planning application.

We would seek the group to particularly report on:

- Number of people who have used the track during daytime and evening (when floodlights have been in use)
- How analysis of track usage has influenced future planning
- Has the project been able to generate any income / increase sustainability
- What partners were involved and did it lead to new opportunities
- Increase in physical activity
- Improved integration in the community